

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

FEBRUARY 4, 2024  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



**OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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# **WORSHIP SERVICES**

5:30pm, Saturday

9:00 and 11:00am, Sunday (11:00am livestreamed)

An area is available in the narthex for parents and young children.

The service is broadcast to the narthex. The volume may be adjusted by turning the knob on the wall near the left sanctuary doors.

Online services are available through  
facebook.com/ORLutheran, YouTube and the church's website.

## **GROWING IN GOD (SUNDAY SCHOOL)**

**September 24 - May 5, 10:00 AM, Age 3-Adults**

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

"As Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is a community of people believing in Jesus Christ, our overall purpose is to worship, teach, serve, evangelize and witness to that belief."

*Welcome to worship! Please pass the fellowship pads down your row at this time. If you are a visitor and would like more information about our church, please include your address and phone number. You're invited to speak the responses in bold print, and stand as is comfortable for you at the places indicated.*

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God, our rock and refuge,  
C **we pour out our hearts before you.**  
**We have known you but have not always loved you.**  
**We have wounded one another**  
**and sinned against you.**  
**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit**  
**dwelling in each of us.**  
**Remember your covenant.**  
**Renew your creation.**  
**Restore us,**  
**that we might proclaim your good news to all.**  
**Amen.**

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.  
God has spoken:  
The time of grace is now.  
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.  
By the authority of + Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
You are God's beloved.

C **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG, *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, #807



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.  
Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Emily Beaversen  
Naomi Ganchuk  
Allyson Hepler (Evelyn)  
Keith Mason  
Jennifer, Matthew, Lucas, Logan, Madison Schnieders

## ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ,  
do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism  
among God's people in this place?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God,  
do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## WELCOME

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

# WORD

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31** (Pew Bible page 582)

L        A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

L        The word of the Lord.

C        **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23** (Pew Bible page 931)

A        A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To

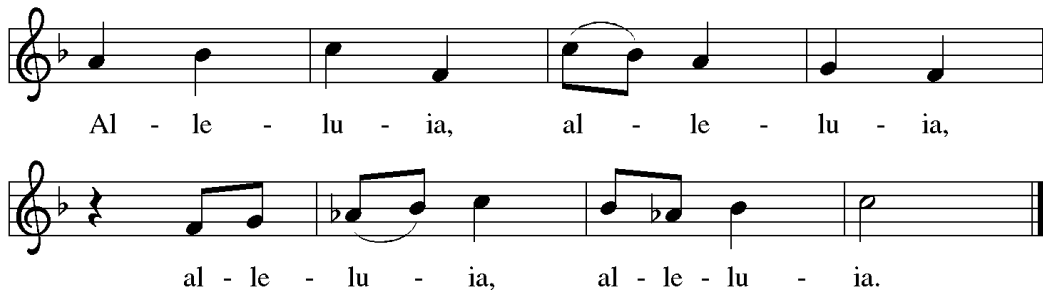


those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

A The word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39 (Pew Bible page 813)

P The holy gospel according to Mark.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P The gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

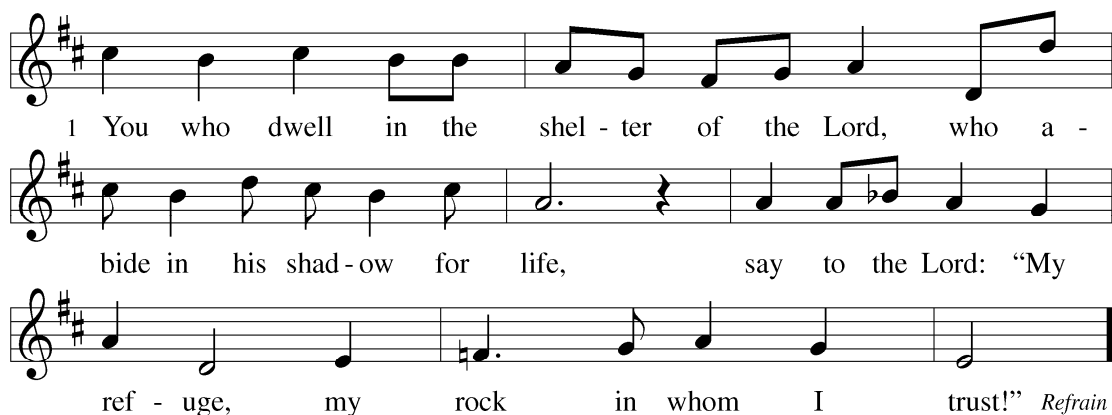
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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

