

# Overland Park Lutheran Church

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**March 23, 2025**



*"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: Steve Gripp

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

\* Confession and Forgiveness

\* Gathering Song "As the Deer Runs to the River"

ELW #331

\* Prayer of the Day --- **Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*FIRST READING*

Isaiah 55:1-9

A: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*SECOND READING*

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A: The holy Gospel, according to Luke

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

\* *GOSPEL READING:*

Luke 13:1-9

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's sermon

Sermon

(Sermon Meditation)

\* Hymn for the Message      “Come on Up to the House”      The Enduros

\* *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

Special Music      The Enduros  
Offertory      “Lamb of God”      ELW #336  
\* Offertory Prayer

COMMUNION

\* **Lord's Prayer**      ELW pg. 145  
\* Communion Distribution  
\* Communion Blessing  
  
\* Benediction  
\* Sending Hymn      “Come As You Are”      The Enduros

\* P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.      **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

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TODAY'S Verse:

*“O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.”*

Psalm 63:1

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Joshua 5:9-12  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Children will be dismissed for  
Children's Church before the  
Sermon.  
Thank you to today's volunteers:  
Monica and Heidi  
Volunteers Next Week:  
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Church contacts:  
**Pastor Sue Tarkka:**  
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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

The family of Bob McShane, Sandra Eubanks, Grace Traynor, Jessica, Marley, Peter & Victoria, Sophia, Rick Cedillo, Heidi Sloan, Ben, Sam, Delia, Bobbi & Craig Poterbin, Amber Morlan, Caden, Tanya Wright, Rebecca Toth, Jerry Etsa, Jallu Tarkka, Julie Smith, Marie Mott Stevenson, Bobbie Neward, Dylan Dossett, Barbara Latham, Doug Cox, Jake Burkholder, Louie Tremonti, Don Mott, Melinda Lickteig

*Please update the office regarding any prayer requests by sending an email or filling out a prayer request card.*

\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\*

TODAY— **Coffee Fellowship**  
— **Lenten Bible Study-** 11:00am Adult Resource Room

March 26<sup>th</sup> — **Midweek Lenten Meal and Service**  
Meal 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall, Service 7:00pm in Hollis Chapel

\*\*There will be an offering opportunity during Lent designated for Shawnee Mission Meals on Wheels.  
— **Choir Practice** after the service

March 29<sup>th</sup> — **Children's Musical Rehearsal** @ 9:00am Sanctuary Contact Heather Lewis for more info.

**Give Thanks Food Drive-** Donate canned food from now until April 15<sup>th</sup>. For every 150 cans Thrivent will donate \$150.

**Easter Lily Order-** Remember a loved one during the Easter Services by purchasing an easter lily. Forms and envelopes will be coming soon.

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*** Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. More info to come.