

Overland Park Lutheran Church

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"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

*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: Steve Gripp

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

* Gathering Hymn

"Change My Heart, Oh God"

The Enduros

* **Prayer of the Day --- O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel Acclamation

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW #172

A: The holy Gospel, according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord

* GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 17:1-9

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Sermon Meditation

* Hymn for the Message “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ELW #834

* 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 “My Lord, What a Morning”

Offertory “Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am”

* Offertory Prayer

OPLC Choir
ELW #814

COMMUNION

* Lord's Prayer

ELW pg. 145

* Communion Distribution

* Communion Blessing

* Benediction

* Sending Hymn “O Lord, Now Let Your Servant ”

ELW #313

* 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.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TODAY'S Verse:

*“Proclaim the greatness of the
LORD, worship upon God's holy
hill.”*

Psalm 99:9

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3:1-7

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

Psalm 32

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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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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for your online
giving today*

In Our Prayers

Ossi Tarkka, 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
— Adult Bible Study 11:00am ARR

Feb.16th — Presidents' Day

Feb. 18th — Red Cross Blood Drive 1:00pm-5:00pm Sign up at redcrossblood.org
enter: OPLutheranandPresbyterian
— Choir Practice 6:00pm Chapel
— Ash Wednesday Service- 7:00pm
Collaborative service with OPPC and Salem. There will be a time for Communion and Imposition of Ashes.

The Mini Food Pantry needs your help!!

Urgent Needs: Canned Meat, Cereal, Canned Tomatoes, Canned fruit

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!