



FIRST EPISTLE OF
JOHN



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

Creative Service

AS WE GATHER *The joy of Easter continues! The initial appearance of the Lord on the Day of Resurrection now has expanded into a series of appearances by Jesus to His disciples and others. Once again, He is God in person on earth, assuring His faithful that He is with them always. To the disciples gathered together in fear and apprehension, He brings a word of peace and assurance. His presence among them gives a full sense of "shalom" - of complete well-being. Jesus is present among us in our worship this day as well, assuring us that all is well and that we are truly at peace with God and with one another.*

Call to Worship - Welcome

Opening Hymn

He's Risen, He's Risen

LSB 480

Invocation

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

Congregation: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P: You showed favor to your land, O Lord;

C: you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

P: You forgave the iniquity of your people

C: and covered all their sins.

P: Show us your unfailing love, O Lord,

C: and grant us your salvation.

Psalm 85:1,2,7

P: Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, mighty Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as Your peaceable people. We have not nurtured or encouraged peace in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We have not done the good You demand and have not been the people You would have us be. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us. Renew us. Keep us ever mindful that we need Your lavish grace. By the power of the Holy Spirit direct us to serve You faithfully all our days through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: God has promised His merciful forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in confession. He will revive them and speak peace to His people. In His stead and by His command, therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: May our God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you in ways of peace and joy, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Introit

Psalm 148

P: Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise him in the heights above.

**C: Praise him, all his angels,
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

P: Praise him, sun and moon,
 praise him, all you shining stars.

C: **Praise him, you highest heavens
 and you waters above the skies.**

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
 for he commanded and they were created.

C: **He set them in place for ever and ever;
 he gave a decree that will never pass away.**

**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

My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
 great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
 fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
 bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
 ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
 sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
 Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Reading..... Acts 4:32-35
(Response to resurrection; p.923 of your pew bible)

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading..... 1 John 1:1-2:2
(Walking in the Light; p.1028 of your pew bible)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched-- this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

***2:1** My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense-- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading..... John 20:19-31

(Jesus appears to the disciples; p.917 of your pew bible)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 470

Sermon “The Word Appeared”..... 1 John 1:1-2:2

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.

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.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, whose love daily attends us and whose peace blesses us in countless ways. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may worthily receive the bread and wine, that is the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of the full salvation He has

won for us. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. Unite us with all who gather with us at Your table here and with all in Your glorious presence who now feast at Your eternal table in the courts of heaven. 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.

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

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

LSB 466

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

LSB 477

Post-Communion Collect

P: Grant, O Lord, that the lips which have sung Your praise in the sanctuary, may glorify You in the world, that the ears, which have heard the voice of Your songs may be

closed to the voice of clamor and dispute, that the eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope, that the tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth, and that the bodies of all who have tasted of Your Son's living body and blood may be restored to newness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever

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

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

LSB 464

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- Today are Elders Jason Johnston and Greg Schroll. Next Sunday April 15th are 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!

You're Invited!! -The Anchorage Garden Club has invited anyone from our congregation to their **April 10th** meeting at 7pm here at ORLC. They will have a speaker from Lutheran Church of Hope in Anchorage present on how they are successful at producing approx. 5,000lbs of fresh food from their community garden.

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

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.

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!

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.

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 April 15th, 3-5 pm. Open to grades 5-12!

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.

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 April 1, 2018: 200

Offering last Sunday: \$ 6,962

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.

*Alex Parker-DCE Intern

*Elders

*Bill & Kaylene Johnson-Sullivan, Todd Johnson, Jason & Lauren Johnston their families.

Contributions last week: \$6,696

Budget: \$4,025

Over (**under**) \$2,937

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

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

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

8 Dawn Harms

14 Nathan Stoltenberg

15 Matt & Judy Keith

9 Blain Johnston

14 River Johnson

10 James Baumgartner

14 Ying Chang

10 Change Chang

15 Bao Chang

10 Conner Bicher

15 Christy Andrews

12 Bill Kuhlmann

15 Lydia Wirkus

14 Kao Chang

OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

04/08/2017-04/15/2017

Today

Pastors Bible Study

9:00am

All Youth Bible Hour

9:00am

Creative Worship Service

10:00am

Elders Potluck

11:00am

Lifespan Meeting

11:00am

Tuesday

Elders Meeting

7:00pm

Garden Club Presentation

7:00pm

Wednesday

Church Brunch @ Bobby's Café

10:00am

Movie Night "Is Genesis History"

7:00pm

Thursday

Council Meeting

7:00pm

Saturday

Food Pantry

10-12pm

Next Sunday

Pastors Bible Study

9:00am

Prek-4th Grade Bible Hour

9:00am

Contemporary Worship Service

10:00am

Elders Potluck

11:00am

Youth Group

3-5pm

SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER

HOW	THIS WEEK (04/08)	NEXT WEEK (04/15)
Altar Guild	Marianne Dabbs Ingrid Roelfs	Marianne Dabbs Teri Jarnagin
Acolyte	Volunteer	Volunteer
Accompanist	Carol Shearer	Praise Band
Greeters	Sue Rajek	Jason & Lauren Johnston
Lector	Carol Shearer	Scott Roelfs
Elders	Jason Johnston Johnny Jarnagin	Greg Schroll Jason Johnston
Ushers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Cleaners	Nyback (1) Losey (2) Nishimura (3)	Roelfs (1) Pospeck (2) Rajek (3)
Food Pantry	Gaye Sarvela	Yong & Ying Chang
Prek-Kinder	Trina & Kjersti Maakestad	Stephanie Stoltenberg & Maddie Knutson
1 st -4 th Grade	Nancy Sitz	Lauren Johnston
Jr. High	Kristianna Coburn	N/A
Sr. High	Alex Parker	N/A

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