



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! 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 share our confession at this altar 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 *Jesus told us, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit..." This powerful truth becomes our focus at ORLC for the next year. Rooted in love (Eph 3:17), and growing in Christ (Eph 4:15), God now calls us to examine what fruit is produced with such a faith. Or as Martin Luther put it, "We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone." Today's fruit? Self-control.*

Call to Worship – Welcome

Opening Hymn

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

LSB 691

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Our soul waits for the Lord;

C: **He is our help and our shield.**

P: For our heart is glad in Him,

C: **because we trust in His holy name.**

P: Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

C: **even as we hope in You.**

Psalm 33:20-22

P: God of grace and mercy,

C: **we acknowledge before You the sinfulness of our thoughts, words, and deeds that turn us away from Your love. We have not been genuinely grateful for the love You have shown us in Jesus, and we have not shown love or engaged in self-control. Instead we have been hurtful, impatient, and unkind. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus who gave His body and shed His blood in perfect sacrifice to purchase and win us from all sins, death, and the power of the devil. Send Your Holy Spirit to lead us in Your way of divine peace and mercy.**

P: God our Father loves us, hears our confession, and speaks His steadfast forgiveness to each of 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.

C: **Amen.**

Introit ~ Psalm 141:1-4, 8-9

P: O Lord, I call to you; come quickly to me.

Hear my voice when I call to you.

C: **May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.**

P: Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord;
keep watch over the door of my lips.

C: **Let not my heart be drawn to what is evil,
to take part in wicked deeds.**

P: My eyes are fixed on you, O Sovereign Lord;
in you I take refuge—do not give me over to death.

C: **Keep me from the snares they have laid for me,
from the traps set by evildoers.**

**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.**

Gloria In Excelsis



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Lord, as our Savior stood upon the solid foundation of God's Word against Satan, so keep us steadfast in Your truth, that we might resist temptation and exhibit self-control; 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 Old Testament Reading..... Proverbs 25:28

(Self-control; p.557 of your pew bible)

Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading..... Titus 2:11-15

(Ungodliness; p.1007 of your pew bible)

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope-- the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. ¹⁵ These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual ~ 1 Peter 1:13, 16

P: Therefore, prepare your minds for action;

C: be self-controlled;

P: set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

C: For it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

The Gospel Reading..... Luke 4:1-13

(Resisting temptation; p.867 of your pew bible)

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'" ⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to." ⁷ So if you worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" ⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹² Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411

SermonSelf-control

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Against such things there is no law.
Galatians 5:22-23*

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.

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 archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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/Offering

Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free
O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB 473
LSB 642

Post-Communion Prayer

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

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

C: Amen.

Announcements

Departing Hymn

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685

P: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

For those worshipping online with us...

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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.



SMILE!! -The congregation photo boards are ready for your photograph!! Photos should be 4x6 or 6x4. You are welcome to bring your own photo of that size (whether you are an individual, couple, or family), or find Terri Semmler who will be delighted to take your picture. Thank you for your participation!

Moonwalkers Nov. 28th-November Moonwalk will be in Eagle River, meet at 7 PM at the Mile High Saddle Trail parking lot. Wear weather-appropriate gear (including headlamps or flashlights, masks) and bring some hot cocoa/tea/coffee for after-walk-distanced-parking-lot- fellowship. Friends are welcome—furry or otherwise. Questions? contact Ingrid Roelfs Home: 694-8144, cell: 382-3662, roelfs@gci.net (more info/directions in the weekly what's happening email)

Walkin' at the Mac- "Walkin' at the Mac" is generally at 9AM Mon. and Thurs. (free for seniors or \$2per visit/ \$1.50 with punch card). If you are interested or have questions contact Ingrid Roelfs at 907-382-3662.

Scholarship Fund - We're forming an exploratory group to see what it would look like to offer educational scholarships for young members of our congregation. This wouldn't be limited to church work scholarships as we've done in the past, but would be open to any career direction. If you're interested, talk to Pastor James!

Tour of Israel NEW DATES -- ORLC is hosting a 10-day tour of the Holy Land, January 11-20, 2022. Look for more info at the Connection Corner.

Offering Envelopes Update- Council has voted not to order new envelopes for the upcoming year 2021. The decision was made to find generic, unnumbered envelopes, with a line for your name, for those wanting an envelope.



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.)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship - Hold That Feast!...just a bit. In the book of Deuteronomy, the Lord humbled Israel for just a time by not giving them the kind of feast they wanted. This year, our Thanksgiving celebrations take on a new look - with distances between friends and family. But in that delay of what we desire, we remember all good gifts come as blessings from the cross of Jesus! Join us for worship, Thanksgiving Eve @6pm.

