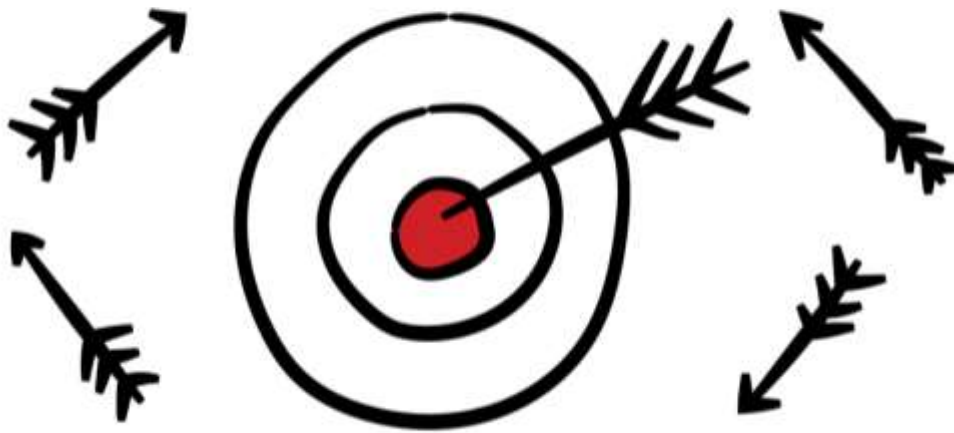




Our Redeemer
LUTHERAN CHURCH

BEING

CHALLENGE



A 40-DAY CHALLENGE TO BE LIKE JESUS

First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025

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. Feel free to also come forward for a blessing instead, simply crossing your arms.

*Gluten-free wafers are available if you need one.

*The gold-colored cups in the center of each tray are alcohol-free.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Creative

AS WE GATHER

Welcome to Lent, the season of repentance and contrite hearts set before the Lord. As we journey to the cross and beyond once more, we together tackle the Being Challenge. Do you long to be like the Lord? To be modeled after His perfection? Today Jesus shows us the source of Community and the blessings offered when we surround ourselves with the children of God.

Welcome

Opening Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644

Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

P: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety.

C: **He is my God and I trust Him**

Psalm 91:2

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Confession & Absolution

P: Most High God, we confess that it is because of our weakness, sin, and rebellion that Your Son, Jesus, was sentenced to die on the cross. Hear our humble confession of our many failures, O God, for we know that only in You can we find rest.

C: **O Almighty God, rescue me, for in my weakness I have gone astray. I have given in to temptation. My eyes have wandered, my tongue has run loose, my heart has coveted what is not mine, and I have strayed from You, my place of safety.**

P: Lord, hear our silent confessions. We turn to You for forgiveness for there is nowhere else to turn.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession)

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: **Be our shelter.**

P: Christ, have mercy,

C: **and be our protection.**

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: **We trust in You.**

P: The Lord alone is your refuge. On account of the perfect life and the innocent sufferings and death of His Son, Jesus, God our Father does have mercy on you. 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. Go in peace.

C: **Amen! The Most High alone is my refuge and my safety. He is my God and I trust in Him.**

Introit – Latin for “Entrance” – Psalm 91:9-16

P: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.

C: **With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.**

- P: Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
- C: **no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**
- P: For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
- C: **On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise – (611)

Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

Text: William McComb, 1793–1873, alt.
Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820–1901
Text and tune: Public domain

Prayer of the Day

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- P: Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 2:15-20
(Not Good to be Alone; pg. 2 of your pew Bible)

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." ¹⁸ The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." ¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading..... Romans 12:3-8
(Belonging to the Body; pg. 959 of your pew Bible)

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. ⁴ Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷ If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸ if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual ~ Hebrews 12:2

P: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C: **the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

P: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C: **and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**



The Gospel Reading..... Mark 1:9-13
(Baptized and Tempted; pg. 844 of your pew Bible)

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." ¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, ¹³ and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB 405

Sermon

Community..... Mark 1:9-13

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

- P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

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. *Psalm 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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. 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



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

Lord's Prayer

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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

O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 424

O Love, How Deep

LSB 544

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 594

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

C: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Psalm 118:1

P: We give thanks to You, merciful Lord, for this Your body and blood given for the forgiveness of our sin and for the victory You share with us over sin and Satan. Continue to strengthen us as we rest together in community, under the shadow of Your wings. We pray in Your name, Lord Jesus.

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

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685

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 your own info, learn some new faces, find contact information, and more



Prayer Chain - Do you have a prayer request? Share it with the ORLC Prayer Chain, and we will lift your needs in prayer. Submit online at www.orlc-ak.org/prayers, via the Church Center app, or by scanning the QR code. Want to join the Prayer Chain ministry? Just send us a request and we'll add your email to the list.

