

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

FEBRUARY 11, 2024
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



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, *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*, #318



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
- 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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.
Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

L A reading from the second book of Kings.

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.”

¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp, F#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the acclamation, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is simple and melismatic, typical of traditional liturgical music.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

CHILDREN’S SERMON

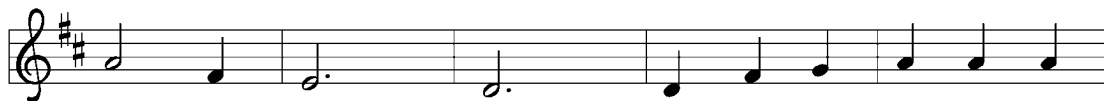
SERMON

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY, *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*, #815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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 We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**

- A We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A We pray for any who are sick and suffering especially Carol, Guy, Ray, Chris, Jen, Gary, Randy, Lynn, and those we name out loud and in our hearts. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A We pray for our Call Committee as they prepare the Ministry Site Profile of our congregation. Bless those pastors who will receive the profile and discern your direction for their ministries. God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. 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) *Beautiful Savior*

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!



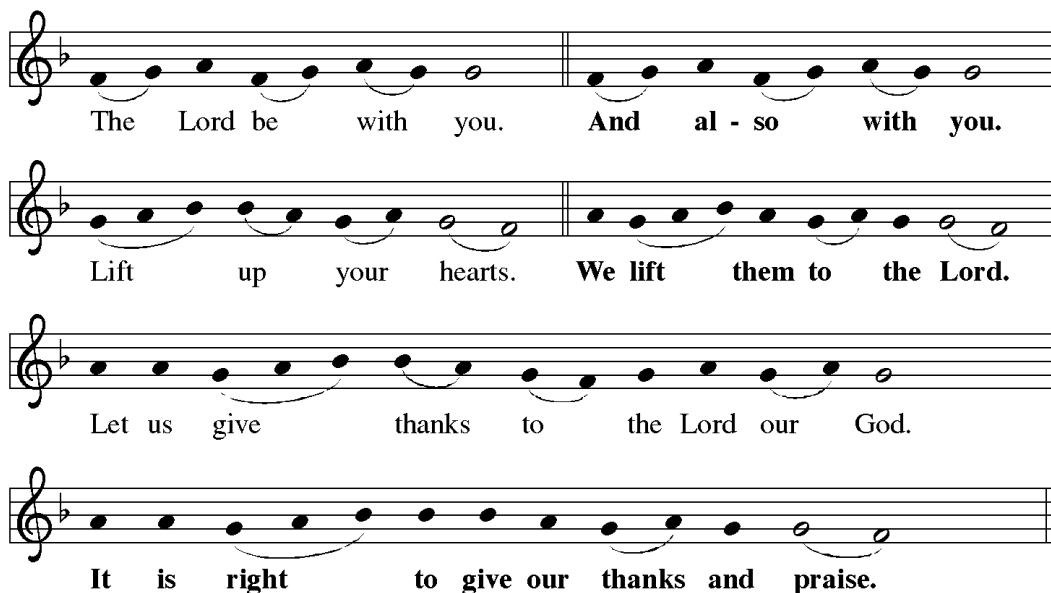
show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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



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;
who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,
that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.
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 Communion Assistant on each 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.

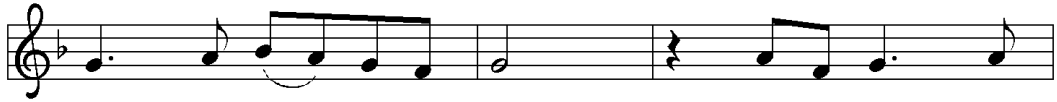
SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION



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



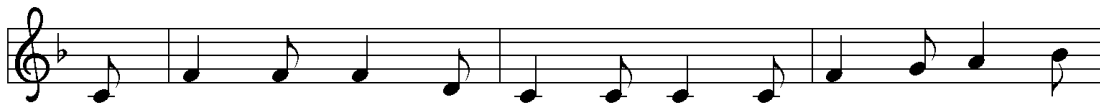
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



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.

