

# Places of the Passion



**Our Redeemer  
Lutheran Church**

*Missouri Synod*

Easter Sunrise  
The Empty Tomb: A Place of Remembering

# 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!** Christ is risen! It's a great joy to have you here with us today praising God and receiving His gifts! Please join us for breakfast 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**

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper, the Sacrament of Holy Communion. 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.

**AS WE GATHER** *"Alleluia! Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" This ancient greeting sounds among us again today, because Christ has defeated sin, death, and Satan – opening the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Today, we welcome you to come and be a part of God's people who gather to remember and to rejoice in what Christ has done!*

**Prelude**

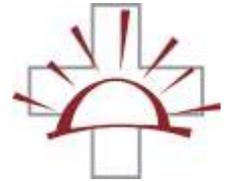
**Call to Worship - Welcome**

## Invocation

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

## The Gospel Reading..... Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup> 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words.



<sup>9</sup> When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. <sup>12</sup> Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**  
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457

## Confession of Sins and Absolution

P: O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?  
C: **The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.**  
P: But thanks be to God!  
C: **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** *1 Corinthians 15:55-57*  
P: Risen Lord and Savior,  
C: **forgive us for our doubts and fears. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have had more to do with the things that lead to death than those that lead to life. Our own selfish concerns have prevented us from living in the power of Your resurrection. Forgive us, Lord Jesus.**  
P: God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,  
C: **even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.**  
P: We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;  
C: **death no longer has dominion over him.** *Romans 6:9*

P: Jesus says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life.

C: **He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."** *John 5:24*

P: Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, forgiveness is yours. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority and command, 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.**

### Hymn of Praise ~ This Is the Feast

*Refrain*

**This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.**

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

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**Prayer of the Day**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Scripture Reading.....Isaiah 65:17-25**

*"Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. <sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. <sup>20</sup> "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup> They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.*

*<sup>22</sup> No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. <sup>23</sup> They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Scripture Reading..... 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

*If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. <sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn of the Day

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465

**Sermon** “The Empty Tomb: A Place of Remembering” ..... Luke 24:1-12

## 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.**



## 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.*

## Prayer of the Church

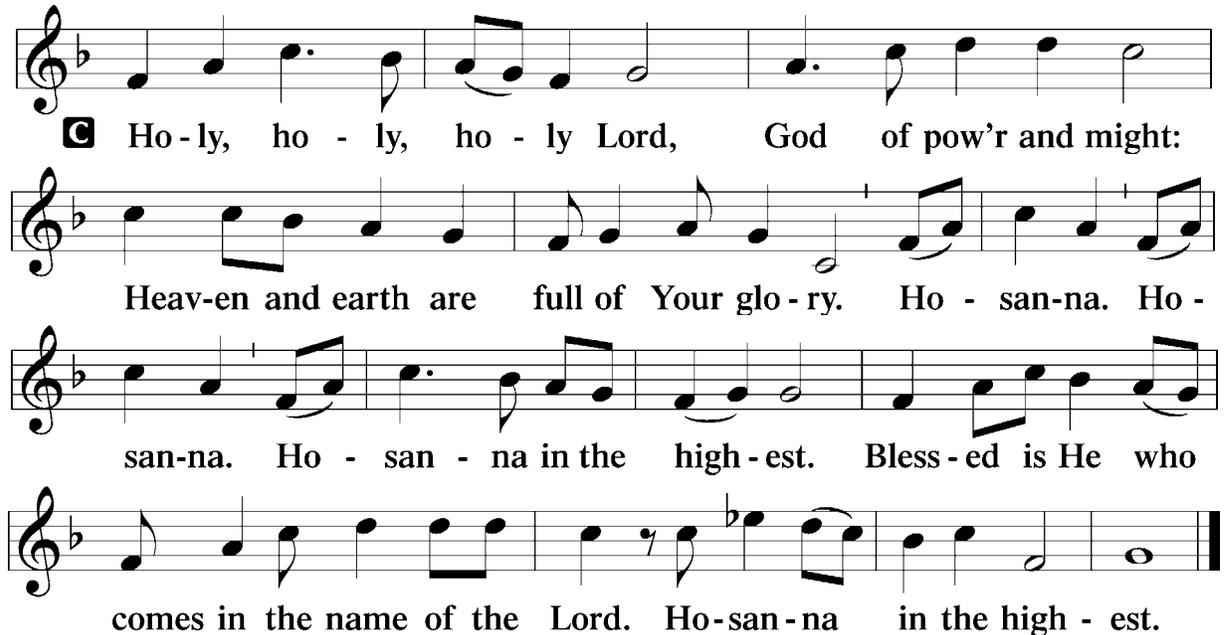
# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## The 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.**

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; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## The 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 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

### Peace of the Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C: **And also with you.**

### Distribution Hymns

I Know That My Redeemer Lives	LSB 461
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	LSB 633
The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done	LSB 464

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.  
C: **Amen.**

### 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.**



P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Departing Hymn ~ Thine is the Glory (LBW 145)

1 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life; Life is nought with-

vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with glad - ness  
out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth:  
Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dar.

