

# Overland Park Lutheran Church

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**November 30, 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  
Readers: Dan Mott

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting- Hope

Hymn

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

Noni Strand  
ELW #257 v.1

\* Confession and Forgiveness

\* Gathering Hymn

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

ELW #628

\* **Prayer of the Day --- Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*FIRST READING*

Isaiah 2:1-5

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

*SECOND READING*

Romans 13:11-14

Gospel Acclamation

**C: Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia. (Ps. 85:7)**

A: The holy Gospel, according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord

\* *GOSPEL READING:*

Matthew 24:36-44

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon  
Sermon Meditation

\* Hymn for the Message “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” ACS #949

Children’s Announcement

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

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Offertory tune “Change My Heart, O God” ELW #801  
\* Offertory Prayer

COMMUNION

\* Lord’s Prayer ELW pg. 145  
\* Communion Distribution  
\* Communion Blessing

\* Benediction  
\* Sending Hymn “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” ELW #244

\* P) Go in peace. Keep awake with infinite hope. 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:

*“I was glad when they said to me,  
‘Let us go to the house of the  
LORD’.”*

Psalm 122:1

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

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

Pastor Sue Tarkka:  
[revtarkka.oplc@gmail.com](mailto:revtarkka.oplc@gmail.com)  
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

Betty Pedersen, Lea Pidgeon, 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.*

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

TODAY— Coffee Fellowship 10:30am  
— The Freedom of a Christian Book  
Study 11:00am ARR

December 2<sup>nd</sup> — Choir Practice 6:00pm  
— Creation Care Zoom Meeting  
7:00pm

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> — Women’s Christmas Party @ Marian  
Glimpse House 6:30pm See weekly  
Update for details.  
— Holden Evening Prayer 7pm  
Sanctuary

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> — Christmas Carol Sing-Along Doors  
6:00pm, begins 7:00pm in Sanctuary

**ELCA Good Gifts Collection-** Start gathering your  
change and bills for the Good Gifts Drive. The children  
will announce what they are purchasing today!



**Holiday Hope** begins this week.

The list of the items needed are in the Narthex.  
We begin this week gathering a box of cereal, a jar of  
peanut butter, a box of potatoes, a box of mac & cheese,  
canned fruit, a can of tomatoes, and a can of tuna. You  
can add these items to your box at home (to be brought  
after the 24<sup>th</sup>) or added to the provided boxes at church as  
you are able.