



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 26, 2018

# 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'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.

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Divine Service, Setting 1 – page 151*

**AS WE GATHER** *It's easy to punch the time-clock of attending a worship service, saying a prayer, or confessing a creed. It's easy to pay lip service to God. But the Almighty sees right through such nonsense.*

**Call to Worship - Welcome**

**Hymn of Invocation**

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

Congregation: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

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

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

*John 20:19-23*

C: **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

**Introit** – *Psalm 26:8; 1-2, 6-7*

P: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house  
and the place where your glory dwells.

C: **Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.**

P: Prove me, O Lord, and try me;  
test my heart and my mind.

C: **I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,  
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.  
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.**

**Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C:   
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C:   
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C:   
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C:   
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C:   
**C** A - men.

**Hymn of Praise ~ This Is the Feast**

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



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

### Salutation & Collect of the Day

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

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

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

### The First Reading.....Isaiah 29:11-19 (False worship; pg. 601 of your pew bible )

For you this whole vision is nothing but words sealed in a scroll. And if you give the scroll to someone who can read, and say to him, "Read this, please," he will answer, "I can't; it is sealed."<sup>12</sup> Or if you give the scroll to someone who cannot read, and say, "Read this, please," he will answer, "I don't know how to read."

<sup>13</sup> The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men."<sup>14</sup> Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish."<sup>15</sup> Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from the LORD, who do their work in darkness and think, "Who sees us? Who will know?"<sup>16</sup> You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, "He did not make me"? Can the pot say of the potter, "He knows nothing"?<sup>17</sup> In a very short time, will not Lebanon be turned into a fertile field and the fertile field seem like a forest?<sup>18</sup>

In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see. <sup>19</sup> Once more the humble will rejoice in the LORD; the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**The Epistle Reading.....Ephesians 5:22-33**  
(Wives and Husbands, Church and Christ; pg. 990 of your pew bible)

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-- <sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." <sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery-- but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**The Gospel Reading..... Mark 7:1-13**

(Clean and Unclean; pg. 850 of your pew bible)

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and <sup>2</sup> saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were "unclean," that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup> When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) <sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?"

<sup>6</sup> He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. <sup>7</sup> They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.' <sup>8</sup> You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men." <sup>9</sup> And he said to them: "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.' <sup>11</sup> But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban' (that is, a gift devoted to God), <sup>12</sup> then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. <sup>13</sup> Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: 

 Praise to You, O Christ.

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn of the Day**

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915

**Sermon “Lip Service”.....Isaiah 29:13**

**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

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C:   
C And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C:   
C We lift them to the Lord.

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

C:   
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:

### Sanctus

**C** 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.**

### Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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 our Lord

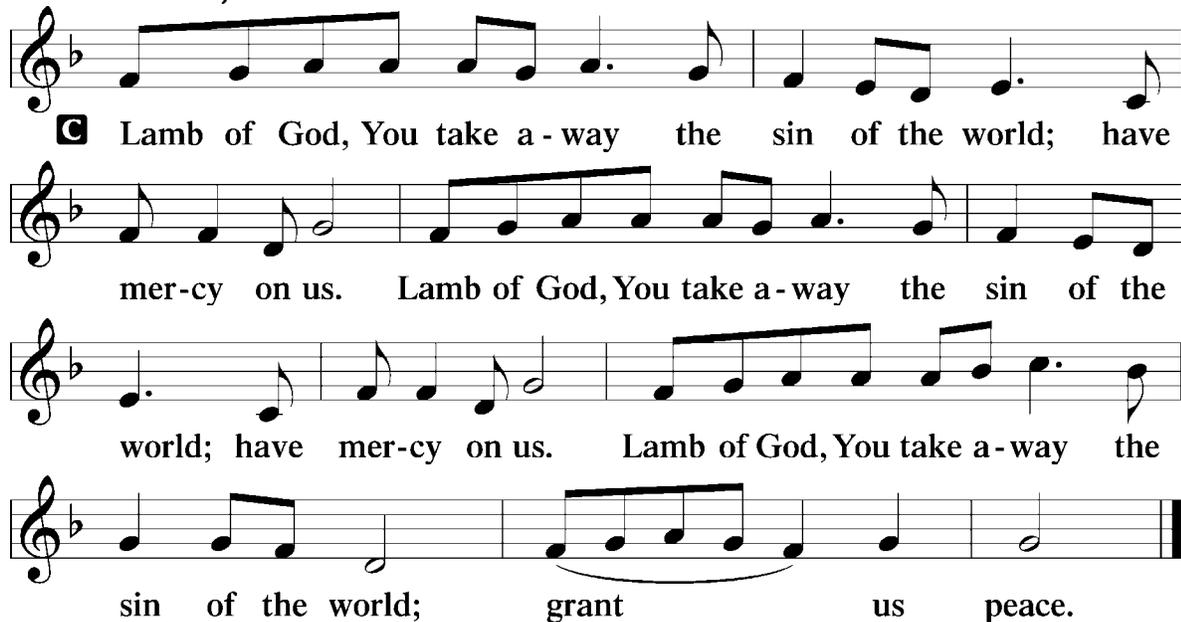
#### Pax Domini ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

