



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

This is the Last Sunday of the Church Year---sometimes called the Sunday of the Fulfillment. Today, the Word of God focuses our attention on the end of days, when Jesus will come again "in clouds with great power and glory" (Mark 13:26). Waiting, watchfully, for God's mercy on that blessed day, the Church on earth keeps the faith, and remains in the love of God patiently showing mercy to all who struggle with doubt and sin (cf. Jude 20-25).

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905

Invocation

P: The Lord reigns; He is robed in majesty;

C: the Lord is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.

Psalm 93:1

P: Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits Your house,

C: O Lord, forevermore.

Psalm 93:5

P: Give attention to Me, My people,

C: and give ear to Me, My nation;

Isaiah 51:4

P: My salvation will be forever,

C: and My righteousness will never be dismayed.

Isaiah 51:6

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

C: Amen.

Confession & Absolution

P: Father of all mercy and grace. . .

C: . . . look not upon our sins, for they are many. We are stained with guilt from our works of darkness and from our failure to walk in the light. We have become slothful instead of wakeful; dull of sight instead of watchful; weighed down by the cares of the world instead of eager for our Lord's return. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us the power and presence of the Holy Spirit through Your Word to equip us for doing Your will.

P: The Lord Jesus died to purchase your forgiveness and was raised again for your justification. 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.

Introit – Latin for “Entrance” – Psalm 39:4-5, 7-8, 12; 2 Peter 3:13

P: We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

**C: O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!**

P: Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

**C: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.**

P: Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

**C: Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears!**

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 – (465)

Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The First Reading..... Isaiah 51:4-6
(Unfailing Righteousness; pg. 623 of your pew Bible)

"Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵ My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading..... Jude 20-25
(As You Wait; pg. 1033 of your pew Bible)

But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. ²¹Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. ²²Be merciful to those who doubt; ²³snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear--hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. ²⁴To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy-- ²⁵to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading..... Mark 13:24-37
(Keep Watch; pg. 858 of your pew Bible)

"But in those days, following that distress, " 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' ²⁶"At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

²⁸"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³²"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard! Be alert ! You do

not know when that time will come. ³⁴It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵"Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back--whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!' "

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

LSB 336

Sermon

The Home of Righteousness..... Mark 13:24-37

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 395

O God of Light

LSB 836

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 - joice 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: O God, our heavenly Father, we give You thanks for feeding us with the heavenly food of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us in Your love while we watch attentively for Jesus' return that our faith may be lived out in works of mercy to those in need; through the same, 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

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LSB 816

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.

Decorating – Help Decorate the Church for Christmas on November 24th following worship service. A light lunch will be available. If you would like to contribute to lunch you can bring a soup or side to share.

Poinsettias- It is that time of year again, we will be purchasing poinsettias for the front of

the church. If you would like to donate toward the cost they are \$15 per plant. Thank you!

Alaska Mission for Christ- Join us in joyful thanks for all God has done through AMC this year. Over 500 volunteers committed to sharing the gospel in 46 distinct Alaskan communities. 2024 celebrated baptisms, faith-strengthening, construction milestones, relationship-building, and most importantly - seeing the tangible difference our combined efforts have made in the lives of Alaskans. Please pray that thankfulness for God's work will spur generous action in the hearts of our mission partners so that all in Alaska might come to know the Good News of Jesus! To show your thankfulness, visit our website at www.amc-ak.org.

Advent Devotions - Now available at The Connection Corner.

Host Families Needed - Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, MO is our Synod's oldest high school and the last of the synodical boarding schools. Because of this, around 1/3 of their students are international. Would you be interested in hosting a Norwegian student from Dec.19 – Jan. 5? Talk to Pastor James today (deadline is 11/25).

In order to lift up to the congregation of Our Redeemer we will be praying weekly for three families from our church directory:

AL & Karen Nyback
 Angie Nishimura
 John & Karen Pakan

November Anniversaries

November Birthdays

27 Annika Roelfs
 30 Krina Chang
 30 Ryan Enlow

Serving the Sunday School Youth		
Grades	November 24th	December 1st
PreK-K	Leah/Becca	On Break
1st-4th	Steph/Heidi	On Break
Middle School	Tabbie/Alicia	On Break
High School	No High School	On Break

SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER

HOW	THIS WEEK (11/24/2024)	NEXT WEEK (12/01/2024)
Altar Guild	Marianne Dabbs Kristianna Coburn	Marianne Dabbs Evelyn Sampson
Accompanist	Carol Shearer	
Lector	Kristianna Coburn	Carol Shearer

OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES

11/24-12/01

Today

Bible Hour/Sunday School	9:00 am
Worship Service	10:00 am
Decorating the Church	After Service
Rooted Small Group	6:00pm

Monday

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Thanksgiving Service	6:30pm
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Thursday

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

Friday

Saturday

Next Sunday

Bible Hour/Sunday School	9:00 am
Worship Service	10:00 am
High School Bible Hour	11:15 am
Confirmation Class	11:15am
Deeply Rooted Small Group	5:45pm
Rooted Small Group	6:00pm



Potluck Style Family Dinners

Dinner and fellowship prior to the Wednesday night Advent Services.

Everyone is welcome!

