



Our Redeemer
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
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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 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.

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AS WE GATHER *The Epistle of James famously states, "Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do." In our Lenten series, the Red Letter Challenge, we're discovering that "the rhythm of a follower, or a disciple, of Jesus is to be both a hearer and a doer of what God says." Putting the words of Jesus into practice is nothing more than living with the evidence of the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives: Being. Forgiving. Serving. Giving. Going.*

Call to Worship – Welcome

Hymn of Invocation –

O Love, How Deep

LSB 544

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

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Psalm 130:3-4

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

C: **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit ~ *Psalm 27:1-4*

P: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C: **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

P: One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:

C: **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

**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 mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis *(omitted during Lent)*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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.....Numbers 21:4-9 *(The Bronze Snake); p.132 of your pew bible)*

They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵ they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" ⁶ Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading..... Ephesians 2:1-10 *(Made Alive in Christ; p.987 of your pew bible)*

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the

spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-- it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading..... John 3:14-21
(God's Gift; p.897 of your pew bible)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571

Sermon Red Letter Challenge: Giving

Being – Forgiving – Serving – Giving – Going

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

New Member Reception – *The Bierl family: Daniel, Jennifer, Aviana, & Chloe*

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

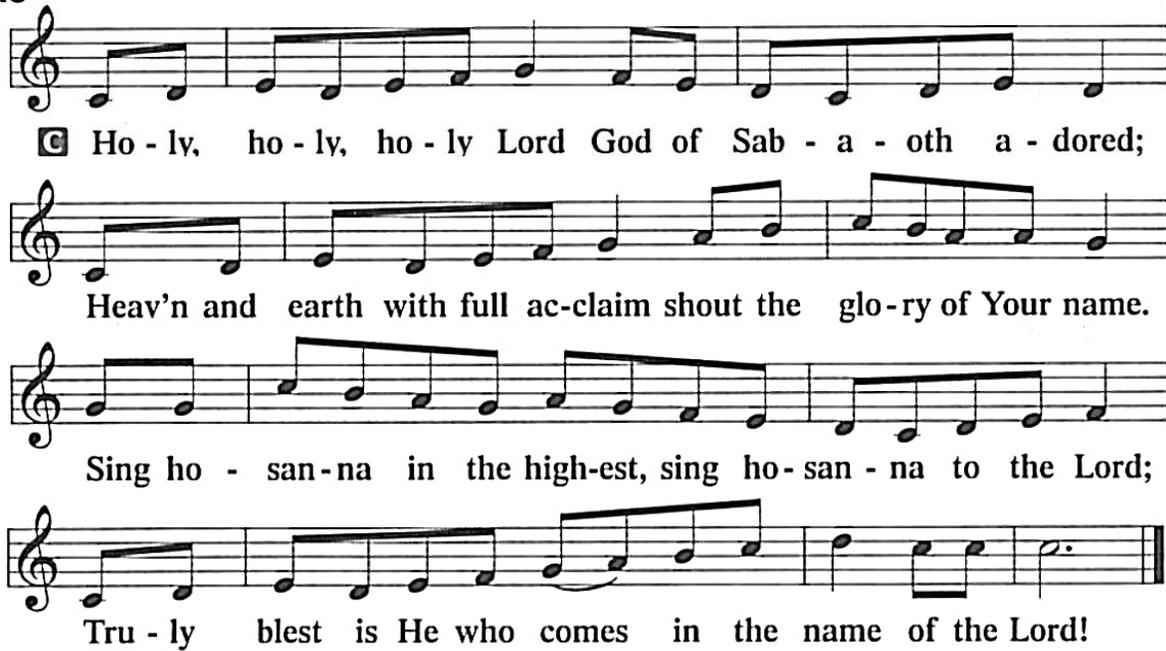
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto 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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. 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



C 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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Lord's Prayer

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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 Institution

Pax Domini

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

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Hymns ~ Offerings may be brought forward

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

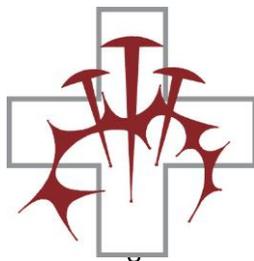
Amazing Grace

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

LSB 743

LSB 744

LSB 632



Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon



The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One; A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - For as in the be - gin - ning, Is to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re - peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el. sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P: Let us pray. 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.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Benediction

- 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 –

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB 918

- P: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C: **Thanks be to God!**

For those worshipping online with us...

