

# Overland Park Lutheran Church

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**December 1, 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: Pastor Sue Tarkka  
Worship Band: The Enduros  
Pianist/Organist: Becky Brantner  
Reader: Dan Mott

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Advent reading and candle lighting-Hope  
"Christ, Our Peace"

Noni Strand  
ACS #1037

\* Confession and Forgiveness

\* Gathering Song "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" ACS #949

\* Prayer of the Day --- **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (\*\*see note)**

*FIRST READING* Jeremiah 33:14-16

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

*SECOND READING*

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel Acclamation

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW #172

A: The holy Gospel, according to Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord

\* *GOSPEL READING:*

Luke 21:25-36

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's sermon

Sermon

\* Hymn for the Message “My Lord, What a Morning”

ELW #438

\* *Apostles' Creed*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,*

*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;*

*he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;*

*he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,*

*the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

\* The Prayers **C: receive our prayer.**

\* Sharing the Peace **C: And also with you.**

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Choir Anthem “Like a Child”

OPLC Choir

Offertory “You Are the Source”

\* Offertory Prayer

COMMUNION

\* **Lord's Prayer** ELW pg. 145

\* Communion Distribution

\* Communion Blessing

\* Benediction

\* Sending Hymn “People, Look East” ELW #248

\* **P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. C: 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.**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Find us on

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## TODAY'S PSALM:

*“To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.”*

**Psalm 25:1**

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**Malachi 3:1-4  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6**

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

**Thank you to today's volunteers:**

Heidi and Cindy

**Volunteers Next Week:**

Heidi and Marian

Church contacts:

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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.*



\*Use this QR code for your online giving

## In our prayers

Amber Morlan, Joe Stippich, Gary and Elizabeth, Heidi Sloan, Caden, Ron Lewallen, Chloe Mull, Tanya Wright, Rebecca Toth, Russell and Daryl Ann Jorgensen, Jerry Etsa, Jallu Tarkka, Julie Smith, Maraya Rubelcava, Marie Mott Stevenson, Bobbie Neward, Dylan Dossett, Barbara Latham, Barbara Love-Ross, Daniel Gross, Doug Cox, Tammy Lawson, Jake Burkholder, Louie Tremonti, Don Mott, Nancy West, Melinda Lickteig

*Please update the office regarding any prayer requests.*

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

TODAY— **Coffee Fellowship after service**  
— **Advent Bible Study 11:00am ARR**

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>—**Women's Christmas Party @ Marian Glimpse's house 6:00pm.** Please bring a White Elephant gift and appetizer/side to share. All OPLC women are invited.

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>— **Choir Practice 6pm Choir Loft**  
**Holden Evening Prayer 7pm Sanctuary** (Salem) All are welcome to attend.

**Children's ELCA Good Gifts Collection-** Please donate any change you can for the Good Gifts Drive. The students have picked a lofty goal to purchase a cow (\$500). We know we can do this! Thanks for your help!

**Poinsettia Orders-** Honor a loved one with a Christmas poinsettia during the service. More info can be found in the Narthex. All orders due Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

\*\* All sixteen prayers of the day for Advent begin with “stir up,” a traditional translation of the Latin *excita*. Today's prayer emphasizes the life of justice so important to the evangelist Luke. December is overloaded with various stirrings-up, but perhaps not the kind Luke hopes for.