Lenten Service 3/12 - Have you ever had a medical test where monitors showed more about your true health than you were aware? God demands that we be holy, not just do holy things. Join us this Wednesday evening for a Family Meal at 5:45 and Worship at 6:30. Our theme this week is "Calling Us Home...Holy, Wholly, Holy," based on 1 Peter 1:15-17.

Alaska Mission for Christ - Please join us in praying that the Holy Spirit moves among those in the communities we serve. May He prepare their hearts as fertile soil on which the grace of His Gospel might take deep root and flourish abundantly! Amen! www.amc-ak.org

Ladies Nights- Mark your calendars for the following upcoming Ladies Nights! Friday, March 21 @ 6pm - Dinner at Jalapenos Mexican Restaurant in Eagle River. We need to give the restaurant a count on Monday, March 17, so please sign up at the Connection Corner or RSVP to Becca Carroll at b_carroll35@hotmail.com or (907)244-2219 by Sunday, March 16. Friday, April 25 - Progressive dinner in Eagle River. More details coming.

ORLC Scholarship-The ORLC Scholarship applications will be available April 1. This scholarship, which was established by a church member, is for graduating high school seniors. If you would like to donate to this fund, please label those donations "Scholarship Fund" or select this on the Church Center app. If you have questions, please contact Gaye Sarvela

EASTER DONATIONS -Nominations for the Easter Offering Donations can be placed in the container on the connections table. At the **March 23** Voters Meeting you will be able to vote for a recipient from the nominations.

Quarterly Tithes- This year you will be able to nominate recipients for each quarterly tithe at one time. Nominations will be due March 21 so they can be printed on a ballot. Because you will be voting for a recipient for each quarter, you can nominate more than one recipient. At the March 23 voters meeting you will be able to vote for 4 recipients (one for each quarter) . The top 4 vote getters will be the 2025 recipients. Your nominations can be placed in the jar on the connections table. Nominations are to be made for local Christian mission organizations.

Voter's Meeting - Our next Congregational Voter's Meeting is March 23rd following worship. You'll have an opportunity to see YTD financials, vote on ORLC tithes and Easter offerings, and fill your belly with some youth-fundraising cinnamon rolls!

First Aid Basics Class

Sunday, March 30
12:00-4:00 pm

Sign up in the
Connection Corner

Confirmation age and up are welcome.



MEN'S MINISTRY

THURSDAY
MARCH 20

7pm

20646 Philadelphia Way, Eagle River

OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES

03/09-03/16

Today

Bible Study Hour	9:00am
Worship Service	10:00am

Monday

Council Meeting	7:00pm
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Tuesday

Chayon Ryu Martial Arts Beginner Class	9:00 am
Fall Prevention Class	10:00 am

Wednesday

Family Meal	5:45pm
Lenten Midweek Service	6:30pm

Thursday

Chayon Ryu Martial Arts Beginner Class	9:00 am
Fall Prevention Class	10:00 am

Friday

Sunday

Bible Study Hour	9:00am
Worship Service	10:00am
CLMT Meeting	11:15am
Confirmation Class	11:15am
High School Bible Hour	11:15am
Ice Fishing at Mirror Lake	12:30pm

March Anniversaries

11 David & KumSun Beaulieu

March Birthdays

10 KumSun Beaulieu
11 Tabitha Roelfs
12 Samantha Jacobson
16 Paul Keller

SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER

HOW	THIS WEEK (03/09/2025)	NEXT WEEK (03/09/2025)
Altar Guild	Marianne Dabbs Theo Lee	Jane Walker Ingrid Roelfs
Accompanist	Jess Della Croce	Jess Della Croce
Lector	Carol Shearer	Ryan Enlow





Ladies Night

Friday, March 21st
6:00 pm
Sign up in the Connection Corner



April 4th-5th

Middle School & Confirmation RETREAT

Sign up in the Connection Corner by Sunday, March 9



Ice Fishing

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

As long as the ice holds up, we will meet at Mirror Lake for family ice fishing after church. All ages are welcome! We have poles and gear to share.



Questions?
Reach out to
Matt Jacobson or
Wes Moore.



CINNAMON ROLL
Sunday

Sunday, March 23

Support our Youth
going to NYGI

Cinnamon Rolls will be
available for purchase
following Worship Service.



**YOU
NARCAN
SAVE
LIVES**



Overdose Treatment
TRAINING

April 6

NARCAN Training.
Guest Speaker following Worship Service
Come learn how you could save a life!

**CONFIRMATION
SUNDAY**

April 6



Chugiak 5K Planning Meeting Sunday, April 13



Come help plan the 3rd Annual Race to the Rescue!



Ladies
BUNCO

Tuesday, April 1
6:30 pm

Sign up in the
Connection Corner.
Bring a treat to share!

