

# Overland Park Lutheran Church

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**February 8, 2026**



***“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: Jean Stippich

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.**

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

\* Confession and Forgiveness

\* **Gathering Hymn** “Christ, Be Our Light” ELW #715

\* **Prayer of the Day** --- Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*FIRST READING* Isaiah 58:1-12

A: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Responsive Psalm*

Psalm 112:1-10

Gospel Acclamation

**“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

ELW #172

A: The holy Gospel, according to Matthew

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

\* *GOSPEL READING:*

Matthew 5:13-20

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

\* Song for the Message

“Light of the World”

The Enduros

Installation of Council Members

\* *Apostles' Creed (Sung)*

\* The Prayers

C: receive our prayer.

\* Sharing the Peace

C: And also with you.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Offertory

“Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am”

ELW #814

\* Offertory Prayer

\* Lord’s Prayer

ELW pg. 145

\* Benediction

\* Sending Song

“Put a Little Love in Your Heart ”

The Enduros

\* 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:

“Light shines in the darkness for the upright.”

Psalm 112:4

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Exodus 24:12-18  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9  
Psalm 2

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

Thank you to today’s volunteers:  
Marian Glimpse and Amy Pedersen

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, 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  
— Adult Bible Study 11:00am ARR

Feb.11<sup>th</sup> — Choir Practice 6:00pm Chapel

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> — Church Council Meeting 6:30pm

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> — Red Cross Blood Drive 1:00pm-5:00pm  
Sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) enter: OPLutheranandPresbyterian

Ash Wednesday Service- February 18<sup>th</sup> 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!