

# Overland Park Lutheran Church

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**January 28, 2024**



*"This is a day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!"*  
*Welcome to worship! We are so pleased that you are able to join us today to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are without a church home, please know our door is always open to you. We welcome all our guests. If you are visiting today, please sign our Guest Book, so that we may properly acknowledge your visit with us.*



Preaching/Presiding:	Pr. Sue Tarkka
Worship Band:	The Enduros
Pianist/Organist:	Becky Brantner
Reader:	Jean Stippich

**In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.**

Gathering Music  
Welcome & Announcements

**\* Confession and Forgiveness**

**\* Gathering Song**                      **"There is a Balm in Gilead"**                      ELW #614

**\* Prayer of the Day --- Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.                      Amen.**

*FIRST READING*                      Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

A: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*SECOND READING*                      1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

A: The holy Gospel, according to Mark

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

**\* GOSPEL READING:**                      Mark 1: 21-28

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Children's sermon

Sermon

\* Song for the Message      “Goodness is Stronger than Evil”      ELW #721

\* *Apostles' Creed (Sung)*

\* The Prayers      **C: receive our prayer.**  
\* Sharing the Peace      **C: And also, with you.**

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Offertory      “Be Still My Soul”      The Enduros

\* Offertory Prayer

\* **Lord’s Prayer**      ELW pg. 145  
\* Benediction

\* Sending Hymn      “He Reigns”      The Enduros

\* P: Go in peace. You are God’s beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

We believe that Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and we hope you gain strength and comfort from that belief as well. All are welcome to Holy Communion. Please come forward as the ushers instruct. Elements will be distributed at altar (wine is red (outside edge), juice is amber (middle)). Children who have not received first communion instruction, are invited to come forward for a blessing.

**\*- Denotes a time to stand during service. Please stand as you are able.**  
**HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES are available. Please see an usher for assistance.**



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**TODAY’S PSALM:**

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.”

Psalm 111:10

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**Isaiah 40:21-31**  
**1 Corinthians 9:16-23**  
**Mark 1:29-39**

**Children will be dismissed for Children’s Church before the Sermon.**

**Volunteers Next Week:**

Heidi &

\*\*Children’s Church is needing volunteers. If you’d like to get on the schedule, please talk with Heidi Hansen.

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**COFFEE HOUR!**

*Join us in the fellowship hall after the service.*



If you can help with treats served with coffee, please sign up at the volunteer area by the mailboxes.

***In our prayers***

Tim Herman, Groening Family, Family of Jeremy Warton, Jake Burkholder, Ossi Tarkka, Becky Dobbs, Peter and Victoria Barnick, Fran Hall, Louie Tremonti, Dan Mott, Todd Eaton, Don Mott, Dan Morlan, Nancy West, Melinda Lickteig, Helen Hunt, Graeme McCrosson, Alena and Atom Pidgeon

*Please notify the office regarding any prayer requests and updates. Unless notified to the contrary, names on this list for whom we pray during worship will remain for two consecutive weeks.*

**\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\***

TODAY— **Budget Review @ 10:30am**  
Parish Hall

Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>— **Choir Practice @ 6pm** Sanctuary

Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>— **Annual Church Meeting @ 10:30am**  
Parish Hall

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>— **OPLC Retreat in Chapel**



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The **Mini Food Pantry** needs your help staying stocked!!

*Urgent Needs: Peanut Butter, Chili w/beans, Soups-hearty, Pasta, Chef Boyardee, Flour Tortillas, and Tuna*

Please drop items in the box in the Narthex each Sunday.

We also accept monetary gifts. Please note as a donation for the OPLC Mini Pantry. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!