

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
Readers: Dan Mott

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* Call to Worship

* Confession and Forgiveness

* Gathering Hymn

"Give Me Jesus"

ELW #770

* **Prayer of the Day --- Gracious God, bless the wrestlings of our faith. Draw near to us when we struggle. Inspire our questions and deepen our yearnings as we seek to embrace one another with love. Transform us for ways of justice. In the name of the Triune we pray, Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

Gospel Acclamation

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW #172

A: The holy Gospel, according to Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord

* *GOSPEL READING:*

Luke 18:1-8

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Sermon Meditation

* Hymn of the Day “Old Rugged Cross”

* Affirmation of Faith

We believe in care and connection,
where all are seen, known, and loved
where grace and accountability walk hand in hand

We commit to building a beloved community
that values unique contributions
And creates a sense of belonging so all may flourish.

We trust in the transformation that comes
when we ask the complicated questions
when we work together in faith, learning, and service.

* The Prayers **C: hear our prayer.**
* Sharing the Peace **C: And also with you.**

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Choral Anthem “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
Offertory “Let All Things Now Living”

* Offertory Prayer

OPLC Choir
ELW #881

COMMUNION

* **Lord’s Prayer**
* Communion Distribution
* Communion Blessing

ELW pg. 145

* Benediction
* **Sending Hymn** “I Love to Tell the Story”

ELW #661

* P) Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **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.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TODAY’S Verse:

“My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.”

Psalm 121:2

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36
Psalm 46

Children will be dismissed for
Children’s Church before the
Sermon.
Thank you to today’s volunteers.
Cindy Anthony and Karen Bowden

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 today***

In Our Prayers

Andy & Darie Dockins, Nan Espinosa, Betty Pedersen, Lea Pidgeon, Curt Nitschke, Roger Wiles, Chris Erickson, 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— Bethany College Sunday
— **Coffee Fellowship** 10:30am
— **The Freedom of a Christian Book**
Study 11:00am ARR

Oct. 21st — **Choir Practice** 6:00pm Chapel

Trunk or Treat- October 25th 3:00pm-5:00pm.
We need help with candy donations, food donation, trunks, and volunteers. Please Sign Up at the table in the Narthex

October Coat Drive- Next week is the last week to bring new and gently used coats for MLM/JCCB. Add your coats to the table in the Narthex.

Food Kit Drive- Marilyn and Ron will be creating food kits throughout the holidays. Donate Cream of Mushroom Soup, Cream of Chicken Soup, Cans of Green Beans, Chicken Breast, or Tuna, Pasta, and Small Bags of Fried Onions to help. All food can go in the Mini Pantry room marked “Holiday Food Kits”. Contact Marilyn with questions.