

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: Steve Gripp

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

* **Gathering Song**

"Children of God"

The Enduros

* **Prayer of the Day --- O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel Acclamation

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW #172

A: The holy Gospel, according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord

* *GOSPEL READING:*

Matthew 2:1-12

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Sermon Meditation

* Hymn for the Message

“Love Has Come”

ELW #292

* *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: your mercy is great.

* Sharing the Peace

C: And also with you.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Choral Anthem

“Will You Travel to Bethlehem?”

OPLC Choir

Offertory

“Lord of the Harvest”

The Enduros

* Offertory Prayer

COMMUNION

* **Lord's Prayer**

ELW pg. 145

* Communion Distribution

* Communion Blessing

* Benediction

* **Sending Hymn**

“He Came Down”

ELW #253

* P) Glory to God in the highest. C) And peace to God's people on earth!

P) Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace. 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:

**“Worship the LORD, O
Jerusalem; praise your God, O
Zion.”**

Psalm 147:12

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 42:1-9

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

Psalm 29

**Children will be dismissed for
Children's Church before the
Sermon.**

Thank you to today's volunteers:
Heidi Hansen

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

The family of Patty Krstolich, Chris Bowman, Florence Glimpse, Jan Gripp, Joe Stippich, 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**

Jan. 6th — **Creation Care Zoom 7:00pm**

Jan. 7th — **Choir Practice 6:00pm Chapel**
Women's Bible Study 7:00pm FH

Jan. 8th — **Church Council Meeting 6:30pm**

Jan. 10th — **DeHanging of Greens 10:00am**

Jan. 11th — **Annual Congregational Meeting**
immediately after the service in Fellowship Hall

Jan. 18th ***Save the Date* 75th Anniversary catered
lunch celebration after the church service.**



Holiday Hope

Thanks so much for your contribution to this drive. We appreciate everyone's support of the Mini Pantry Ministry. Thank you for your continued support of the Mini Pantry in the New Year.