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| O Love, How Deep Text and Tune: Public Domain | God Loved the World So That He Gave Text and Tune: Public Domain |
| Jesus, Priceless Treasure Text and Tune: Public Domain | Amazing Grace Text and Tune: Public Domain |
| O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee Text and Tune: Public Domain | Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer Text and Tune: Public Domain |

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. Thanks!

Voter's Meeting – Our next Congregational Voter's Meeting will be after worship on 3/21. Agenda items include Easter offering designation, new elder approval, and FLMT recommendations for ORLC youth ministry.

ORLC Scholarship Fund - A scholarship fund has been started through the generous donation of a long time member of ORLC. Applications for the scholarship are now

available at the Connection Corner, and are due April 30th. If you would like to donate to this fund, please make a note on your check that your contribution is for the scholarship.

Walkin' at the Mac - Generally at 9:00am, Mon. and Thurs. (free for seniors or \$2per visit/ \$1.50 with punch card). If you're interested or have questions contact Ingrid Roelfs at 907-382-3662.

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



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's emailed out as Bcc (blind), Monday-Friday to a group of people who will pray for your concerns. 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.)

The Miraculous - Join us each Wednesday in Lent for worship at 6:30pm as we take a look at the miraculous events that occurred during the Passion of our Lord. The almighty hand of God was certainly working wonders in the final hours of Good Friday!

Children & Youth Sunday School – *Pre-K—5th grade* will be meeting every Sunday in the fellowship hall @ 9:00am. Information on our return including COVID protocols can be found at the Connection Corner or in the Weekly Updates section on our website. *6th—12th grade* will be meeting every 2nd & 4th Sunday in the Youth Room @ 9:00am. Questions? Contact Deac. Britt.

Sunday Bible Hour - Join Pastor James in walking through the book of Ecclesiastes, each Sunday morning at 9am.

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>



Service Opportunity – With kid's Sunday School back in the mix, we need assistants for all ages. If you're interested, please contact Deac. Britt.

Easter Offering Designation – ORLC has given a portion of its Easter offerings to a local non-profit over the past few years. The congregation will decide whether or not to do so again this year at the upcoming Voter's Meeting (3/21). If you would like to nominate an organization, please do so this week. Forms available at the Connection Corner.

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'll include a staff member, church board, and three families from our church directory to pray for each week.

- *Abby Keller – Administrative Assistant
- *Family Life Ministry Team
- *David & KumSun Beaulieu; Barbara & Nicholas Bell; Lauren Beskow and their families.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK
If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.

| | <u>BIRTHDAYS</u> | <u>ANNIVERSARIES</u> |
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| 16 | Paul Keller | |
| 17 | Madie Knutson | |
| 17 | Kevin McCarthy | |
| 17 | Jenevieve Chang | |

OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

03/14 – 03/21

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| Today | Pastor's Bible Study | 9:00am |
| | Youth & Children's Sunday School | 9:00am |
| | Worship Service 4 | 10:00am |
| Wednesday | Lenten Service | 6:30pm |
| Next Sunday | Pastor's Bible Study | 9:00am |
| | Children's Sunday School | 9:00am |
| | Worship Service 3 | 10:00am |
| | Congregational Voter's Meeting | 11:15am |

SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER

| HOW | THIS WEEK (03/14) | NEXT WEEK (03/21) |
|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Altar Guild | Teri Jarnagin Christy Andrews | Marianne Dabbs Gaye Sarvela |
| Accompanist | Steve Eng | Jess Della Croce |
| Lector | Martha Wilkins | Geri Wacker |