



FIRST EPISTLE OF
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Our Redeemer
Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

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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

Contemporary Service

AS WE GATHER *The Sundays of Easter celebrate the greatest of all victories – the defeat of sin, death, and the devil by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We radiate out the joy of that first Easter morning. How great is the love the Father has lavished on us!*

Call to Worship - Welcome

 **Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)** (*see insert*)

Invocation

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

Congregation: Amen.

P: Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C: Death no longer has dominion over Him

Romans 6:9

P: Christ has risen from the dead!

C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C: He has put all things under His feet.

Hebrews 2:7

Confession/Absolution

P: We confess our sin to God, our merciful Father:

C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived victorious lives in all things. We have indeed turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid, and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Gracious God, grant us victory over all that oppresses us, and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. 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. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, and grant you a victorious life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Introit ~ *Psalm 4*

P: Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God.

Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame?

How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

P: Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself;
the Lord will hear when I call to him.

C: In your anger do not sin;

when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.

P: Offer right sacrifices
and trust in the Lord.

**C: Many are asking, “Who can show us any good?”
 Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.**

P: You have filled my heart with greater joy
 than when their grain and new wine abound.

**C: I will lie down and sleep in peace,
 for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.
 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.**

 **Hosanna** (see insert)

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people – rescued from the peril of everlasting death – perpetual gladness, and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Reading..... Acts 3:11-21
 (Peter’s testimony; p.921 of your pew bible)

While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

¹⁷ "Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer.¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,²⁰ and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you-- even Jesus.²¹ He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading..... 1 John 3:1-7
(Children of God; p.1029 of your pew bible)

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading..... Luke 24:36-49
(Peter Disowns Jesus; p.894 of your pew bible)

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

 **You Are My King (Amazing Love)** (see insert)

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.

Prayers of the Church

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.**

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 time and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for in Christ You have given us the victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings with true thanksgiving. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

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

People: **Amen.**

 **Above All** (*see insert*)

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Blessed are You, Heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your table through the body and blood of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us so that we may continue to be Your victorious people who share Your love with all people as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son 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 upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace

Numbers 6:24-26

C: **Amen.**

Announcements

 **In Christ Alone** (*see insert*)

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: 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- Today wraps up our Elder Potlucks with Elders Johnny Jarnagin and Sam Chang.

Pastor's Bible Study- "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 few weeks, 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!

Resurrection Bike Trip- June 29th - July 1st. It's time to mark your calendars for the annual bike trip!! If you have questions please contact Chuck Semmler.

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

Youth Group - We will have youth group here at the church TODAY, 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.

Graduates - If you have a student that is graduating from High School or College and would like them to be recognized here at church please let Alex know by this Friday for the newsletter!

Worshipping last Sunday April 08, 2018: 100

Offering last Sunday: \$ 5,348

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

*Thrivent Financial

*John Kehr, Matt & Judy Keith, Mark & Ruth Keller their families.

Contributions last week: \$5,348

Budget: \$4,025

Over (**under**) \$1,323

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 15 Bao Chang
- 15 Christy Andrews
- 15 Lydia Wirkus
- 17 Anne Craig
- 18 Skyler Wood

ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Matt & Judy Keith

OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

04/15/2017-04/22/2017

Today	Pastors Bible Study	9:00am
	Prek-4 th Grade Bible Hour	9:00am
	Contemporary Worship Service	10:00am
	Elders Potluck	11:00am
	Youth Group	3-5pm
Tuesday	Thrivent Financial Workshop	7pm
Saturday	ORLC Planning Meeting	9-12pm
	Food Pantry	10-12pm
Next Sunday	Pastors Bible Study	9:00am
	All Youth Bible Hour	9:00am
	Worship Service 1	10:00am
	Youth/Parent NYG Meeting	11:15am

SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER

HOW	THIS WEEK (04/15)	NEXT WEEK (04/22)
Altar Guild	Marianne Dabbs Teri Jarnagin	Anne Craig Gaye Sarvela
Acolyte	Volunteer	Volunteer
Accompanist	Praise Band	Jess Della Croce
Greeters	Jason & Lauren Johnston	Youth
Lector	Scott Roelfs	Chuck Semmler
Elders	Greg Schroll Jason Johnston	Johnny Jarnagin Greg Schroll
Ushers	Volunteers	Youth
Cleaners	Roelfs (1) Pospeck (2) Rajek (3)	Sarvela (1) Roelfs (2) Sampson (3)
Food Pantry	Yong & Ying Chang	Lydia Wirkus
Prek-Kinder	Stephanie & Ericka Stoltenberg	Trina & Kjersti Maakestad
1 st -4 th Grade	Lauren Johnston	Gaye Sarvela
Jr. High	N/A	Alex Parker
Sr. High	N/A	Ericka Stoltenberg

DEEPER:
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

A look into each Sunday's lectionary readings and seeing how God has expertly woven His Word together.

Pastor's Bible Study – April & May
Sundays – 9am



June 11-14
9-11:45am
Prek-5th Grade
Registration opening soon

Volunteer positions still open, sign up on the youth board or contact Alex!



Fostering Faith

April 28th, Ten - Noon ~ with Alex
A workshop for everyone with kids in their lives!