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

C: 

**C** A - - men.

#### Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

#### Distribution Hymns

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng  
O Lord, We Praise Thee  
Lord Jesus, Think on Me

LSB 813  
LSB 617  
LSB 610

## Post-Communion Canticle ~ *Thank the Lord*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

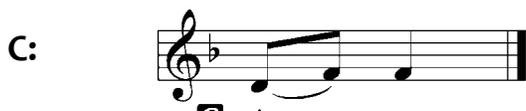
P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - - men.

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



**C** A - - men.

## Announcements

## Departing Hymn

Jerusalem the Golden

LSB 672

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](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.)

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

**Men's Study** – Thanks for all the great conversation this summer! We're taking a hiatus until after moose season. Stay tuned!

**LCMS National Convention** - The 67th Convention of our national church body, The Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod is scheduled for July 20-25, 2019. Our Alaska congregations come together to send one layperson and one pastor as voting representatives. Please let Pastor James know by August 28th if you would like to nominate any LCMS member or pastor in Alaska to be your representative.

**Lutheran Social Services of Alaska** -- is hosting their Harvest of Hope Auction on the evening of Friday, September 21st at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel. Tickets are \$100 per person, available by calling LSSA at 272-0643 or online at [www.lssalaska.org](http://www.lssalaska.org).

**Boot Drive 2018**- Sept 16 and Oct. 21 Bring new or gently used boots (winter boots preferred) to church during our Boot Drive to benefit needy adults and children who have no suitable footwear for the upcoming winter months. Questions? Contact Ingrid Roelfs, 694-8144 or [roelfs@gci.net](mailto:roelfs@gci.net)

## Youth Ministry Information\* Ericka Stoltenberg- Youth Leader

**Sr. High Scavenger Hunt- TODAY!!!** Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup> is our Sr. High State Fair Scavenger Hunt. The ORLC van will leave the church at 11:45am and return 5:30pm.

**Sunday School Teachers Needed**-Seeking those with a heart for teaching the younger generation about JESUS! We particularly are in need of a Preschool teacher and Preschool assistants. To find out more, or volunteer, please contact Ericka @907-440-0367 / [office@orlc-ak.org](mailto:office@orlc-ak.org).

**NYG DEADLINE-** For those attending the National Youth Gathering please keep in mind that **Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>** is our commitment deadline & deposit due.

**Sunday School Teacher Meeting-** Please join me **Sunday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>** right after service for a brief teacher meeting. If you haven't committed to being part of our team but would like to hear about our program please stop by. This is open to anyone!

**Worshipping last Sunday August 19, 2018: 92**

**Offering last Sunday: \$ 1,555**

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

\*President Ex-Officio

\*Seng & Bao Chang, Sourivan & Jeanette Chang, Vang Chang and their families.

Contributions last week: \$1,555

Budget: \$4,025

Over (**under**) **\$2,470**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

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

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 26 Carl Firmstone
- 28 Len Nelson
- 29 Duke Sheppard
- 29 Dausen Loughman
- 31 Derek Nishimura
- 1 Venita Moore

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**08/26/2018-09/02/2018**

<b>Today</b>	Pastors Bible Study Worship Service 1 Sr. High Scavenger Hunt	9:00am 10:00am 11:45-5:30pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Food Pantry	10-12pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Pastors Bible Study Creative Worship Service	9:00am 10:00am

# SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER

HOW	THIS WEEK (08/26)	NEXT WEEK (09/02)
Altar Guild	Gaye Sarvela Mary Losey	Anne Craig Evelyn Sampson
Acolyte	Volunteer	Volunteer
Accompanist	Jess DellaCroce	Carol Shearer
Greeters	Nancy Sitz & Gaye Sarvela	Vern & Ingrid Roelfs
Lector	Geri Wacker	Angie Nishimura
Elders	Mark Keller Greg Schroll	Scott Roelfs Mark Keller
Ushers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Cleaners	Dees (1) Farr (2) Carroll (3)	Chang Lue (1) Chang, Sourivan (2) Chang, Ying (3)
Food Pantry	Knutson Family	Forrest & Geri Wacker

EXPLORING  
**MARK**  
a study through the gospel

*S* Wednesdays, Sept. 19 - Nov. 14  
10:00am OR 7:00pm  
*Join at any time!*