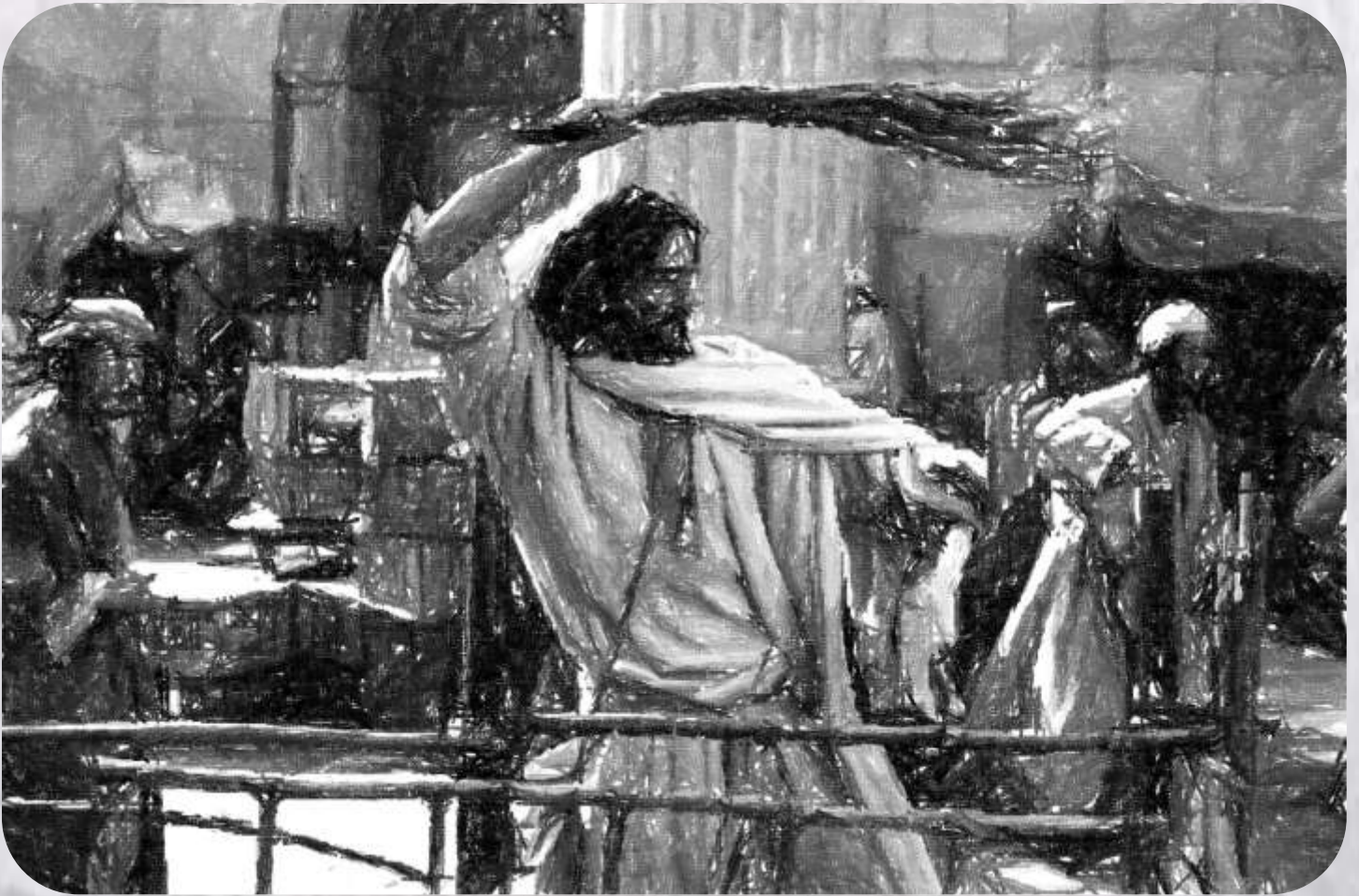




Our Redeemer

LUTHERAN CHURCH



Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission:

*True to God's Word, We Walk with Christ:
Welcoming, Loving, Serving, Sharing.*

Good Morning and Welcome! What a great joy to have you here with us today praising God and receiving His gifts. If you are a guest or visiting with us, toss one of those Welcome cards in your pew into the offering basket--we'd love to connect! Should you need it, there is a "cry room" next to the church office on the main level. Feel free to ask an usher if you need assistance. Welcome!