Advent Devotions - Now available at The Connection Corner!

O Come, Emmanuel - Our worship services for the Wednesdays of Advent (7pm), and Christmas will walk through the O antiphons that declare who Christ is to us and that he has come to each one of us. We're reminded that Jesus is our Wisdom, our Lord, the Root of Jesse, the Key of David, our Dayspring, our Emmanuel and the King of Nations!

Sunday Bible Hour - Join Pastor James in walking through the book of James, each Sunday morning at 9am. We've been talking a lot about the fruit of the Spirit, and James (the book) gives us the right perspective on living out our faith through those actions!

Men's Bible Study- Jesus is our perfect sacrifice and our perfect priest, the fulfillment of all imperfect Old Testament figures. Join us each week as we walk through the book of Hebrews together, Tuesdays @7pm, beginning Nov. 3rd. Zoom link can be found in the What's happening email.

Youth & Children's Ministry- Sunday School lessons will be in an online format set up for at-home instruction. Ericka has set up a website that will be included in the weekly *What's Happening* email with an easy to follow format for at-home teaching. There will be a full supply list at the top of the website; if you are in need of any supplies or have any questions please reach out to Ericka, office@orlc-ak.org.

Midweek Devotion- Join us for a midweek devotion, posted each Wednesday morning. We'll work our way through the Psalms together, the hymnbook of the Bible which captures every single human emotion possible! Posted on Facebook or on our website: <https://www.orlc-ak.org/devotions>

Resources - Are you feeling overwhelmed, lonely, stressed, or drained? Let me remind you that we, your church family, are here should you need counsel, prayer, or resources. Please reach out and let us know if you, your family, or your kids need anything. We are here to support you through all stages of life. Why? Because we love you, just as Jesus loves us! Contact Deac. Britt for help with resources ranging from stress, family issues, devotions, and more.



Canned Corn Food Drive- Thank you to all who have donated to the Love Inc. Canned Food drive. Donations will be delivered today for the Thanksgiving Blessing Distribution.

River of Life at ORLC! – Just a reminder that River of Life will hold their worship service each Sunday at 1pm, with various meetings or studies at ORLC throughout the week. The office at the end of our upstairs hallway will be theirs during their stay. If you see some new faces around here, be sure to welcome your brothers and sisters in Christ!

New Church Sign – Thanks to the many generous hearts of ORLC and beyond, we have exceeded our goal for our new church sign. We will keep you updated on the progress!

Pre-worship prayer team - Volunteers needed to pray briefly with Pastor James before worship every Sunday.

Altar Flowers – Interested in providing flowers for the altar to mark a special occasion or simply your abundant joy in life? Contact office@orlc-ak.org to reserve a Sunday.

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
- *Vice-Chair
- *Doug & Sandi Klein, Judy Kleven, Roger Kneuppel and their families.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

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

BIRTHDAYS

23 Kathy Wallman-Hidek
27 Annika Roelfs

ANNIVERSARIES

OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

11/22/2020-11/29/2020

Today	Pastor’s Bible Study Creative Worship Service	9:00am 10:00am
Tuesday	Confirmation	7:00pm
Wednesday	Midweek Devotion (online)	
Thursday	Thanksgiving Eve Worship	6:00pm
Next Sunday	Pastor’s Bible Study Worship Service 1	9:00am 10:00am

SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER

HOW	THIS WEEK (11/22)	NEXT WEEK (11/29)
Altar Guild	Marianne Dabbs Evelyn Sampson	Gaye Sarvela Ingrid Roelfs
Accompanist	Carol Shearer	Steve Eng
Lector	Martha Wilkins	Matt Jacobson



December 1, people all over the world will come together and harness the power of human connection to change our world. Will you join us in focusing this change on Jesus?

Alaska Mission for Christ will be participating in GivingTuesday 2020, and we need YOUR help! Here's how you can get ready to help:

1. **Mark your calendar.** GivingTuesday is December 1, 2020. Keep an eye on your inbox for more details as the day gets closer!
2. **Give.** On December 1, we will be kicking off a special campaign to amplify the spread of the Good News of Jesus throughout Alaska! You can also support the mission by praying for our staff, board of directors, and souls we serve.
3. **Spread the word!** Encourage friends, family, and colleagues to join you. Share on social media what our mission means to you. Use the special hashtag **#alaska4Jesus** so we can harness the power of social media and connection to help share your story of radical generosity!

We can't wait to celebrate this special day with you on December 1!

There is something special in the works behind the scenes in our office to make this day of giving even more impactful for the kingdom of Jesus!

Stay tuned!



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