

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: Jean Stippich

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

* Gathering Song "What Wondrous Love Is This" ELW #666

* Prayer of the Day --- Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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 Ezekiel 37:1-14

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 8:6-11

Gospel Acclamation --- I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will never die. (John 11:25, 26)

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

* GOSPEL READING: John 11:1-45

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

* Hymn for the Message “Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land”

ELW #333

* *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

Offertory

“Like a Little Child”

* Offertory Prayer

COMMUNION

* **Lord’s Prayer**

ELW pg. 145

* Communion Distribution

* Communion Blessing

* Benediction

* **Sending Song**

“Still Rolling Stones”

The Enduros

* P) Go in peace. Believe the good news. **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

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TODAY’S Verse:

“I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope.”

Psalm 130:5

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Psalm 31:9-16

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

Thank you to today’s volunteers:
Amber Morlan and Monica Boose

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 for coffee and refreshments.



Use this QR code for your online giving today

In Our Prayers

Lyle Roberts, Isabella Haaland and the Haaland Family, Ossi Tarkka, 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

March 25th — **Mid-Week Events:**
- **Ham and Cheese Casserole** 6:00pm FH, Please bring a dessert to share.
- **Holden Evening Prayer** 7:00pm Chapel
- **Choir Practice** 8:00pm Chapel

March 25th — **Music aLive/L’arche Heartland Present:** Hudspeth & Taylor Concert 1:00pm FH All are welcome to attend.

March 26th — **GFN Team Meeting Potluck** 6pm Please bring a dish to share.

March 29th — **Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** 8:30-11am \$5 a person, \$10 a family, benefitting SM Meals on Wheels and Hollis Renewal Center

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Drive: March 1st-March 29th. Collecting: Twin Bed sheets, pillow cases, pillows, bedspreads (all items new). Thanks for your help! Contact **Jean Stippich** with questions.