

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

FEBRUARY 18, 2024  
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



**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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.  
**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,  
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.  
We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.  
We speak in ways that silence others.  
We are silent when we should speak up.  
We keep score in our hearts.  
We let hurts grow into hatred.  
For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.  
Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG, *When We Are Tested*



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

## GREETING

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O Lord,  
I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O Lord;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

*Silence for reflection.*

## **PSALM PRAYER**

Merciful God, you continually show us your ways of forgiveness and steadfast love. Remember not our sins, but recall your compassion to your children, satisfy the longing of your people, and fulfill all our hopes for eternal peace through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

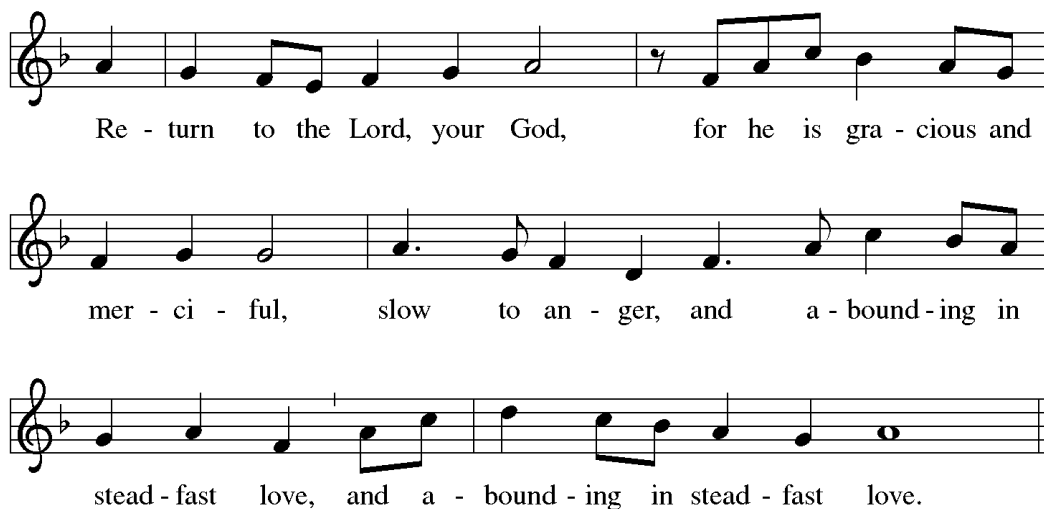
A reading from the first letter of Peter.

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

*Stand*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## **GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **SERMON**



Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY, *Thy Holy Wings*, #613



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

## 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

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people especially that of Martin Luther, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate today. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are grieving, homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling especially the family and friends of Linda Blanker, Carol, Guy, Ray, Chris, Jen, Gary, Randy, Lynn, and those we name out loud and in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our shepherd, you guide your church. Be with 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,  
**receive our prayer.**

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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) *Lamb of God*

## PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

*Stand*

**OFFERING SONG, *Change My Heart, O God*, #801**



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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**

Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

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, *Around You, O Lord Jesus*, #468



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still  
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.  
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my  
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your  
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"  
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.  
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

*Stand*

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and + give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG, *Jesus, Still Lead On*, #624



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the  
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.  
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **THIS WEEK AT “OUR REDEEMER”**

### **SUNDAY, February 18, 2024, First Sunday in Lent**

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

### **MONDAY, February 19, 2024**

### **TUESDAY, February 20, 2024, Newsletter Deadline**

### **WEDNESDAY, February 21, 2024**

- 6:00pm     Potluck Supper
- 7:00pm     Worship
- 7:45pm     Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, February 22, 2024**

### **FRIDAY, February 23, 2024**

### **SATURDAY, February 24, 2024**

- 9:30am     Council Retreat
- 5:30pm     Worship

### **SUNDAY, February 25, 2024, Second Sunday in Lent**

- 9:00am     Worship, Installation of Council and Officers
- 10:00am    Growing in God
- 10:00am    Adult Class
- 11:00am    Worship, Installation of Council and Officers
- 4:30pm     Youth Group (7th-12th grade)
- 6:30pm     Crossroads

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers of healing and comfort are requested for the family and friends of Linda Blanker, 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: Rudy Faynor, Clem Ferri, 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, and Kerwin Broman.

*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).*

**Thank you!** Our Redeemer gathered \$827 for Souper Bowl. This entire amount has been given to Abiding Missions for use in the food bank. Thank you for your generosity.

**Noah's Ark Preschool (2024-2025 school year)** – There are still a few openings in the M/W morning 3's class, the T/W/Th afternoon 3's class, and the T/W/Th afternoon 4's class. Give the Preschool Director, Heidi Garner a call at 724-942-6699 if interested or to schedule a tour. The complete registration packet can be found on the church's website. Information about the classes can be found there.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Young Adults** - Join Pastor Kerri for dessert at Eat'n Park after the Wednesday Lent services (around 8pm) on **March 6 and 13**.

**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](mailto:debhealeylangley@gmail.com) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you all there!

## **The Psalms and Prayer in our Worship**

The Psalms, found in the Old Testament, have been a part of Christian devotions and worship beginning in the early church. In the 150 Psalms, you will find the highs and lows of the life of faith. Psalms include laments, songs of praise and thanks, recollections of God's blessings and much more. Including Psalms in our individual or corporate worship experiences can be more than simply reading words written long ago. Christians throughout the centuries have found the Psalms to be a means of prayer where we not only share our experiences but also open ourselves to God's continuing presence and guidance.

The Lutheran Study Bible reminds us that Martin Luther wrote that the book of Psalms "might well be called a little Bible." Of course, the Psalms were all written before the time of Christ. Yet, they express the feelings of those who seek to walk in the ways of God. We all experience times of lament and times of praise.

As we return to including the Psalms in our worship services this Lent, we are adding the Psalm Prayers. Once we have read the Psalm responsively, there will be a moment of silence for reflection and then the lay worship assistant will conclude with a prayer that highlights a contemporary meaning of the Psalm for our lives today.

# LENT

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 year 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.

We will also be working on a collaborative art project on Wednesday evenings. Come and see!

Please join us for these special weeks of Lent as we prepare our hearts for Jesus’ death and resurrection.

## **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 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!



## **THIS 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, Ruth Ann  
Lowery, Beth Pansino, 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 - Maegan  
Bregenser, Sue Lambert, Becky Long,  
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

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (FEBRUARY 25)**

### **9:00am**

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*  
LAY ASSISTANT - Beth Pansino  
LECTOR - Dianne Rigby  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Kim  
Chupinka, Debbie Healey Langley,  
Susan Loeser, Ruth Ann Lowery,  
Linda Nickles, Phyllis Permar  
GREETER - Dianne Rigby  
USHERS - Clint Langley and Ken Rigby  
GIFT BEARER - *Child volunteer  
requested*  
ALTAR GUILD - Volunteers  
POWERPOINT - Rolf Otterness

### **11:00am**

ACOLYTE - Jack Binotto  
LAY ASSISTANT - Carl Ruppel  
LECTOR - Sarah Dagnal  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Brenda  
Binotto, Sarah Dagnal, Barb Hrabar,  
Sue Lambert, Soheila Lunney,  
Volunteer  
GREETER - Dani Mizia  
USHERS - Jim and Max Mizia  
GIFT BEARER - Penny Mizia  
ALTAR GUILD - Carol Brandyberry and  
Sally Ruppel  
POWERPOINT - Gary Milavec  
CAMERA - Sam Mizia  
TELLERS (Monday) - Susan Loeser and  
Jackie Beck

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