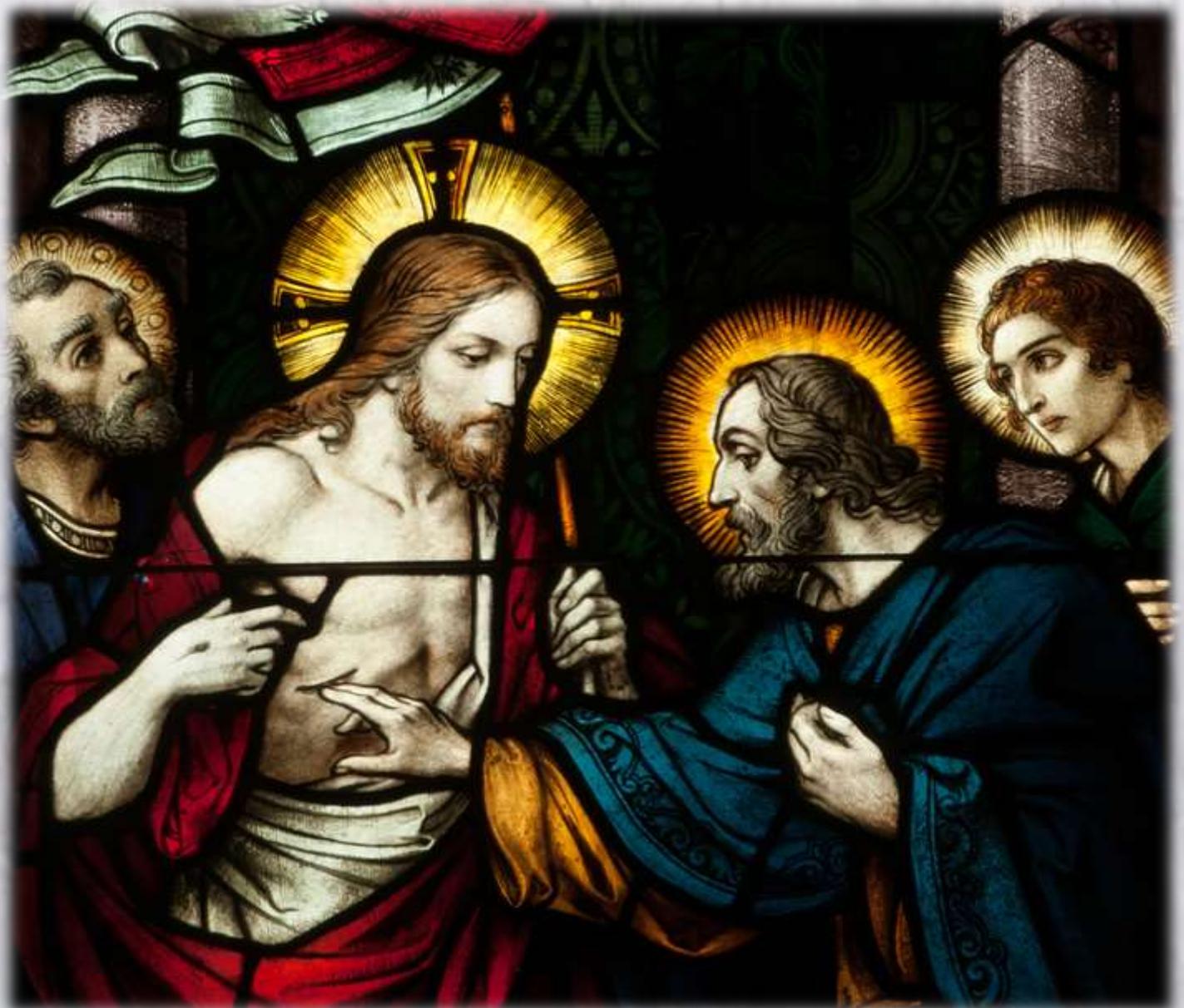




Our Redeemer  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter  
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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.

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Creative Service*

**AS WE GATHER** *To the disciples gathered together in fear and apprehension, He brings a word of peace and assurance. His presence among them gives a full sense of "shalom" - of complete well-being. Jesus is present among us in our worship this day as well, assuring us that all is well and that we are truly at peace with God and with one another. As we worship, we celebrate that peace which passes all human understanding.*

### **Call to Worship – Welcome**

#### **Opening Hymn**

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

## Invocation

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

## Confession and Absolution

P: Lord, You were favorable to Your land;

**C: You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

P: You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

**C: You covered all their sin.**

P: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

**C: And grant us Your salvation.**

*Psalm 85:1,2,7*

P: Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

**C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, mighty Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as Your peaceable people. We have not nurtured or encouraged peace in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We have not done the good You demand and have not been the people You would have us be. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us. Renew us. Keep us ever mindful that we need Your lavish grace. By the power of the Holy Spirit direct us to serve You faithfully all our days through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P: God has promised His merciful forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in confession. He will revive them and speak peace to His people. In His stead and by His command, therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*John 20:19-23*

**C: Amen.**

## Introit ~ Psalm 148:1-6

P: Praise the Lord from the heavens,  
praise him in the heights above.