Stand

### HYMN OF THE DAY, *On Eagle's Wings*, #787



1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -  
bide in his shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: "My  
ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!" *Refrain*

*Refrain*



And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,  
bear you on the breath on dawn, make you to shine like the  
sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

*Last time only*



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev - er cap-ture you, and  
fam-ine will bring you no fear; un - der his wings your  
ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield. *Refrain*

3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the  
ar-row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -  
bout you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

4 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com-mand to  
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will  
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-gainst a stone. *Refrain*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A** As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace,

**C** receive our prayer.

- A Creator of the ends of the earth, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Bring your creation into harmony and balance. Give animals their food and provide healthy shelter for your people. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made. God of grace,  
C **receive our prayer.**
- A God without equal, your steadfast love endures forever. Bring the leaders, elected officials, and peacekeepers of our towns and countries into understanding and unity. Guide them to serve with compassion and understanding. God of grace,  
C **receive our prayer.**
- A God who strengthens, you lift up with your hand any who are suffering. Heal those who are brokenhearted and strengthen the weak and all in need especially the Jarosh family, Carol, Guy, Ray, Chris, Jen, Gary, Randy, Lynn, Joe, Brian, and those we name out loud and in our hearts. God of grace,  
C **receive our prayer.**
- A God who gives power to the faint, challenge us to share the faith stories of what God has done in our lives. Open us to receive the unique ways God is at work in your people, especially those whose perspectives challenge our own. God of grace,  
C **receive our prayer.**
- A We give you thanks for our new members, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. God of grace,  
C **receive our prayer.**
- A God who leads us into the future, be with our Call Committee as they discern the needs and gifts of this congregation. Bless all who will come our way to be considered as potential candidates. Prepare the heart and mind of the pastor you will send to be our leader. God of grace,  
C **receive our prayer.**
- P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
C **Amen.**

*Sit*

# MEAL

## OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

*Our offering is an act of worship. If you make your offering through Simply Giving, or regularly give on a non-weekly basis, you are invited to place a Simply Giving envelope in the offering plate when it is passed to you, as a reminder of the offering you have already made.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC/ANTHEM** (11:00) *Take It to the Lord in Prayer*

## PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

*Stand*

**OFFERING SONG, Arise, Your Light Has Come! #314**



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.  
Blessed are you, Holy One,  
for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** Holy God,  
 you alone are holy,  
 you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
 beyond the stars;  
 beneath the sea;  
 within each cell;  
 with every breath.

**C** **We praise you, O God.**

**P** Generations bless your faithfulness:  
 through the water;  
 by night and day;  
 across the wilderness;  
 out of exile;  
 into the future.

**C** **We bless you, O God.**



P We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner;  
among the poor;  
with us now.

C **We thank you, O God.**

P In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup  
is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us  
on the way,  
at the table,  
and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

P We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.  
Blessing, praise, and thanks  
to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church,  
without end.

C **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.  
Come and see.

*Sit*

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*As Lutherans, we believe that Christ is really present in the bread and wine we share. All are welcome to commune here. Infants and others who do not commune are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.*

*Please take a communion glass from the ushers on your way forward. As the pastors and lay assistants give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: The body of Christ, given for you; the blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen. Wine is offered by Communion Assistants holding the silver chalices. Grape juice is offered by the third Communion Assistant on either side holding the pottery chalice. (The grape juice is purple.)*

*Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastors. Let them know that you need one when you come forward to receive the bread.*

## SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.



# COMMUNION SONG, *I Come with Joy*, #482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

*Stand*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray.  
 Giver of every gift,  
 Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
 Raise us to life by your power  
 for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
 now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

- P God who names you,  
Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
+ bless you and remain with you always.
- C **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN, *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*, #773



- 1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



- I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . gone,



- Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



- Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

## DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. You are God's beloved.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## **THIS WEEK AT “OUR REDEEMER”**

### **SUNDAY, February 4, 2024, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

9:00am      Worship, Reception of New Members

10:00am     Growing in God

11:00am     Worship, Reception of New Members

### **MONDAY, February 5, 2024**

### **TUESDAY, February 6, 2024**

### **WEDNESDAY, February 7, 2024**

9:00am      Executive Committee

7:00pm      Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, February 8, 2024**

### **FRIDAY, February 9, 2024**

5:30pm      Family Friday

Faithful Filmgoers

### **SATURDAY, February 10, 2024**

5:30pm      Worship, Souper Bowl of Caring Collection

### **SUNDAY, February 11, 2024, Transfiguration of Our Lord**

9:00am      Worship, Souper Bowl of Caring Collection

10:00am     Growing in God

10:00am     Adult Class

11:00am     Worship, Souper Bowl of Caring Collection

This weekend, we welcome into membership:

