

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	Bishop Donna Simon
Presiding:	Pastor Sue Tarkka
Worship Band:	The Enduros
Pianist/Organist:	Becky Brantner
Reader:	Dan Mott

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

* **Gathering Song** "The Son of God Goes Forth to War" The Enduros

* **Prayer of the Day** --- Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Micah 6:1-8

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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

A: The holy Gospel, according to Matthew **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

* *GOSPEL READING:* Matthew 5:1-12

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

* Hymn of the Day

“A Cloud of Witnesses So Great”

Insert

* *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

Choral Anthem

“God is Here!”

OPLC Choir

Offertory

“Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am”

ELW #814

* Offertory Prayer

COMMUNION

* Lord’s Prayer

ELW pg. 145

* Communion Distribution

Choral Anthem

“In This Holy Place”

OPLC Choir

(Song purchased in loving memory of Don Timmke.)

* Communion Blessing

* Benediction

* Sending Hymn

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

ELW #551

* P) Go in peace. Do justice. Love Mercy. 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:

“LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill.”

Psalm 15:1

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Isaiah 58:1-12

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Matthew 5:13-20

Psalm 112:1-10

Children will be dismissed for Children’s Church before the Sermon.

Thank you to today’s volunteers: Shirley Gabler & Cindy Anthony

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

Ossi Tarkka, Curt Nitschke, Chris Bowman, Joe Stippich, Betty Pedersen, Lea Pidgeon, Chris Erickson, Chip Freeman, Donna Morlan, Dan Morlan, Grace Traynor, Jessica, Sophia, 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-FH

11:00am- Q& A W/ Bishop Donna-FH

Feb. 3rd — Creation Care Team Zoom Meeting

7:00pm Contact Lisa Provence for more info.

Feb. 4th — Choir Practice 6:00pm Chapel

— Women’s Bible Study 7:00pm FH

Feb. 18th — Red Cross Blood Drive 1:00pm-5:00pm

Sign up at redcrossblood.org enter: OPLutheranandPresbyterian

Thrivent Action Team-Mini Pantry Food Kits

We are collecting food items for food kits to be distributed in the mini pantry. Food items can be left in the Mini Pantry room on the table.

The Mini Food Pantry needs your help!!

Urgent Needs: Canned Meat, Cereal, Progresso soups

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!