

Places of the Passion



**Our Redeemer
Lutheran Church**

Missouri Synod

Third Sunday in Lent

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Gethsemane: A Place of Strength

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! It is a great joy to have you here with us today praising God and receiving His gifts! Please join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship right after church. If you are a guest or visiting with us, please do sign our guest register located in the narthex—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 believe and confess this are welcome to commune.

COMMUNION CUPS The cups directly behind the white markers are alcohol-free.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Creative Service

AS WE GATHER *So often, we make our prayers about our own will. Yet as Jesus prays in Gethsemane, our eyes are opened to God's will. Rather than struggle to make God part of our lives in prayer, we now witness our Lord struggling...because we are a part of His life.*

Call to Worship - Welcome

Opening Hymn

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

LSB 421

Invocation

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

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: We all, like sheep, have gone astray,

C: **each of us has turned to his own way;**

Isaiah 53:6

P: Pray that you may not enter into temptation.

Luke 22:40

C: **I confess that I have, though. I have given in to temptations and entertained thoughts apart from God's will. My heart is drawn towards the world and my own sinful flesh. Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner. Forgive me and cleanse me. Wash me clean in the loving sacrifice of my Savior, Jesus.**

P: The Spirit helps us in our weakness.

C: **The Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.**

P: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,

C: **who have been called according to his purpose.**

P: If God is for us, who can be against us?

C: **He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-- how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?**

Romans 8:26,28, 31, 32

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed in Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and live to joyfully serve Him.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 139:1-4, 23,24

P: O Lord, You have searched me and known me!

C: **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You discern my thoughts from afar.**

P: You search out my path and my lying down
And are acquainted with all my ways.

C: **Even before a word is on my tongue,
Behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.**

P: Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!

C: **And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!**

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You seek not our death or destruction but our life and salvation. Speak Your Word of rescue to our sin-sick hearts and fearful souls. Call us forth from the darkness of our guilt and shame. Bring us into the light of Your presence where Your forgiveness dwells. Restore us to Your people that our wandering ways may end. Direct us to the path Your Son has made that we may walk in it by faith and never depart from its hope. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Old Testament Reading..... Isaiah 53:6-11
(The Lamb; p.625 of your pew bible)

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. ⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. ¹¹ After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading..... Romans 8:26-39
(More than conquerors; p.955 of your pew bible)

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. ²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-- how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom

God has chosen? It is God who justifies.³⁴ Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died-- more than that, who was raised to life-- is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

³⁶ As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading.....Luke 22:39-46
(Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives; p.891 of your pew bible)

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.⁴⁰ On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation."⁴¹ He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed,⁴² "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."⁴³ An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.⁴⁴ And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.⁴⁵ When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow.⁴⁶ "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438

Sermon "Gethsemane: A Place of Strength"..... Luke 22:39-46

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.

Offering

Following the Offering, we greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Installation of Congregational Officers

Prayers of the Church

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 to the Lord our God.

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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:

C: Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord!

Words of Institution

Proclamation of Christ

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

P: Lord Jesus Christ, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You remind us of Your obedience to the Father's will in Your conception, birth, Baptism, suffering, and death; we rejoice in Your resurrection and look forward to Your promised return. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Abide with Me

LSB 878

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

LSB 610

Post-Communion Collect

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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

P: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with You now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Announcements

Departing Hymn

I Lie, O Lord, within Your Care

LSB 885

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Church Office

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, address or number of members in your family has changed. Family Update Forms are located in the Visitors Corner and can be returned to the secretary box outside the office door.

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. It is sent Bcc (blind) to a group of people who will pray for your concerns. Prayer requests are sent out Monday through Friday. Prayers are listed for one week unless the request is renewed. (If you do not have a computer, call the ORLC office and it will be added for you.)

Elders Potlucks- They are at it again!! The Elders are pairing up to have family potlucks on Sunday's after worship. It's a great opportunity to connect with your elder and with other congregational families. This Sunday are the families under Elders Scott Roelfs & Mark Keller. Potluck schedule coming soon.

