

# Overland Park Lutheran Church

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**April 27, 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: Lea Pidgeon

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

\* **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

\* Opening Song **"Come, Holy Spirit, Descend"** ACS #980

\* Earth Sunday Prayer

\* Prayer of the Day --- **O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*FIRST READING* Acts 5:27-32

A: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Responsive Psalm* Psalm 150

Gospel Acclamation **"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"** ELW #172

A: The holy Gospel, according to John

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

\* *GOSPEL READING:* John 20:19-31

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's sermon

Sermon

(Beauty of the Earth Slideshow featuring photos from members of the congregation.)

\* Song for the Message      **“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”**      The Enduros

\* *Apostles' Creed (sung)*

\* The Prayers      **C: Your mercy is great.**  
\* Sharing the Peace      **C: And also with you.**

## THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Offertory      **“Thank You Lord”**      The Enduros  
\* Offertory Prayer

\* **Lord’s Prayer**      ELW pg. 145

\* Benediction  
\* Sending Song      **“In Christ Alone”**      The Enduros

\* P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
    **C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**April 27, 2025**

## **TODAY’S Verse:**

*“Let everything that has breath  
praise the LORD.”*

**Psalm 150:6**

## **NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**Acts 9:1-20**  
**Revelation 5:11-14**  
**Psalm 30**  
**John 21:1-19**

**Children will be dismissed for  
Children’s Church before the  
Sermon.**  
**Thank you to today’s volunteers:**  
Jenny and Monica  
**Volunteers Next Week:**  
Heidi and

Church contacts:  
**Pastor Sue Tarkka:**  
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**Leah (Church Office):**  
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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 today\*

## **In our prayers**

The family of Keith Johnson, the family of Alan Lewis, the family and congregation of OPPC on the loss of Mac Gratwick, 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— Earth Sunday** (Greening of the Cross  
and Beauty of the Earth)  
— **Coffee Fellowship**  
— **Dwelling in the Word-** 11:00am Adult  
Resource Room

April 30<sup>th</sup> — **Choir Practice** 6:00pm Choir Loft

May 5<sup>th</sup> — **Creation Care Team Zoom Meeting**  
7:00pm

May 6<sup>th</sup> — **GFN Nehemiah Event** 6:00pm  
Resurrection Leawood

**MOW Snack Bags Drive-** Collecting items to fill snack bags for days homebound don’t have meal delivery. Items needed: candy, instant oatmeal, instant soup, fruit cups, packaged crackers. Bring by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> —**True North VBS** is just around the corner. Get signed up to attend or volunteer. More info in weekly update or contact Heidi Hansen or Karen Bowden. All volunteers need to have an updated SafeGathering background check. If you need one contact the church office.