A Word about Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday at ORLC. In this meal, instituted by the Lord Himself, we receive the True Body and True Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. We believe that the Lord is truly present during this Holy Meal, and we approach the altar in humility and gratitude. Baptized believers in Christ who also share our confession at this altar are welcome to commune.

COMMUNION CUPS The cups in the center of each tray are alcohol-free.

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS Available upon request; simply ask the pastor.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Creative

AS WE GATHER

All of us have skeletons in our closets. All of us have regrets. All of us have secrets. If we brag ourselves up, we fear that someone may find our weakness and expose us. But if we boast in Jesus Christ, all our fears are covered by His blood. Our boast, our only boast, is Jesus Christ. He is our righteousness, He is our hope, and He is our salvation. This boast is not the empty word of the braggart but the confident boast of Him who has kept His every promise, and overcomes our every enemy.

Call to Worship – Welcome

Opening Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

LSB 850

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

P: Deliver me from sinking into the mire;

C: Deliver me from all my sins and my enemies and from the flood of death.

P: O Lord, Your steadfast love is good.

C: According to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

P: Do not hide your face from your servant;

C: answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.

Psa. 69:14-18

Confession and Absolution

P: Since we are assembled here to hear the Word of God, to call upon Him in prayer, and to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is good that we reflect upon our unworthiness, confessing before God our sins of thought, word, and deed, and our helplessness to free ourselves from our sinful nature. It is also good that we remember who we are as the baptized children of God, to whom the Lord has shown His mercy, cleansed from all our sin, and declared righteous in Christ our Lord. We come here today to lay claim again to the grace in which we are forgiven, and, for the sake of Christ, to be restored by His mercy to serve Him and walk in His ways.

P: Let us confess our sins.

C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lenten Kyrie

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: ...
- P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: ...
- P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: ...
- P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: ...
- P: For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: ...
- P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: ...
- P: For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: ...

Prayer of the Day

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- P: Let us pray. O Lord, Your mercy always offers grace but we are too lost in our sins and fears to hear Your call to hope. Reclaim us from our lost condition that we may know with joy Your mercy and Your steadfast love. Help us rejoice in the cross of Christ now and always; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

The First Reading..... Exodus 20:1-17 (The Ten Commandments; pg. 64 of your pew Bible)

And God spoke all these words: ² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³ "You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. ⁸ "Remember

the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³ "You shall not murder. ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ "You shall not steal. ¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. ¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading..... 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
(The Wisdom and Power of God; pg. 963 of your pew Bible)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." ²⁰ Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

²⁶ Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things-- and the things that are not-- to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God-- that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading..... John 2:13-25
(Jesus Cleanses the Temple; pg. 896 of your pew Bible)

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." ²⁰ The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

²³ Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name. ²⁴ But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. ²⁵ He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

Sermon *Cleaning House..... John 2:13-25*

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;**

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Offerings

Prayers of the Church

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Your justice and righteousness are revealed in Your commandments and holy precepts. They reveal to us Your Law and our fervent need for Your mercy through Christ. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him into the world to offer His life as a ransom for many. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died
Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 425
LSB 429
LSB 619

Song of Simeon

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: O gracious God, You gave us Your commandments to order our lives and protect us, to convict our hearts of sin, and to prepare us for the Gospel. As Jesus once cleansed the temple, we pray You to cleanse our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that there may be room only for faith in Jesus Christ and that we may boast in Him only; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Departing Hymn

Built on the Rock

LSB 645

P: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Announcements

Church Member Updates - Help us keep our records up to date and keep you informed with what's happening at Our Redeemer. Please contact the office if your email, phone number or address has changed. You can also download the "Church Center" app on your phone to update you own info, learn some new faces, find contact information, and more.

Newest News

Voter's Meeting - Join us today March 3rd after worship for the next ORLC Voter's Meeting. At this short meeting, we'll vote on where we're donating this year's Easter offerings!

Pictures- There are some very fun pictures of many of you from years ago that have been collected. The pictures are in a box on the book shelves in the Bible study room. Please take a few minutes to look through them, find some pictures of you or your friends having a lot of fun at ORLC and take the memories home. The box will be there through March 31 and then it will removed to catalog the pictures. Contact Gaye Sarvela if you have questions.

Natural Church Development- The results are in, and it is time to talk about our minimum factor in a Focus Group! Your thoughts and opinions are incredibly valuable, so please join the conversation on Sunday, March 24th following worship service. This meeting is for everyone, not just for those that participated in the survey. We want to hear from YOU! Bring apotluck item to share. Childcare will be provided. Please sign up in the Connection Corner.