Organ Tuning - Derek Byrne from Kenneth Jones will be here March 12-16 tuning our organ. New pipes take some time to settle in to their environment and need to be tuned after the

first year, so this has been expected. We're again responsible for housing, transportation and lunches while he's here, so please see Pastor James if you can help out!

Church Brunch - Join us March 14th, at 10 AM for a church brunch at Bobby's cafe in Peters Creek!

Ice Fishing- March 25th 2-4pm at Mirror Lake. Invite your friends and join us out on the lake for some great fishing and fellowship. Bring your poles (we have a few to spare) sleds, chairs, snow gear and a snack to share. ORLC will provide hot beverages. Remember if you are over 18 and want to fish you will need a fishing license!!

Pastors Bible Study – We are beginning a 4-week series on Noah: The Man, The Ark, The Flood. We'll hear scientists from the Creation Museum transform this seemingly mythical story into something very plausible. Sundays at 9:00!

Women's Bible Study- Meets the 2nd & 4th Monday's at 7pm at the Baumgartner's.

Life Together – This year's Midweek Lenten series is called "Life Together," and focuses on how we live in Christian community in a postmodern context. We'll glean insights from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's classic book, aptly named "Life Together." Copies of the book are available for \$5. See Pastor James if you'd like one!

****Youth Ministry Information** Alex Parker DCE Intern**

Spring Break - Because of Anchorage School District's spring break we will not have any youth or Children's Bible hour on March 11th. Pastor James will still have his Bible study that morning and anyone is welcome to join!

VBS - It's that time of year! We are looking forward to our Summer VBS program and we need help! If you would like to be a VBS Volunteer please sign up on our sign- up sheet just outside of the sanctuary, or talk to Alex. VBS this year will be held Monday, June 11 - Thursday, June 14.

Worshipping last Sunday February 25th: 98

Offering last Sunday: \$ 2,160

In order to lift up to God the people of Our Redeemer, we will include a staff member, church leader, and three families from our church directory to pray for each week.

*Sally Coburn- Faith Community Nurse

*YongVang & Laura Chang, Bill & Sue Cheeseman, Rick Coates their families.

Contributions last week: \$2,160

Budget: \$4,025

Over (under) **\$1,865**

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

If we missed your birthday or anniversary please let us know.

BIRTHDAYS

6 Derek Sitz
7 Jim Sampson
10 Henry Sewell
10 KumSun Beaulieu
11 Tabbie Roelfs
11 Amy Sheppard

ANNIVERSARIES

11 David & KumSun Beaulieu

OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

03/04/2017-03/11/2017

Today	Pastors Bible Hour	9:00am
	All Youth Bible	9:00am
	Choir Practice	9:00am
	Creative Worship Service	10:00am
	LifeSpan Meeting	11:00am
Monday	Confirmation	7:00pm
Wednesday	Lenten Meal <i>Sponsored by Elders</i>	6:00pm
	Midweek Service	7:00pm
Saturday	Food Pantry	10-12pm
Next Sunday	Pastors Bible Hour	9:00am
	*No Youth Bible Hour *	
	Worship Service 3	10:00am
	Choir Practice	9:00am

SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER


HOW	THIS WEEK (03/04)	NEXT WEEK (03/11)
Altar Guild	Marianne Dabbs Christy Andrews	Marianne Dabbs Anne Craig
Acolyte	Volunteer	Volunteer
Accompanist	Carol Shearer	Jess Della Croce
Greeters	Scott & Penny Hattenburg	Nancy Sitz & Gaye Sarvela
Lector	Jason Johnston	Jane Walker
Elders	Mark Keller Forrest Wacker	Greg Schroll Jason Johnston
Ushers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Cleaners	Andrews (1) Bicher (2) Della Croce (3)	Carroll (1) Dees (2) Farr (3)
Food Pantry	Johnston Family	Evelyn Sampson
Prek-Kinder	Trina & Kjersti Maakestad	N/A
1 st -4 th Grade	Lauren Johnston	N/A
Jr. High	Kristianna Coburn	N/A
Sr. High	Alex Parker	N/A

The Bible's account of Noah, the ark, and the flood is legendary. But to many people, the story sounds over the top -- almost mythical. But what if it is plausible? During the Sundays in March, we'll be taking a look at this biblical account through the lens of ancient civilizations, the fossil record, and the earth's surface itself. Join us for Pastor's Bible Hour, Sundays @9am!



