

Overland Park Lutheran Church

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March 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

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

* **Gathering Hymn** "As the Deer" GtG #626

* **Prayer of the Day --- O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, 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 17:1-7

A: Word of God, Word of Life C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-11

Gospel Acclamation --- **Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me this living water that I may never thirst again.** (John 4:42, 15)

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

* *GOSPEL READING:* John 4:5-42

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Sermon Meditation

* Song for the Message “Get Together”

The Enduros

* 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 “The River” 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:

“Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.”

Psalm 95:1

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41
Psalm 23

Children will be dismissed for Children's Church before the Sermon.
Thank you to today's volunteers: Marian Glimpse & Heidi Hansen

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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In Our Prayers

Luke Burkholder, Lyle Roberts, Isabella Haaland and the Haaland Family, Ted Felling, 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 with the Council 10:30am
— GFN Solutions Briefing 3:00pm @ Grace United Methodist. Let Gary and Barb know if you plan to carpool. Meet at 2:15pm to carpool.

March 11th — Mid-Week Events:
- Chicken and Stuff Casserole 6:00pm FH, Please bring a dessert to share.
- Holden Evening Prayer 7:00pm Chapel
- Choir Practice 8:00pm Chapel

Sleepy 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.

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!