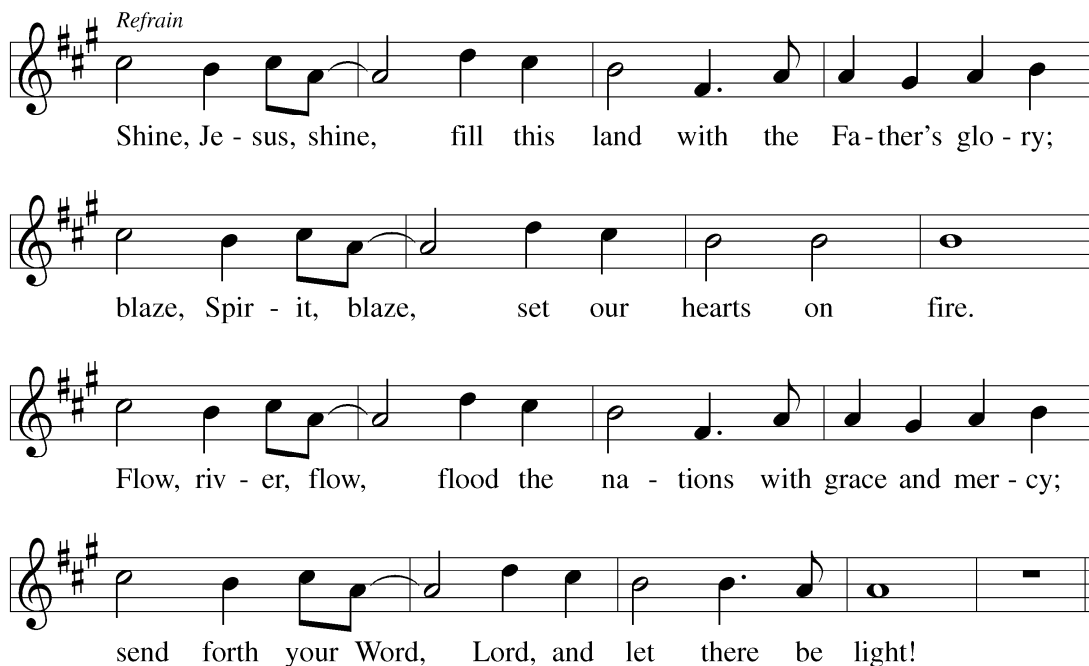
SENDING

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, *Shine, Jesus, Shine*, #671

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



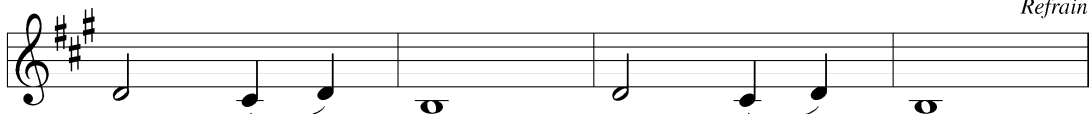
1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang-ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

Refrain

DISMISSAL

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

THIS WEEK AT “OUR REDEEMER”

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

MONDAY, February 12, 2024

TUESDAY, February 13, 2024

- 7:00pm Worship & Music Committee

WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2024, Ash Wednesday

- 11:35am Children’s Ash Wednesday
- 12:15pm Worship
- 7:00pm Worship
- 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 15, 2024

FRIDAY, February 16, 2024

SATURDAY, February 17, 2024

- 5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, February 18, 2024, First Sunday in Lent

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Growing in God
- 10:00am Adult Class
- 11:00am Worship

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers of healing and comfort are requested for Carol Ausefski, Guy Smith, Ray Hrabar, Chris Decker, Jen Barbati, Gary McGaffic, Randy Stonemark, Lynn Broman, and those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers: Doug Brandt, Nancy Adams, Robert Ruppel, 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, and Mike Engman.

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.

This weekend's altar flowers have been given by Pastors Martha and Kevin Clementson to the Glory of God.

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 this weekend, 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.

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.

Our Redeemer Game Night (All Ages!) - Join us in the Social Hall on **Saturday, March 9 at 6:30** for an evening of games, fellowship, and ice cream sundaes! All ages are welcome! Games will include Bunco, Trivia, Family Feud, Bingo, and board games for the younger kids. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or use the online signup. Feel free to form teams of family & friends for Family Feud (and, no worries if you don't have a team - just let us know on the signup if you want to join a team). Please reach out to Debbie Healey Langley at debhealeylangley@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Lenten Project for Abiding Missions

Abiding Missions has been serving Pittsburgh's Allentown neighborhood for the last ten years. Pastor Christine Rotella is the neighborhood pastor and a large part of the vision behind Abiding Missions. (Many people remember Pastor Christine from her diaconal internship here at Our Redeemer.) Abiding Missions has had a huge impact on the Allentown neighborhood, providing ministries that strengthen the community while supporting individuals and families. Their ministries include a Food Pantry, After School, Adult Breakfast Fellowship, and a Community Choir.

During Lent (Ash Wednesday – Palm Sunday), we will be collecting items that are much needed by the people served by Abiding Missions. Items needed are: underwear for children and adults (all sizes), deodorant sticks, feminine products, socks for children and adults. Any kind of toiletries for women and men are appreciated as well. Many of these necessary items are costly and not allowed under food stamps rules. Their food pantry is always in need of condiments (e.g. ketchup, mustard, mayo).

Donations can be dropped off in the narthex during the first five weeks of Lent. Your generosity in support of the people of the Allentown neighborhood and Abiding Missions will be greatly appreciated!

LENT

Lent begins this week! 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, including 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 11)

9:00am

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*
LAY ASSISTANT - Mark Harris
LECTOR - Tim Prex
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 - Volunteers
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 (Sunday) - Barb Schumacher
and Garrett Langley

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (FEBRUARY 18)

9:00am

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*
LAY ASSISTANT - Susan Loeser
LECTOR - Kim Chupinka
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Tina
Borra, Kim Chupinka, Garrett
Langley, Ruth Ann Lowery, Phyllis
Permar, Trudy Wagner
GREETER - Kim Chupinka
USHERS - Drew and Karla Lance
GIFT BEARER - *Child volunteer
requested*
ALTAR GUILD - Kim Chupinka and
Laura Culp
POWERPOINT - Karen Glass

11:00am

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*
LAY ASSISTANT - Lori Greene
LECTOR - Brian Casper
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Becky
Long, Keith Mason, Gerda Moul,
Susan O'Brien, Carl and Sally Ruppel
GREETER - Gerda Moul
USHERS - Jacob Casper and Jim
Doughty
GIFT BEARER - *Child volunteer
requested*
ALTAR GUILD - Barb Hrabar and Sue
Lambert
POWERPOINT - Ryan Hettinger
CAMERA - Sam Mizia
TELLERS (Sunday) - Judy Pilof and
Becky Long

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