

Overland Park Lutheran Church

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"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: Jean Stippich

The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

* **Gathering Song** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" ELW #588

* **Prayer of the Day --- O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-14

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel Acclamation

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW #172

A: The holy Gospel, according to Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord

* *GOSPEL READING:*

Luke 15:1-10

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's sermon

Sermon

Sermon Meditation

* Song for the Message “Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone” The Enduros

* Apostles' Creed (Sung)

* The Prayers C: Hear our prayer.
* Sharing the Peace C: Receive our prayer.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Special Music “Flowers” (Samantha Ebert) Amber Morlan
* Offertory “Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am” ELW #814
* Offertory Prayer

* Lord’s Prayer ELW pg. 145

* Benediction
* Sending Song “Take To the World” The Enduros

* P) Go in peace. You are God’s hands at work in the world! 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 Verse:

“Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love.”

Psalm 51:1

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-3
Psalm 113

Children will be dismissed for
Children’s Church before the
Sermon.
Thank you to today’s volunteers
Heidi Hansen and Marian Glimpse

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.



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giving today*

In Our Prayers

Curt Nitschke, Roger Wiles, Chris Erickson, Amber
Chance, Chip Freeman, Donna Morlan, Dan Morlan,
Grace Traynor, Jessica, Peter & Victoria Barnick,
Sophia, Rick Cedillo, Ben, Delia, Amber Morlan,
Tanya Wright, Jerry Etsa, 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 10:30am
— Special Congregational Meeting after
the service in Fellowship Hall

Sept. 16th — Choir Practice 6:00pm Contact
Becky Brantner for more info.

Sept. 21st— Habitat for Humanity Presentation
11:00am Fellowship Hall

Sept. 26th -27th— All Church Congregational
Retreat Check the Weekly Update for the
agenda and more info.

The Mini Food Pantry needs your help staying
stocked!!

Urgent Needs: Canned Meat, Cereal, Tortillas
Canned Soup

Please drop items in the box in the Narthex each
Sunday. Please note any monetary donations for
the OPLC Mini Pantry.

Thank you for supporting this important ministry!