



Our Redeemer
Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

First Sunday in Advent
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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 *The people living in darkness had been waiting for thousands of years. The One whom God would send would be the Messiah, the Christ, the Savior of the Nations! As Jesus rode humbly into Jerusalem, it marked the Advent – the arrival – of the King.*

Call to Worship - Welcome

Opening Hymn

Jerusalem the Golden

LSB 672

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

P: The first Advent candle is lit, anticipating the coming light of Christ.

C: **Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

Psalm 24:1-6

P: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined."

Isaiah 9:2

C: **Come, Lord Jesus, our Light and Life.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father, we confess to You and to our brothers and sisters in Christ that we purposely try to forget our sins, to minimize them by comparing ourselves to others whom we consider greater sinners than ourselves. Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, For the sake of Your goodness, O Lord.**

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, God declares to us that as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. (*Psalm 103:12*) Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. We are all forgiven through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord!

C: **Amen.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Almighty**

The First Reading..... Jeremiah 33:14-16
(A Righteous Branch; p.672 of your pew bible)

"The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. ¹⁵ "'In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.'

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading..... 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
(Increase in Love; p.998 of your pew bible)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading..... Luke 19:28-40
(The Triumphal Entry; p.887 of your pew bible)

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had



told them.³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it."³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it.³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332

Sermon "The Advent of our King"Luke 19:28-40

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 that we may not become excessively distracted or anxious as we see the Day of the Lord approaching through signs and wonders in the order of creation.
- C: Lord, come and save Your people.**
- P: Let us pray for the nations of the world, that all people may know that the God who created the heavens and the earth has also redeemed His creation through the life, death, resurrection, and imminent return of His Son Jesus Christ.
- C: Lord, come and save Your people.**
- P: Let us pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit among us, that He may truly be our Comforter--the One who remains by our side.
- C: Lord, come and save Your people.**
- P: Let us rejoice with those who rejoice around us, that we too may see Your comfort as we comfort one another.
- C: Lord, come and save Your people.**
- P: Let us mourn with those who mourn that we may all believe and confess our unrelenting hope in the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, our Lord Jesus, who lives that we too may live.
- C: Lord, come and save Your people.**
- P: And let us pray for those with special needs [including . . .], that they and all caretakers may know the substance of Your promise and heartily believe that the prayers of Your people are powerful and effective.
- C: Lord, come and save Your people.**
- P: Blessing, honor, glory, power, and might be to our God, now and forever.
- 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: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Through His holy prophets, He promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ascribed to St. Hippolytus

P: Thanks be to You, O Lord, because in these last days You did send to us Your beloved Servant, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior and our Redeemer and the Messenger of Your will: Who is Your Word inseparable from You; Through whom You made all things and with whom You were well pleased: Whom You did send from heaven into the womb of the virgin, and who, having been conceived within her, became flesh, and was manifested as Your Son, being born of the Holy Spirit and a virgin.

Who, when He was betrayed to His voluntary suffering, in order that He might abolish death, break the bonds of the adversary, tread Hades underfoot, give light to the righteous, establish a memorial, and manifest the resurrection, took bread, gave thanks to You, and said: Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you. Likewise also the cup, saying, This is My blood which is poured out for you. As often as you do this, you shall do it in remembrance of Me.

Therefore, having in remembrance His death and resurrection, we give thanks to You, because You have counted us worthy to stand before You and to serve You. Gather into one, we pray You, all Your holy people who partake thereof; fill them with Your Holy Spirit for the confirmation of their faith in the truth, and grant that we may praise and glorify You through Your Servant, Jesus Christ. Through whom all honor and glory belongs to You, the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Words of Institution

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.

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

The Advent of Our King	LSB 331
Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors	LSB 339
Ride On, Ride On in Majesty	LSB 441

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Hear the prayer of Your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised You here may glorify You in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of Your Son may long for His coming again, and that all who have received in His true body and blood the pledge of Your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through 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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing	LSB 528
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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.



Church Decorating TODAY!! Right after worship please join us as we decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas season.

Jingle & Mingle - THIS WEEK! Every single one of you is invited to the 3rd annual open-house Christmas party at the parsonage. The festive merriment begins this Friday, Dec. 7th, at 6pm!



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.

God With Us Children's Christmas Service-December 16th will be our Children's Christmas Service. We are rehearsing the service during Sunday School with an after worship rehearsal on December 9th and we would love for your child/ren to join us.. If you have any questions please contact Ericka Stoltenberg 907-440-0367 /office@orlc-ak.org

Advent Meals/Worship - Join us each Wednesday in Advent for a great home-cooked meal at 6:00pm and worship at 7:00pm. Our series is called God With Us, and focuses on different word pictures of the coming Christ found in the poetic words of Isaiah. This week, we'll remember that God is with us as Our Shepherd who carries us close to his heart.

Advent Devotions - Available to you today in the narthex.

Pastor's Bible Study -Growing in Christ Sundays @9am for anyone!

Growing In Christ: Youth & Children's Bible Hour- Every Sunday for age 3-5th grade, 1st & 3rd Sunday's for Jr. & Sr. High. This week- Today we studied "Jacob's Dream", a story that shows God renewing His promise to bless all people through Jacob's family. God kept His promise by giving Jesus to be our Savior. Your family could discuss, "What reminders does God give us of His promises to us?"

Men's Study- Join us Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm at the parsonage. We're studying the book of Nehemiah together and learning some great things! We'll meet on the 4th and the 18th this month (December).

Women's Bible Study- We will be taking a break over the Christmas holiday. Our last December study will be on the 6th. We will resume again on January 24th!