Spring Break- Sunday School will take a break the week of March 10th.

Midweek Lenten Worship - When it comes to sin, everyone has a natural impulse to hide, but repentance means finding the courage to be honest. It also means having

faith in the promises of forgiveness. When the two come together, we step foot into the type of humanity that God designed us to live in. Join us for **Honest Repentance**, Wednesday evenings this Lenten season!

Ice Fishing Event-We will be holding our annual Ice Fishing Event March 10th. Please join us at Mirror Lake from 1:00-4:00pm for a fun afternoon of fishing and fellowship. If you have additional questions please reach out to Matt Jacobson.

Easter offering- Easter offering donation forms are on the connections table. Your suggestion for a nonprofit recipient is due by March 3. The nominees will be voted on at the membership meeting after church on March 3.

Spring Cleaning- It is that time of year again! If you would like to donate some of your time and help out with the cleaning here at ORLC please sign up at the Connection Corner.



Online Giving – We’ve turned on the giving option through your Church Center app! If you open the app, you’ll now be able to donate directly to ORLC.

ORLC Scholarship- The ORLC Scholarship will be offered again this year. The scholarship is for ORLC members who are pursuing post secondary education and who have been active in church activities. Application forms will be out by March 15. If you would like to donate to this fund, please mark your donations “scholarship fund”. Please contact Gaye Sarvela, 907-841-2046, if you have questions.



The Power of Prayer – ORLC has an electronic prayer group who will pray for you and/or your loved ones. Email your electronic prayer request to orlc.prayers@gmail.com



Alaska Mission for Christ – Do you love telling others about Jesus? Have a heart for missions? Open to new adventures? We've got something for you! Alaska Mission for Christ is looking for passionate, faith-filled, Christ followers to fill various missionary positions in Alaska.

Contact Jerry Simpson, Executive Director, if you're curious about what God might have in store for you in Alaska!

JerrySimpson@amc-ak.org, 907-726-3062, www.amc-ak.org

In order to lift up to God the people of Our Redeemer, we'll include a staff member, Church board, and three families from our church directory to pray for each week:

- *Abby Keller Administrative Assistant
- * FLMT
- * Kristianna Coburn, Gary & Anne Craig, Marianne Dabbs and their families.

Serving the Sunday School Youth		
Grades	March 3rd	March 10th
PreK-K	Leah Rawlins Chloe Bierl	Spring Break
1 st -4th	Matt Jacobson	Spring Break
Middle School	Kristianna Coburn	Spring Break
High School	Adult Study	Spring Break

SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER		
HOW	THIS WEEK (03/03/2024)	NEXT WEEK (03/10/2024)
Altar Guild	Teri Jarnagin Evelyn Sampson	Kristianna Coburn Jane Walker
Accompanist	Carol Shearer	Jess Della Croce
Lector	Jane Walker	Carol Shearer
Elders	Bart Semmler Johnny Jarnagin	Johnny Jarnagin Forrest Wacker

March Birthdays

7 Jim Sampson
10 KumSun Beaulieu

SCHOLARSHIP
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 FUND



**Application forms
 available March 15.
 If you would like to donate to this
 fund, please mark your donations
 “scholarship fund”.**

OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES

02/25/2024-03/03/2024

Today

Sunday School/ Bible Study
 Worship Service
 ORLC Voters Meeting

9:00 am
 10:00 am
 11:15am

Tuesday

Fall Prevention class

10:00am

Wednesday

Adult Fellowship Potluck
 Family Potluck Meal
 Midweek Lent Worship Service

11:00am
 5:45pm
 6:30pm

Thursday

Fall Prevention class

10:00am

Next Sunday

Bible Study(Sunday School Off for Spring Break)
 Worship Service

9:00 am
 10:00 am

EASTER SUNDAY

- 7:30 SUNRISE SERVICE
- 8:30 BREAKFAST
- 10:00 FESTIVAL SERVICE
- 11:15 PUPPET SHOW



FRAGMENTS OF HOPE



Seder

Tuesday, March 19

Sign up in the
Connection Corner



Adult Singles Fellowship

INFORMATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 14
FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICE



LADIES GAME NIGHT



Friday, May 3
6:30 pm
Mary Ann Nelson's
Home

SUNDAYS IN MARCH

BIBLE STUDY HOUR - 9:00AM



RUTH'S REDEMPTION



We will be meeting at
Bobby's Cafe
20900 Bill Stephens Dr
Chugiak

Adult
Midweek
Fellowship

Wednesday,
March 6th
11:00 am