



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 2, 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! 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 *As forgiveness flows down from the cross of Christ, God takes what is unclean and makes it clean. He takes what is common and makes it uncommon. In grace, He gives you an uncommon heart!*

Call to Worship - Welcome

Opening Hymn

God Himself Is Present

LSB 907

Invocation

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

P: Jesus speaks good news to us in today's Gospel: "Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him" (*Mark 7:15a*). But He continues with a condemning word of Law, "Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.'" (*Mark 7:15b*). We cannot face our almighty God today with the sins that come from within; they produce the sinful thoughts, words, and deeds for which He would be justified in excluding us from His presence. Yet, because – as St. Paul writes in the Epistle – our gracious heavenly Father has given us "the shield of faith" and "the sword of the Spirit," (*Ephesians 6:16,17*) We can confidently go to God in Christ's name, seeking and imploring His grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

P: Gracious, heavenly Father,

C: I confess to You and to these, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned with my evil thoughts, words, and deeds. I am defiled by them and helpless to stop them without Your aid. They are so much a part of my life that I am not even aware of them all. For Jesus' sake, forgive me. Hear me as I echo the psalmist's plea:

Introit

Psalm 51:7, 10-12

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C: and cleanse me from my sin!

P: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

C: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: and renew a right spirit within me.

P: Cast me not away from Your presence,

C: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**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.**

P: Through Baptism the Holy Spirit has washed away all our sins. Our heavenly Father looks at us through the all-atoning blood of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He promises grace and every blessing. 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

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. O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works, 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..... Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (Obedience; p.152 of your pew bible)

Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people."⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him?⁸ And what other nation is

so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? ⁹ Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading..... Ephesians 6:10-20
(Armor of God; p.990 of your pew bible)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



The Gospel Reading..... Mark 7:14-23
(Clean and Unclean; p.850 of your pew bible)

Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.'" ¹⁶ ¹⁷ After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. ¹⁸ "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him 'unclean'? ¹⁹ For it

doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods "clean.")²⁰ He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.'²¹ For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,²² greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.²³ All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842

SermonThe Uncommon Heart

Greek 101

- *baptizo* means "to _____"
- *koinos* means "_____"
- *koinonia* means "_____"

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

- P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. For the nations of the world and their leaders let us pray to the Lord.
- C:** **Lord of all, bestow Your wisdom and understanding on the powers that be so that they may strive for justice for their citizens and peace across their borders.**
- P:** For the Church around the world as it confronts rejection and persecution let us pray to the Lord.
- C:** **Remind Your sons and daughters, heavenly Father, of the armor You provide so that they may be able to withstand the schemes of the devil and stand firm in faith.**
- P:** For all who make, administer, and adjudicate our laws let us pray to the Lord.
- C:** **Gird them, good Lord, with Your truth and surround them with righteousness so that they may serve our nation for the good of all.**
- P:** For all who are called to respond to fire and flood, illness and accident, let us pray to the Lord.
- C:** **Instill in them, O Holy Spirit, the readiness that comes only with the Gospel so that they and those they serve may walk in peace.**
- P:** For all who offer prayers and supplications in immediate crises or under chronic ills or circumstances [including _____], let us pray to the Lord.
- C:** **In all circumstances, Lord our God, hear the supplication of Your saints and according to Your will grant them perseverance in strife, and a measure of health, solace, justice, and dignity.**
- P:** Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C:** **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 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: ***be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power!***

Ephesians 6:10

Words of Institution

P: 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

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606

Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 621

Post-Communion Collect

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that in this sacrament You have assured us that You alone cleanse us from our sin within. Strengthen us thereby that we may show forth our faith in words and actions through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

P: 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 of All Hopefulness

LSB 738

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.)

ORLC Constitution - A draft version of a Constitution/Bylaws/Policy Manual have been placed in your church mailbox (or below if you don't have one). Take a look at it over the next month, and we'll discuss any proposed changes at the October Voter's Meeting.

Pastor's Bible Study –Sundays @9am for anyone!

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

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.

Growing in Christ- Fall bible hour for all ages kicks off Sunday September 23rd @9am.

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

Youth Ministry Information* Ericka Stoltenberg- Youth Leader

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.

NYG DEADLINE TODAY!! For those attending the National Youth Gathering, commitment forms & deposits are due!!

Sunday School Teacher Meeting- Please join me **Sunday Sept. 9th** 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 26, 2018: 127
Offering last Sunday: \$ 4,105

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.

*Pastor James Baumgartner- Pastor
 *Vice Chair
 *Ying Chang, Yong Vang & Laura Chang, Rick Coates and their families.

Contributions last week: \$4,105	Budget: \$4,025	Over (under) \$80
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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

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

BIRTHDAYS

4 Khamla Chang
 6 Caitlin Keith

ANNIVERSARIES

4 Bill & Diane Kuhlmann

OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

09/02/2018-09/09/2018

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

SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER

HOW	THIS WEEK (09/02)	NEXT WEEK (09/09)
Altar Guild	Anne Craig Evelyn Sampson	Christy Andrews Sue Rajek
Acolyte	Volunteer	Volunteer
Accompanist	Carol Shearer	Carol Shearer
Greeters	Vern & Ingrid Roelfs	Scott & Tabbie Roelfs
Lector	Angie Nishimura	Vern Roelfs
Elders	Scott Roelfs Mark Keller	Erik Johnson Scott Roelfs
Ushers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Cleaners	Chang Lue (1) Chang, Sourivan (2) Chang, Ying (3)	Johnston(1) Knutson (2) Sullivan- Johnson(3)
Food Pantry	Forrest & Geri Wacker	Evelyn Sampson

EXPLORING
MARK
a study through the gospel

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

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September 23rd

Fall

KICK-OFF
POTLUCK



Our
Sunday Bible Hour
is

Beginning
September 23rd

Growing
in **CHRIST**

together in God's Word

