



Our Redeemer

LUTHERAN CHURCH



Peter Koenig, *Abraham's Sacrifice*, 1970.

First Sunday in Lent
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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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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AS WE GATHER Today, we discover how God is present even in the troubles of life and how His good and gracious will carries us through those trials. Could it be that God is at work even in our darkest moments and times of greatest fear? Not only Abraham tells us that the answer is yes - Jesus' own temptation shows us that God works in those moments of test and temptation.

Call to Worship – Welcome

Hymn of Invocation –

Lord of Our Life

LSB 659

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

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Psalm 130:3-4

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us 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.**

Service of the Word

Introit ~ *Psalm 40:1-5, 10*

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.**

Kyrie



G Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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 Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church today, 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 22:1-18 (Abraham Tested); p.17 of your pew bible)

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." ³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two

of them went on together. ⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." ¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."



¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading..... James 1:12-18
(Trials and Temptations; p.1019 of your pew bible)

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

¹⁶ Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse ~ omitted during Lent

- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel Reading..... Mark 1:9-15 (*The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus; p. 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. ¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657

Sermon **Here's Where It Happened**..... Genesis 22:1-18

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**

Offerings

Prayers of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

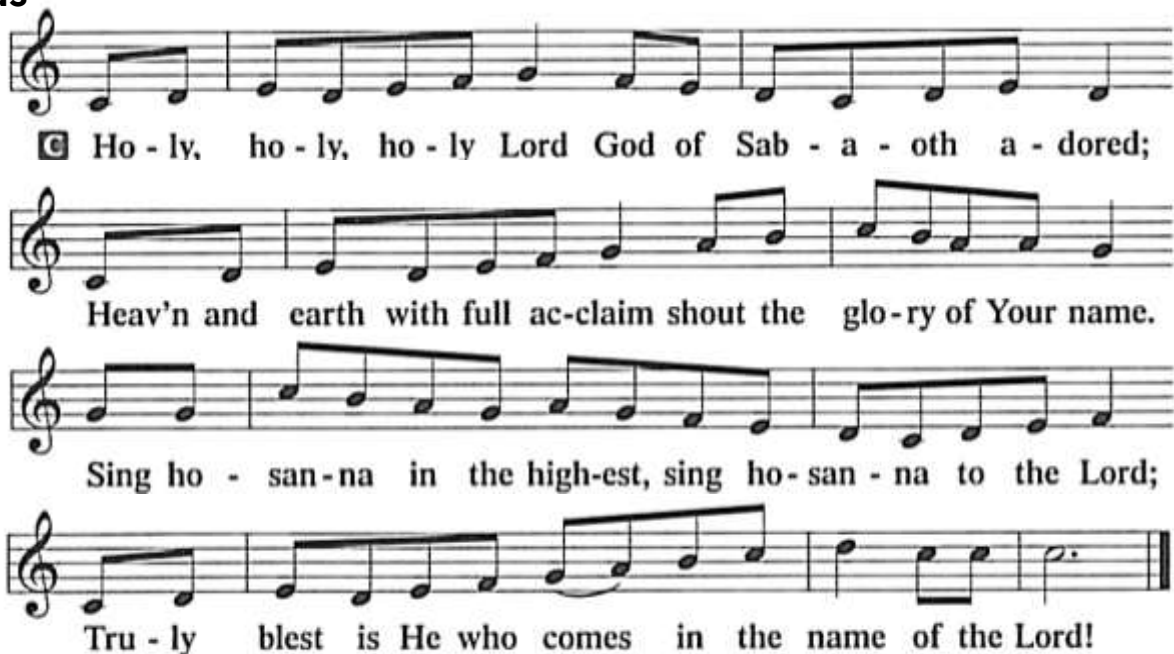
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Lord's Prayer

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.**

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

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

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Hymns

O Love, How Deep
God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 544
LSB 594
LSB 809

Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon



1 O Lord, now let 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.

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bless the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

Benediction

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

Announcements

Departing Hymn –

Christ Be My Leader

LSB 861

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!

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!

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.

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.



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.



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:

- * Pastor James Baumgartner
- * Council Members
- * Bill & Suzan Cheeseman, Mark & Sally Coburn, Mathew Coburn, and their families.

Serving the Sunday School Youth

Grades	February 18	February 25th
PreK-K	Leah Rawlings/ Avi Bierl	Becca Carroll/ Avi Bierl
1 st -4th	Steph Moore	Nicole Wisroth
Middle School	Lauren Johnston	Adult Study/ Middle School Retreat
High School	Lauren Johnston	Adult Study

SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER

HOW	THIS WEEK (02/18/2024)	NEXT WEEK (02/25/2024)
Altar Guild	Mary Losey Stephanie Moore	Jane Walker Marianne Dabbs
Accompanist	Carol Shearer	Jess Della Croce
Lector	Martha Wilkins	Chuck Semmler
Elders	Ryan Enlow Wes Moore	Wes Moore Bart Semmler

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

20 Ruth Kroona
 21 Mike Hidek
 21 Gary Craig
 21 Angie Nishimura
 22 Forrest Wacker
 22 Jodie Andersen
 24 Elias Johnson
 28 Kade Moore
 28 Heidi Enlow

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

23 Scott & Penny Hattenburg
 24 Forrest & Geri Wacker

OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES

02/11/2024-02/18/2024

Today

Sunday School/ Bible Study 9:00 am
 Worship Service 10:00 am
 Youth Mystery Dinner 3:30pm

Tuesday

Fall Prevention class 10:00am

Wednesday

Family Potluck Meal 5:45pm
 Midweek Lent Worship Service 6:30pm

Thursday

Fall Prevention class 10:00am

Saturday

Confirmation Retreat 7:30am

Next Sunday

Sunday School/ Bible Study 9:00 am
 Worship Service 10:00 am