



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
The Tender Sprig
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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 Word of the Lord always grows from humble origins. Whether it's the tender sprig or the mustard seed, His great love grows from the weakest, the smallest, and the most unexpected circumstances.*

Call to Worship - Welcome

Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790

Invocation

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

Opening Versicles

P: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners,
C: **nor sits in the seat of scoffers.**
P: But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night.
C: **He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.**
P: In all that he does, he prospers.
C: **The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.** *Psalm 1:1-4*

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.
C: **Holy God, we admit this day that we have often been like chaff that the wind drives away. We have become distracted by the influences of the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh. We deserve nothing but Your wrath and punishment. Yet, we trust in Jesus our Savior. Save us, we pray, from all distractions and teach us to meditate upon Your Word day and night.**
P: Dear friends in Christ, God has indeed declared our sins forgiven. We have been made new creatures because of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection. We can be sure that the Kingdom of God isn't just coming--it is here among us! Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, 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.**

Introit

Psalm 92:12-15

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
C: **The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**
P: They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.
They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,
C: **to declare that the Lord is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**
**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



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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..... Ezekiel 17:22-24

(The Tender Sprig; p.713 of your pew bible)

"This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ All the trees of the field will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. "I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading..... 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

(Our heavenly dwelling; p.977 of your pew bible)

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ² Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, ³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ We live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading..... Mark 4:26-34

(Seed parables; p.847 of your pew bible)

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain-- first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the

ground. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade." ³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

LSB 500

Sermon "The Tender Sprig" Ezekiel 17:22-24



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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and arch-angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

C: **We live by faith, not by sight.**

Words of Institution

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

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
O Lord, We Praise Thee
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 892
LSB 617
LSB 700

Post-Communion Collect

P: We give You thanks, our Father, for the life and knowledge You have revealed to us through Jesus, Your Son. To You be glory forever. As this broken bread was once scattered as seed upon the fields and after being harvested was made one, so let Your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom, for Yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may Almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Departing Hymn

On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921

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.)

THANK YOU!! A HUGE thank you to all 35 of our VBS Volunteers for their dedication this past week, our program would not run without all of you, you are truly amazing.

Bench Raffle-Our bench has a new home, congrats to Sandi Klein and her family! Thank you all for supporting our raffle and your continued support for our youth program.

Pastor's Bible Study -Summer series on *Ephesians* Sundays @9am for anyone!

Men's Study - Tuesday, June 19th at 7pm. We're looking at C. S. Lewis' classic book, *Mere Christianity* (thru chapter 5). Join us!

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**

Church Brunch - Join us June 20, at 10 AM for brunch at Bobby's Cafe in Peter's Creek.

Worshipping last Sunday June 10, 2018: 78

Offering last Sunday: \$ 2,906

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.

*James Baumgartner-Pastor

*Secretary

*Chuck & Terri Semmler, Bart & Andria Semmler, Chris & Jennifer Sewell and their families.

Contributions last week: \$2,906

Budget: \$4,025

Over (under) **\$1,119**

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

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

BIRTHDAYS

19 Duncan Keith
 19 Mona Schultz
 21 Eric Roelfs
 22 Layne Sarvela
 24 Matt Keith

ANNIVERSARIES

17 Todd & Becca Carroll
 17 Derek & Christi Sitz
 21 Kevin & Suzanne McCarthy
 23 Scott & Tabbie Roelfs
 23 Ron & Julie Pospeck
 24 Bryant & Amy Sheppard
 24 Bill & Kaylene Sullivan

OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

06/17/2018-06/24/2018

Today	Pastors Bible Study	9:00am
	Creative Worship Service	10:00am
	Hmong Bible Study	1:00pm
	Hmong Worship Service	2:00pm
Tuesday	Men's Study	7:00pm
Saturday	Food Pantry	10-12pm
Next Sunday	Pastors Bible Study	9:00am
	Worship Service 1	10:00am

SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER

HOW	THIS WEEK (06/17)	NEXT WEEK (06/24)
Altar Guild	Sue Rajek Christy Andrews	Mary Losey Gaye Sarvela
Acolyte	Volunteer	Volunteer
Accompanist	Carol Shearer	Jess Della Croce
Greeters	Jason & Lauren Johnston	Len & Mary Ann Nelson
Lector	Jason Johnston	Jane Walker
Elders	Scott Roelfs Johnny Jarnagin	Erik Johnson Scott Roelfs
Ushers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Cleaners	Johnson E. (1) Hattenburg (2) Firmstone (3)	Knutson (1) Johnson-Sullivan (2) Johnston (3)
Food Pantry	Jane Walker & Ingrid Roelfs	David & KumSun Beaulieu

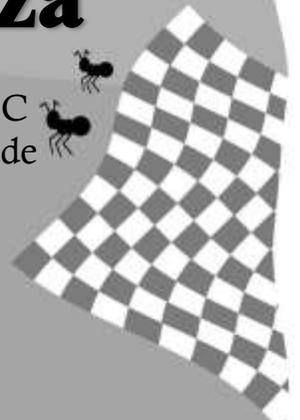
THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!

Volunteers are just ordinary people with extraordinary hearts. They offer the gift of their time to teach, to listen, to help, to inspire, to build, to grow, to learn. They expect no pay, yet the value of their work knows no limit... They've known the unexpected joy of a simple hug. They've planted tiny seeds of love in countless lives. Volunteers are just ordinary people who reach out and take a hand and together make a difference that lasts as lifetime.



July 4th Extravaganza

Enjoy the 4th of July Parade from our parking lot. ORLC will provide hot dogs, please bring a side to share. Parade starts at 2pm



If you are interested in training please contact Sally Coburn or Ericka Stoltenberg!



Family and Friends: Infant/Child/Adult CPR

Resurrection Pass Bike Trip

JUNE 29 - July 1