Youth Group for Jr & Sr High- This month will be our 4th annual Christmas Lock-in December 21-22... Come for the evening or all night. Sign up on the youth board by December 15th to be on the VIP list...

Hymn of the Month: The Advent of Our King (LSB 331) -To help our congregation learn together and grow in the faith we will be singing a hymn of the month! By focusing on a single hymn each month, we will not only become familiar with it, but also digest the rich truths of the Lord found therein. Each hymn will have a connection with the church season and a melody which all ages might sing with ease.



Pre-worship prayer team-Volunteers needed to pray briefly with Pastor James before worship every Sunday. Sign up in lobby. Contact: Deac. Britt or Pastor James.

Holiday Drop & Shop- THIS SATURDAY... ..December 8th from 10-4pm. Register online now via our Facebook Events. For more information please contact Ericka Stoltenberg 907-440-0367 / office@orlc-ak.org.

Blessing Bag Donations – Please feel free to take a blessing bag or two to carry in your car. They are located in the Narthex.

The Cozy Tree... Decorate the Cozy Tree by placing knit caps, mittens, scarves and/or socks onto its branches on in the basket beneath. New items preferred but very clean and gently used items will be accepted (except for socks—new socks only, please!). Wool preferred, also. These items will be donated to help keep our less fortunate brothers and sisters warm and cozy this winter.

Worshipping last Sunday November 25, 2018: 80

Offering last Sunday: \$2,972

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- Admin/Youth Leader

*Treasurer

*Scott & Tabbie Roelfs, Vern & Ingrid Roelfs, Jim & Evelyn Sampson and their families.

Contributions last week: \$2,972

Budget: \$4,025

Over (under) **\$1,053**

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Todd Carroll
- 7 Oliver Moore
- 8 Roger Knueppel
- 8 Ashley Lang

ANNIVERSARIES

OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

12/02/2018-12/09/2018

Today	Pastors Bible Study	9:00am
	All Youth Bible Hour	9:00am
	Creative Worship Service	10:00am
	Church Decorating	
Tuesday	Men’s Bible Study	7:00pm
Wednesday	Advent Dinner	6:00pm
	Advent Mid-Week Service	7:00pm
Thursday	Women’s Bible Study	7:00pm
Saturday	Holiday Shop & Drop	10-4pm
Next Sunday	Pastors Bible Study	9:00am
	Children’s Bible Hour	9:00am
	Worship Service 3	10:00am
	Children’s Christmas Service Rehearsal	11:00am

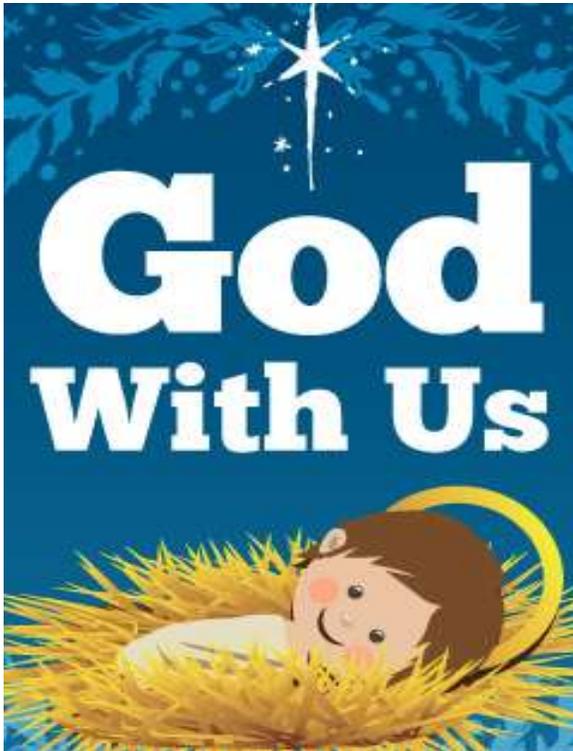
SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER

HOW	THIS WEEK (12/02)	NEXT WEEK (12/09)
Altar Guild	Gaye Sarvela Mary Losey	Nancy Sitz Ingrid Roelfs
Acolyte	Ben Johnston	Cole Smith
Accompanist	Carol Shearer	Jess Della Croce
Greeters	Len & Mary Ann Nelson	Scott & Penny Hattenburg
Lector	Carol Shearer	Vern Roelfs
Elders	Forrest Wacker Erik Johnson	Mark Keller Forrest Wacker
Ushers	Youth	Volunteers
Cleaners	Knutson (1) Johnson-Sullivan (2) Nishimura (3)	Nyback (1) Losey (2) Rajek (3)
Food Pantry	Lydia Wirkus	Closed
Early Childhood (2-4 years)	Tabbie Roelfs Becca Carroll	Ericka Stoltenberg Venita Moore
Lower Elementary (K-2 nd)	Matt Jacobson	Stephanie Stoltenberg Madie Knutson
Upper Elementary (3 rd -5 th)	Gaye Sarvela	Jennie Knutson
Jr. High	Terri Semmler	N/A
Sr. High	Ericka Stoltenberg	N/A

Cozy Tree

Returning to our Narthex this
December.....the Cozy Tree!

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God With Us Christmas Service Schedule

Sunday November 18-December 9th
Continue learning the service and assigning
scripts

Sunday December 9th
Full rehearsal after worship service. Snacks
provided

Sunday December 16th
9am youth arrive to prepare for the service
10am Children's Christmas Service

Christmas Eve: 7pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight: 10:30pm
Christmas Day: 10am