Emily Beaversen

Naomi Ganchuk

Allyson Hepler and daughter, Evelyn Dye

Keith Mason

Matthew and Jennifer Schnieders and their children, Lucas, Logan, and Madison

*Welcome to Our Redeemer!*

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Prayers of healing and comfort are requested for the Jarosh family on the death of Mandy Jarosh, Carol Ausefski, Guy Smith, Ray Hrabar, Chris Decker, Jen Barbati, Gary McGaffie, Randy Stonemark, Lynn Broman, Joe Maize, Brian Casper, and those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers: Mike Levkulich, Dave Brewton, Pam Turner, Joan Dvorznak, Linda Day, Gary Lasher, Calvin Cokeley, Laura Norton, Anthony Santaguida, Judy Concannon, Dan Stimmel, Ray Keisling, Janice Poole, Nester Miskow, Wendy Brosky, Anthony Orecchio, Tamara Brister, Heidi Garner, Carol Davelli, Dot Glidden, Marcy Raeford, Nancy Lyons, Kayden Spencer, Larry Pansino, Lara Alderson, Mike Zgorliski, Ron Rieger, Kerwin Broman, Mike Engman, Nancy Adams, Robert Ruppel, and Lydia Damoose.

*The most recently added names appear at the beginning of the lists and will remain for 3 months. You may remove a name sooner or ask for renewal if a person is still in need of prayer after the three months. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please submit your request in writing and place in the offering plate, drop off in the church office, or submit by email to [orlc@comcast.net](mailto:orlc@comcast.net).*

This weekend's altar flowers have been given by Maegan Bregenser in memory of her grandmother, Martha Platt.

**Enjoy a Sweet Treat and Support a Great Cause! On Sunday, February 25 from 12:00-5:00PM, the City Mission will host the 30th Anniversary of the Sweet Sunday Dessert Festival. The festivities will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe.** The afternoon will include live entertainment by Scott Blasey, games and fun activities for children, raffles, a silent auction, and much much more! Entry tickets at the door are \$5 per individual or \$20 per family of 4+. Separate tickets are sold inside the event for purchasing a variety of desserts. Here at Our Redeemer, we have been offered 15 tickets for free....they will be given on a first come, first serve basis. To obtain tickets through Our Redeemer, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Souper Bowl of Caring** - The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by Reverend Brad Smith at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina: *Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.* Here at Our Redeemer, on the weekend of February 10 & 11, we will be collecting money after the worship services. All money collected will be given to The Food Pantry at Abiding Missions in Pittsburgh's Allentown neighborhood. Thank you ahead of time for your generosity.

**Lutherlyn Summer Camp** - Registration for the summer of 2024 is now open. Inform the church office when you register your child so that you may receive a campership from the church. The church must be notified by May 15.

**Family Friday** - K-6th graders and families: bring your dinner and join us for Family Friday on **Friday, February 9 at 5:30pm** in the Social Hall for a story, activities, and playtime! Sign up on the bulletin board or online.

**Faithful Filmgoers** will meet again on **Friday, February 9**. To be put on the email list to receive notification of the movie chosen, time and location, please email Steve D'Addieco at [stevendaddieco@gmail.com](mailto:stevendaddieco@gmail.com). See you at the movies!

**Youth Group** - All 7th-12th graders are invited to join Pastor Kerri for Youth Group on **Sunday, February 25 from 4:30-6:15pm**. We'll make and eat dinner together (nuggets and fries) and play games. Crossroads students should plan to stay for class at 6:30pm. Sign up on the bulletin board or online.

**Crossroads Confirmation** - Crossroads Confirmation will meet on **Sunday, February 25 from 6:30pm-8pm**. Students are also invited to attend Youth Group from 4:30-6:15pm, and then stay for class.

**Pub Theology** - All adults are welcome to join in great fellowship and lively conversation around topics of interest in our daily lives each month at the Voodoo Brewing Company in Houston, PA. Our next gathering will be on **Tuesday, February 27**.

**Dining Divas** - The Dining Divas will meet for lunch on **Tuesday, February 27 at 12:30pm** at All American Bistro (1580 McLaughlin Run Rd, Upper St Clair). Ladies, even if you can't come every month, we welcome you whenever you can to join in the fun and fellowship.



**VBS Planning** - The weather is chilly, but it's time to start thinking about summer and our annual week of Vacation Bible School! A planning meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 29 at 7pm**. Bring your calendars - we'll be looking at dates as well as curriculum options.

