



I AM
The Bread
of Life

JOHN 6:25-70

JOHN 8:52-58



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! What 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 We are at the third of three Sundays hearing Jesus' "Bread of Life" discourse from John chapter 6. It is Christ living/abiding in us through His Word and Spirit that gives us the power and ability to fight against "the unfruitful works of darkness" (Ephesians 5:11) and to walk as children of the Light in the newness and joy of the Christian life (Ephesians 5:8). Welcome today's guest preacher -- Deacon Gerry Zellar

Call to Worship - Welcome

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905

Invocation

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

Congregation: **Amen.**

L: This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you,

C: **that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.**

1 John 1:5

L: And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,

C: **for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.**

Revelation 21:33

L: For at one time you were darkness,

C: **but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.**

Ephesians 5:8

Confession and Absolution

L: In the presence of our Lord, we confess our sins.

C: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed. I pray to God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

L: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 111

L: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

C: **Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

L: Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

C: **Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.**

L: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

C: **He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!**

**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



All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His



fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A child of



God for - ev - er. God shows His good and gra - cious will And



grants His peace, the world to fill— All strife at last has end - ed.

Salutation

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; 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..... Proverbs 9:1-10 (Wisdom and Folly; p.542of your pew bible)

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out its seven pillars. ² She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³ She has sent out her maids, and she calls from the highest point of the city. ⁴ "Let all who are simple come in here!" she says to those who lack judgment. ⁵ "Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. ⁶ Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of understanding. ⁷ "Whoever corrects a mocker invites insult; whoever rebukes a wicked man incurs abuse. ⁸ Do not rebuke a

mockers or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you. ⁹ Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning. ¹⁰ "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading..... Ephesians 5:6-21
(Children of Light; p.989 of your pew bible)

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them. ⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live-- not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. ¹⁹ Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading..... John 6:51-69
(Words of Life; p.902 of your pew bible)

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." ⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³ Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" ⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶² What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. ⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

Sermon Gerry Zellar

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

- L:** Let us pray with confidence on behalf of the whole Church and the world to Him who has the words of eternal life. For the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, that we may walk as children of the Light; when sin is exposed around us or in others, that we may extend the same forgiveness and salvation we ourselves have received from God; and that our lives may be a melody of praise to God, addressing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- L:** May all who lead the nations of the earth hear God's Word and rule in accordance with the good, gracious, and just will of God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- L:** May all who look to the Lord for healing, hope, and comfort in their trials (*especially _____*) give thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- L:** May our eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ at His altar strengthen us with His own eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- L:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.**

Preface

- L:** The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.**
- L:** Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.**
- L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

L: 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: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.

John 6:69

Words of Institution

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

C: Amen.

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

Baptismal Waters Cover Me	LSB 616
Evening and Morning	LSB 726
I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table	LSB 618

Post-Communion Collect

L: 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 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.

C: Amen.

Blessing

L: The Lord bless You and keep you;
the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord look on you in favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Departing Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB 924

L: 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.)

Pastor's Bible Study – Cancelled for the weekend of August 19th. Join us on the 26th!

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

Sunday School Teachers Needed- Seeking those with a heart for teaching the younger generation about JESUS! To find out more, or volunteer, please contact Ericka @907-440-0367 / office@orlc-ak.org

Health Ministry Team- Anyone interested in participation on the newly forming Health Ministry Team with Sally Coburn is welcome. If you'd like to find out more or volunteer to help, please contact Sally Coburn at 688-5215 or coburn@mtaonline.net.

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.

Youth Ministry Information* Ericka Stoltenberg- Youth Leader

Back to School Blessing- TODAY!!!! This is for all students, teachers, bus drivers and administrators to receive a blessing as we prepare for the coming school year.

Jr. High Bowling Event- TODAY!!! 1-3pm we will kick off the year with a back to school bowling event. The church van will leave ORLC at 12:45pm and return at 3:15pm. Cost is \$10pp RSVP with Ericka or sign up on the youth board. If you want to meet us at the Eagle River bowling alley that is fine too!

Sr. High Scavenger Hunt- NEXT Sunday August 26th is our Sr. High State Fair Scavenger Hunt. The ORLC van will leave the church at 11:45am and return 5:30pm. Cost is \$10pp RSVP with Ericka by August 20th or sign up on the youth board! Youth bring food money!

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

Worshipping last Sunday August 12, 2018: 92

Offering last Sunday: \$ 3,669

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

*Chair of Congregation

*John & Poua Chang, Mong & Kao Chang, Mouamong & Mai Chang and their families.

Contributions last week: \$3,669

Budget: \$4,025

Over (under) \$356

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

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

BIRTHDAYS

19 Ana Kroona

19 Jennie Knutson

20 Tokyo Lee

22 Jeannette Chang

22 Stephanie Stoltenberg

23 Jackie Dees

25 Jenni Sewell

26 Carol Firmstone

ANNIVERSARIES

21 Bill & Sue Cheeseman

OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

08/19/2018-08/26/2018

Today	Creative Worship Service	10:00am
	Back to School Blessing	10:00am
	Hmong Bible Study	1:00pm
	Hmong Worship Service	2:00pm
	Jr. High Bowling	1-3pm
Saturday	Food Pantry	10-12pm
	Advent Brunch Planning Meeting	10am
Next Sunday	Pastors Bible Study	9:00am
	Worship Service 1	10:00am
	Sr High Scavenger Hunt	11:45-5:30pm

SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER

HOW	THIS WEEK (08/19)	NEXT WEEK (08/26)
Altar Guild	Jane Walker Nancy Sitz	Gaye Sarvela Mary Losey
Acolyte	Volunteer	Volunteer
Accompanist	Carol Shearer	Jess DellaCroce
Greeters	Scott & Penny Hattenburg	Nancy Sitz & Gaye Sarvela
Lector	Vern Roelfs	Geri Wacker
Elders	Greg Schroll Jason Johnston	Mark Keller Greg Schroll
Ushers	Volunteer	Volunteers
Cleaners	Bicher (1) Coburn (2) Andrews (3)	Dees (1) Farr (2) Carroll (3)
Food Pantry	Scott & Tabbie Roelfs	Knutson Family



August 19th 1-3pm

Open to all Middle Schoolers (6-8th Grade)

Cost \$10pp ** Meet @ORLC 12:45 return by 3:15pm



High School Youth Scavenger Hunt

August 26th

11:30-5pm

\$10pp

@ the

9-12th Grade



Sign up Today!! Contact Ericka
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