



Our Redeemer
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024

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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 center, gold-colored cups are alcohol-free.

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

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AS WE GATHER

On the second week in Lent, the mood becomes more serious. Yet even as we speak of repentance and faith, we joyfully acknowledge the grace of God that has brought us to this very day. From Genesis we hear how an elderly Abraham and Sarah were left without hope until the Lord intervened to deliver them the son He had promised. From his letter to the Romans, St. Paul speaks of how Christ died for us sinners and how we have been saved through Him alone. In Mark's Gospel we hear the great question put to Peter - Who do you say I am? - and we hear Peter's bold confession and how easy it is to lose sight of the cross.

Call to Worship – Welcome

Hymn of Invocation

Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420

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

Congregation: **Amen.**

Confession and God's Forgiveness

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*

(We silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God's grace is greater)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C: Amen!

Introit ~ *Psalm 115:11-13, 18; 25:6*

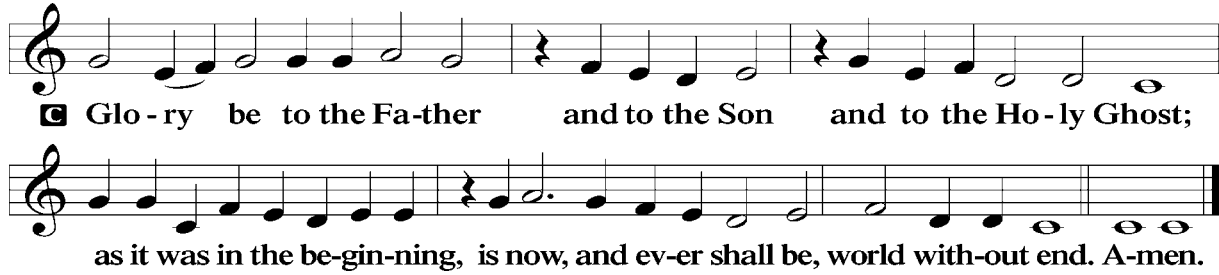
P: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**C: You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.**

P: The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

**C: he will bless those who fear the Lord, both the small and the great.
We will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!**

Gloria Patri



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria In Excelsis ~ omitted during Lent

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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.....Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (New Names; p.12 of your pew bible)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. ² I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." ³ Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵ No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

¹⁵ God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. ¹⁶ I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading..... Romans 5:1-11
(Peace and Joy; p.952 of your pew bible)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia ~ omitted during Lent

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The Gospel Reading..... Mark 8:27-38
(Denying Self; p.852 of your pew bible)

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" ²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who

do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? ³⁷ Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 784

Sermon

Finding Life..... Mark 8:27-38

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

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

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy Christian church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offerings

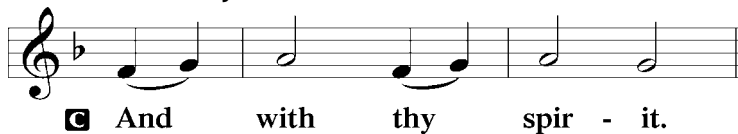
Prayers of the Church



Service of the Sacrament

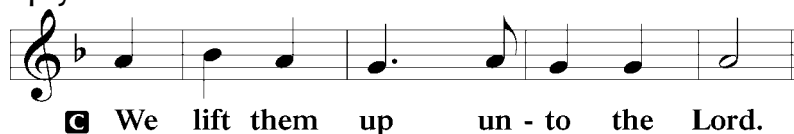
Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



It is meet and right so to do.

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



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



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

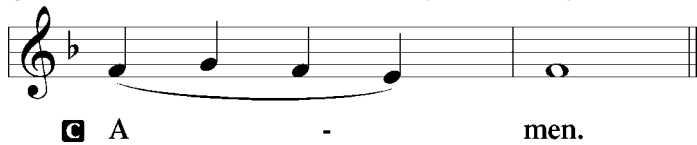
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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.

The Words of Institution

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

Agnus Dei

A musical score for Agnus Dei in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, consisting of five staves. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men." A square box containing a 'C' is positioned below the first note of the first staff.

Distribution Hymns

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

LSB 437

My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430

When Peace, like a River

LSB 763

Nunc Dimittis

A musical score for Nunc Dimittis in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time, consisting of two staves. The lyrics are: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,". A square box containing a 'C' is positioned below the first note of the first staff.



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

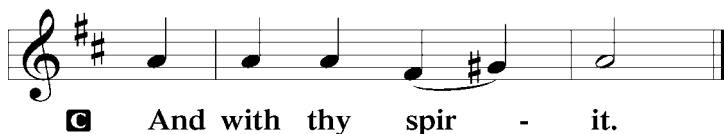
P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

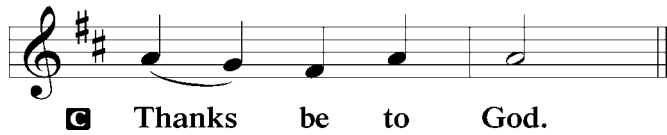
Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.



Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Announcements

Departing Hymn

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB 722

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 on 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!

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.

Kitchen Supplies- Our wonderful volunteer has been organizing the kitchen again! We are in need of some plastic forks. If you would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated.

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 –When we face challenging times, we often find ourselves struggling to make it through. Please pray for all Alaskans in such times, that they might seek the Lord's strength and wisdom. May He guide us all and bear our burdens through Christ, His Son. AMEN!.

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 | February 25th | March 3rd |
| PreK-K | Becca Carroll/ Avi Bierl | Leah Rawlins Chloe Bierl |
| 1 st -4th | Nicole Wisroth | Matt Jacobson |
| Middle School | Adult Study/ Retreat | Kristianna |
| High School | Adult Study | Adult Study |

| SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| HOW | THIS WEEK (02/25/2024) | NEXT WEEK (03/03/2024) |
| Altar Guild | Jane Walker Marianne Dabbs | Teri Jarnagin Evelyn Sampson |
| Accompanist | Jess Della Croce | Carol Shearer |
| Lector | Chuck Semmler | Jane Walker |
| Elders | Ryan Enlow Wes Moore | Wes moore Bart Semmler |

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

28 Kade Moore
28 Heidi Enlow



**SCHOLARSHIP
ORLC
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

9:00 am
10:00 am

Tuesday

Fall Prevention class

10:00am

Wednesday

Family Potluck Meal
Midweek Lent Worship Service

5:45pm
6:30pm

Thursday

Fall Prevention class

10:00am

Next Sunday

Sunday School/ Bible Study
Worship Service
ORLC Voters Meeting

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

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