**C: Praise him, all his angels,  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

P: Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars.

**C: Praise him, you highest heavens  
and you waters above the skies.**

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded and they were created.

**C: He set them in place for ever and ever;  
he gave a decree that will never pass away.**

**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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**The First Reading..... Acts 4:32-35**

*(One in heart and mind; p.923 of your pew bible)*

*All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.<sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.<sup>34</sup> There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales<sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.*

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle Reading..... 1 John 1:1-2:2**

*(The Word of Life; p.1028 of your pew bible)*

*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched-- this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.<sup>2</sup> The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.<sup>3</sup> We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.<sup>4</sup> We write this to make our joy complete.<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.<sup>6</sup> If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.<sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.<sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.<sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.*

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense-- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** ~ Mat. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,

**C: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
he has put all things under his feet.**

**The Gospel Reading**.....John 20:19-31  
(Jesus appears to His disciples; p.917 of your pew bible)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn of the Day**

O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 470

## Nicene Creed

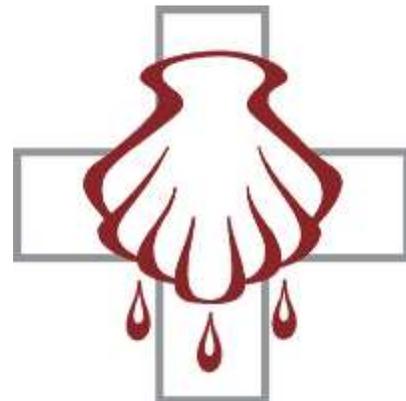
I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being 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.

**Baptism** ~Traylie Ruth Enlow

## 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, O Lord, our God, whose love daily attends us and whose peace blesses us in countless ways. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may worthily receive the bread and wine, that is the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of the full salvation He has won for us. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. Unite us with all who gather with us at Your table here and with all in Your glorious presence who now feast at Your eternal table in the courts of heaven. 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

LSB 208

**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!

## 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**

He's Risen, He's Risen	LSB 480
Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free	LSB 473
Baptized into Your Name Most Holy	LSB 590

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

**P:** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**C:** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

*Psalm 118:1*

**P:** Grant, O Lord, that the lips which have sung Your praise in the sanctuary, may glorify You in the world, that the ears, which have heard the voice of Your songs may be closed to the voice of clamor and dispute, that the eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope, that the tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth, and that the bodies of all who have tasted of Your Son's living body and blood may be restored to newness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**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**

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us	LSB 851
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**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. Thanks!

**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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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.)

**Children & Youth Sunday School** – Pre-K—5<sup>th</sup> 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.

6<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> grade will be meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Youth Room @ 9:00am. Questions? Contact Deac. Britt.

**Sunday School** – Kids, youth, and adult classes are taking a quick Easter break. No classes on 4/11, but we are back at it on 4/18.



**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.

**Alaska Mission for Christ Seeking Alaskan Volunteers** - Alaska Mission for Christ is seeking individuals to serve on Work & Witness projects in Haines and Fairbanks, Alaska. These projects would be scheduled in May and August. Work includes clearing debris from a major landslide in Haines, as well as reconstruction of various structures. In Fairbanks, work will continue at Bingle Camp on the log cabin structures. Contact Jan Bruick, AMC Servant Event Coordinator: 402-641-9691 for more information.

**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](mailto: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

\*Altar Guild

\*Poua Vang & John Chang, Sourivan & Jeanette Chang, Bill & Suzan Cheeseman, and their families.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

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

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 12 Bill Kuhlmann
- 13 Lainey Moore
- 14 Nathan Stoltenberg
- 14 River Johnson
- 14 Susie Smith
- 15 Christy Andrews
- 15 Lydia Wirkus
- 17 Anne Craig
- 18 Skyler Wood

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

- 15 Matt & Judy Keith

**OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**4/11-4/18**

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|--------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| <b>Today</b>       | Worship Service          | 10:00am |
| <b>Tuesday</b>     | Confirmation             | 6:00am  |
| <b>Next Sunday</b> | Pastor's Bible Study     | 9:00am  |
|                    | Children's Sunday School | 9:00am  |
|                    | Worship Service          | 10:00am |

HOW	THIS WEEK (04/11)	NEXT WEEK (04/18)
Altar Guild	Marianne Dabbs Gaye Sarvela	Marianne Dabbs Ingrid Roelfs
Accompanist	Carol Shearer	Jess Della Croce
Lector	Chuck Semmler	Angie Nishimura



# Sunday School Help Needed

for all children & youth classes.

Contact Deac. Britt

## PRAY FOR NEW MISSIONARY

Nathan Milan as he joins AMC as  
Interior Lutheran Mission Center Coordinator.



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