

Places of the Passion



**Our Redeemer
Lutheran Church**

Missouri Synod

Easter Festival Service
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 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.

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!*

Festival Prelude – Alaska Celtic Pipes and Drums

Call to Worship – Welcome

Hymn of Invocation – *Please rise to face the processional cross behind you.*

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

C: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

C: Amen!



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit ~ Exodus 15

P: I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

C: **The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;**

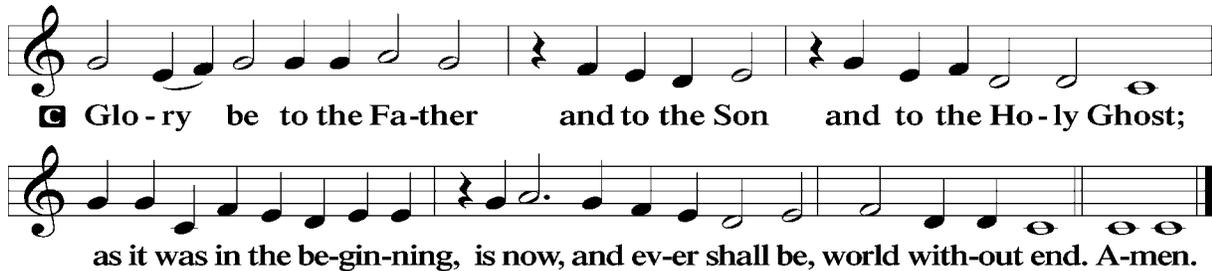
P: Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

C: **You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.**

P: You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode,

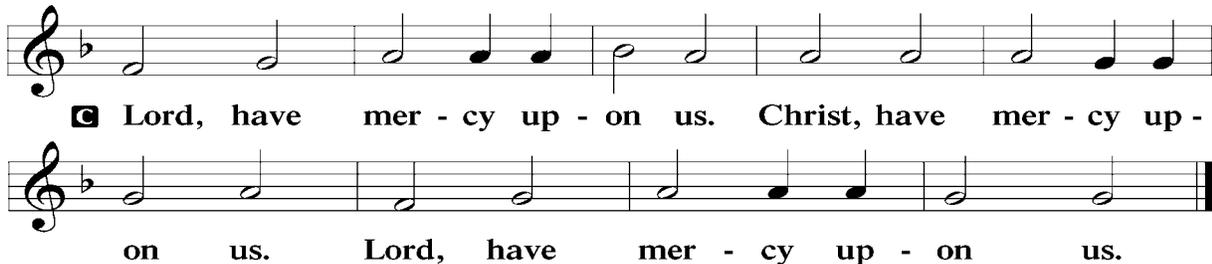
C: **the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.
The Lord will reign forever and ever.**

Gloria Patri



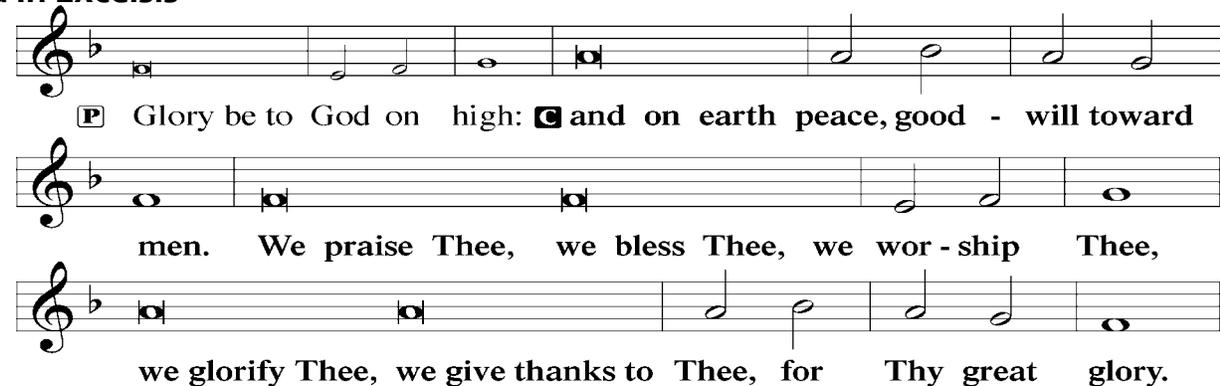
☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria In Excelsis



☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Old Testament 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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ "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. ²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² 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. ²³ 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. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. ²⁵ 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.

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

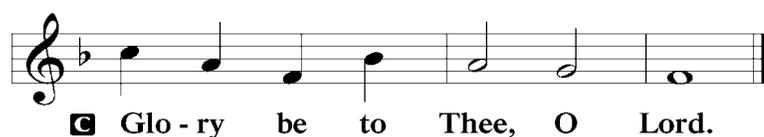
Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



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. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ 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? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² 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.



■ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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

Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering

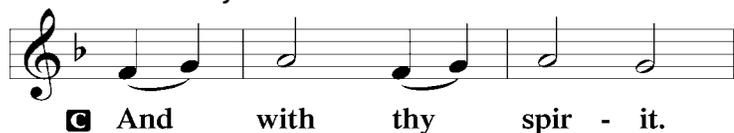
(Following the Offering, we greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.)

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



C It is meet and right so to do.

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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



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.

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

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



Agnus Dei

A musical score for Agnus Dei in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, consisting of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. A square box with the letter 'O' is placed at the beginning of the first line of lyrics.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Distribution Hymns

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done
O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 461
LSB 633
LSB 464
LSB 617



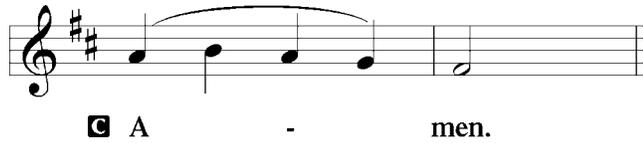
Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

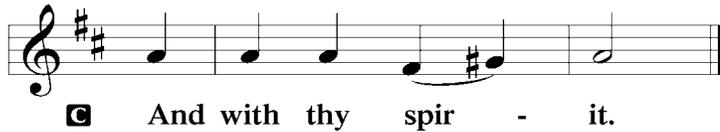
and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

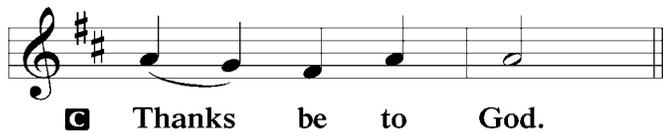


Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Bless we the Lord.



Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift us His countenance upon you and give you peace.



P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Departing Hymn

Thine is the Glory

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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!



ORLC GIVES

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



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- 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 8th. You will receive a call from your elder to invite you to the potluck.

Pastor's Bible Study- When we return on April 8th, 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 11th, 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

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

SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER

HOW	THIS WEEK (03/25)	NEXT WEEK (04/08)
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 st -4 th Grade	N/A	Nancy Sitz
Jr. High	N/A	Kristianna Coburn
Sr. High	N/A	Alex Parker