*Refrain*  
Where thy bod - y lay.  
Death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son,  
To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!



In early March, our congregation voted to donate 100% of this year's Easter offerings to a local non-profit which blesses our community beyond what each of us is able to do individually. We overwhelmingly chose Love INC for their commitment in serving the Chugiak/Eagle River/Anchorage areas. With the love of Jesus, they serve those in need with utility assistance, transportation, furniture/supplies, along with many collections given away throughout the year, and more. May God bless your Easter offerings this year as you make an impact right where you live. We give love, because God first gives His love to us!

[www.loveincofeagleriver.org/LoveINC.aspx](http://www.loveincofeagleriver.org/LoveINC.aspx)



## 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](mailto: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-** Our 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. Next up are Elders Greg Schroll & Jason Johnston on April 8<sup>th</sup>. You will receive a call from your elder to invite you to the potluck.

**Pastor's Bible Study-** When we return on April 8<sup>th</sup>, our study will be called "Deeper: Today's Scripture". We'll tackle the lectionary readings assigned for the day and see how God has expertly woven His Word together. Sundays @9am!

**ORLC Focus Day** Over the next month, we'd invite you to pray over our congregation as we seek God's will and vision for this body of believers for years to come. If you'd like to join in the discussion, pick up a copy of "The Horizon Storyline" from Pastor James (which includes a bit of prep work for you to do), and plan on attending the ORLC Focus Day on April 21st, 9am - lunch!

**Summer Housing** – The new Servant Event Coordinator for Alaska Mission for Christ is seeking housing for June, July, and August. Jan Bruick lives in Nebraska, but will be here in Alaska assisting AMC teams with mission and service deployment throughout this summer. She’s looking to rent a 1- or 2- bedroom apartment for those three months. Talk to Pastor James if you have any ideas.

**Movie Night!**-Dovetailing off Pastor's Bible Study on Noah, we will be screening "Is Genesis History?" on Wednesday, April 11 @ 7pm. Come learn that science and God's Word are not conflicting! Appropriate for middle schoolers and older. We will also be offering a children's movie in the library.

**Church Brunch** - Join us April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am for a church brunch at Bobby’s cafe in Peters Creek!

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

**Easter Festival** - Join us right after the 10 AM service today for a fun-filled Easter festival with a puppet skit, candy, and games!

**Youth Group** - We will have youth group here at the church April 15th, 3-5 pm. Open to grades 5-12!

**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.

**Fostering Faith** - Join us here at the church Saturday, April 28th from 10 to noon for a workshop on kids and faith. Everyone that has kids in their lives is welcome.

**Worshipping last Sunday March 25, 2018: 146**

**Offering last Sunday: \$ 6,408**

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.

\*Ericka Stoltenberg-Administrative Assistant

\*Treasure

\*Scott & Penny Hattenburg, Johnny & Teri Jarnagin , Erik & Ashlee Johnson their families.

Contributions last week: \$6,408

Budget: \$4,025

Over (**under**) \$2,383

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

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

**BIRTHDAYS**

2 Dennis Harms    5 Jon Kroona  
3 Sarah Beaulieu    7 Jess Della Croce  
3 Kaelyn Schroll    8 Dawn Harms

**ANNIVERSARIES**

1 Richard & Carol Cartier  
2 Joe & Jackie Dees

**OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**04/01/2017-04/08/2017**

<b>Today</b>	Sunrise Service	7:30am
	Community Easter Breakfast	8:30am
	Easter Festival Service	10:00am
	Easter Puppet Show & Celebration	11:15am
<b>Saturday</b>	Food Pantry	10-12pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Pastors Bible Study	9:00am
	All Youth Bible Hour	9:00am
	Creative Worship Service	10:00am
	Elders Potluck	11:00am
	Lifespan Meeti	11:00am

**SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER**

<b>HOW</b>	<b>THIS WEEK (03/25)</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK (04/08)</b>
Altar Guild	7:30:Marianne Dabbs 10:00 Marianne Dabbs/Jane Walker	Marianne Dabbs Ingrid Roelfs
Acolyte	Volunteer	Volunteer
Accompanist	Jess Della Croce	Carol Shearer
Greeters	Scott & Tabbie Roelfs	Sue Rajek
Lector	7:30:Vern Roelfs 10:00: Jason Johnston	Carol Shearer
Elders	7:30:Forrest Wacker/Erik Johnson 10:00:Johnny Jarnagin/Forrest Wacker	Jason Johnston Johnny Jarnagin
Ushers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Cleaners	Johnson-Sullivan (1) Johnston (2) Knutson (3)	Nyback (1) Losey (2) Nishimura (3)
Food Pantry	Closed	Gaye Sarvela
Prek-Kinder	N/A	Trina & Kjersti Maakestad
1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	N/A	Nancy Sitz
Jr. High	N/A	Kristianna Coburn
Sr. High	N/A	Alex Parker