Midweek Lenten Series

Life Together



The world we live in is being redefined quicker than most of us would like to admit. Drawing from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's classic work *Life Together*, and selected texts from 1 Peter, we'll look at what it means to live in community in postmodern times as we walk together the way to the cross and empty tomb.

-- Wednesdays in Lent --

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday-March 25th

*10am Service

Maundy Thursday Service- March 29th

*7pm Service

Good Friday Service-March 30th

*7pm Service

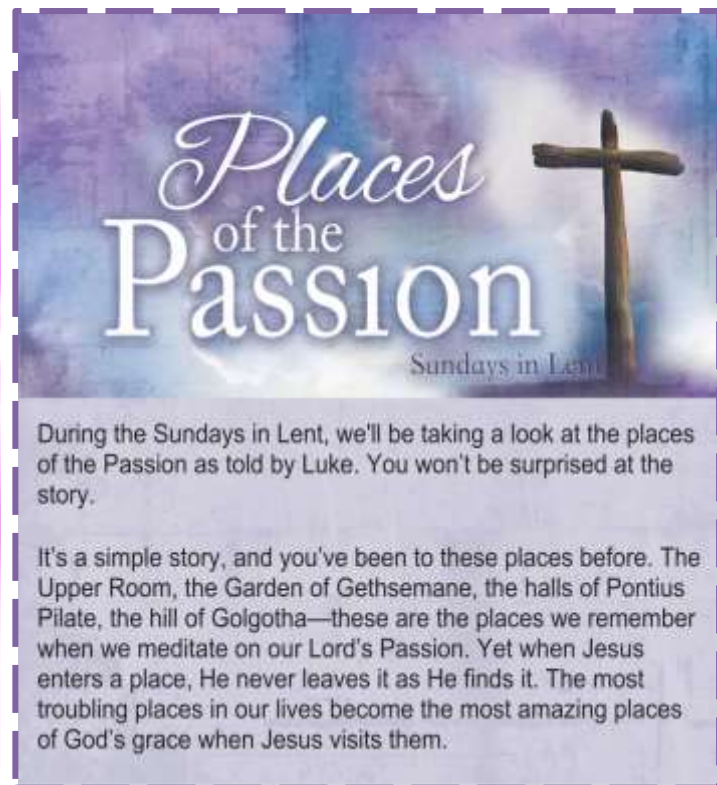
Easter Morning Services- April 1st

*7:30am Sunrise Service 7:30am

*8:30am Community Breakfast

*10:00am Festival Service

Egg Hunt & Puppet Show Following the Festival Service



Places
of the
Passion

Sundays in Lent

During the Sundays in Lent, we'll be taking a look at the places of the Passion as told by Luke. You won't be surprised at the story.

It's a simple story, and you've been to these places before. The Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane, the halls of Pontius Pilate, the hill of Golgotha—these are the places we remember when we meditate on our Lord's Passion. Yet when Jesus enters a place, He never leaves it as He finds it. The most troubling places in our lives become the most amazing places of God's grace when Jesus visits them.

Join us out on the ICE

Sunday March 25th from 2-4pm at Mirror Lake

Things to bring:

*Chairs

*Snow gear

*Snacks to share

*Sleds

*Poles (if you don't have some, we have a couple to share)

Patience

ORLC will provide coffee & hot cocoa



YOU 
CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

Did you know that most everything in our church runs off of Volunteers? Our church would not function without it's wonderful volunteers, and we are always welcome to new faces. So if you are interested in any of the following please contact the office and we will get you connected!!

*Greeter

*Usher

*Lector

*Sunday School Teacher

*Trustee

*Food Pantry

*Altar Guild