### **Donations for City Mission & Blessings in a Backpack**

The Service and Outreach Committee continues to collect everyday items that are needed by families in our area.

The City Mission reports needing all kinds of food, but particularly spaghetti sauce, noodles, cereal, canned meats, peanut butter and jelly, Ramen noodles, and diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6). The City Mission also is happy to receive gloves, mittens, and hats throughout the winter.

Blessings in a Backpack serving Ringgold Elementary School North is in need of microwavable cups of Chef Boyardee mac and cheese style pastas, applesauce or fruit cups/squeeze pouches, and snack size boxes of raisins.

# LENT

**Lent comes early this year!** Ash Wednesday is on February 14. Pastor Kerri is offering a service for children that day at 11:35am in the Sanctuary. Ash Wednesday worship service for all will be offered at 12:15pm and 7:00pm. Both services include the Distribution of Ashes, Sermon, and Holy Communion.

Midweek Lenten Dinner and Worship will be held each Wednesday during Lent (February 21, 28, March 6, 13, & 20). The potluck dinner will begin at 6:00 pm with the Worship Service following in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm. Bring your favorite dish to share for dinner, but if you are running late, just grab the kids and feel free to come without a dish!

Our midweek theme this week will be, “Created for Community.” The Worship Service will be around 40 minutes in length. While Lent is a time to pay attention to spiritual disciplines as individuals, it is also a time to deepen our sense of community. Through engagement with scripture and one another we will have the opportunity to hear God’s word not only for ourselves but also for our community and the world.

**Yarn/Ribbon needed** - As we prepare for a special collaborative art project as part of our Wednesday evenings during Lent, we are in need of yarn (all weights and styles) and ribbon (1/2” size or smaller). Donations (partial skeins are fine!) may be placed in Pastor Kerri’s office.

## **Saturdays and Sundays in Lent**

This year, in the Old Testament readings, we will be reminded of five covenants that God made with the people. In the Gospel readings, we will travel with Jesus from the time of his temptation in the wilderness, listen to his teachings about discipleship and arrive with him in Jerusalem for the final week of his earthly life.

## **THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (FEBRUARY 4)**

### **9:00am**

ACOLYTE - Sam Scher  
LAY ASSISTANT - Laura Culp  
LECTOR - Linda Nickles  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Missy  
Bookhammer, Tina Borra, Karen  
Glass, Debbie Healey Langley, Linda  
Nickles, Trudy Wagner  
GREETER - Anne Scher  
USHERS - Dave Borra, Dan and Sam  
Scher  
GIFT BEARER - Sophie Scher  
ALTAR GUILD - Laura Culp and Susan  
Loeser  
POWERPOINT - Gary Milavec

### **11:00am**

ACOLYTES - Isaac and Owen  
Hilderhoff  
LAY ASSISTANT - Kim Maize  
LECTOR - Heather Morelli  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Eliana  
and Jackie Beck, Becky Long, Keith  
Mason, Heather Morelli, Gerda Moul  
GREETERS - Hilderhoff Family  
USHERS - Simon Beck and Doug Meley  
GIFT BEARER - Titus Pomposelli  
ALTAR GUILD - Barb Hrabar and  
Volunteer  
POWERPOINT - Meredith Pomposelli  
CAMERA - Sam Mizia  
TELLERS - Carol Locher and Martha  
Rhone

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (FEBRUARY 11)**

### **9:00am**

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*  
LAY ASSISTANT - Mark Harris  
LECTOR - Tim Pres  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Missy  
Bookhammer, Kim Chupinka, Debbie  
Healey Langley, Ruth Ann Lowery,  
Linda Nickles, Phyllis Permar  
GREETER - Karla Lance  
USHERS - Drew Lance and Clint  
Langley  
GIFT BEARER - Eliza and Norah Prex  
ALTAR GUILD - Susan Loeser and  
Volunteer  
POWERPOINT - Dan and Sam Scher

### **11:00am**

ACOLYTE - Henry Binotto  
LAY ASSISTANT - Sally Ruppel  
LECTOR - Soheila Lunney  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Brenda  
Binotto, Carol Brandyberry, Maegan  
Bregenser, Barb Hrabar, Sue  
Lambert, Soheila Lunney  
GREETER - Paula Reese  
USHERS - Doug Meley and Eric Reese  
GIFT BEARER - Ella Binotto  
ALTAR GUILD - Carol Brandyberry and  
Sally Ruppel  
POWERPOINT - Xander King  
CAMERA - Sam Mizia  
TELLERS - Barb Schumacher and  
Garrett Langley

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