

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

FEBRUARY 25, 2024
SECOND 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.

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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, *O Word of God Incarnate*, #514



- 1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
- 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
- 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

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.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

A reading from the book of Genesis.

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:23-31

²³You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

Silence for reflection.

PSALM PRAYER

Eternal God, your Son cried out in anguish from the cross, and you delivered him. Do not hide your face from those who cry out to you. By his death and resurrection bring life where there is death: feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, and break the chains of oppression, that all people may rejoice in your saving deeds through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

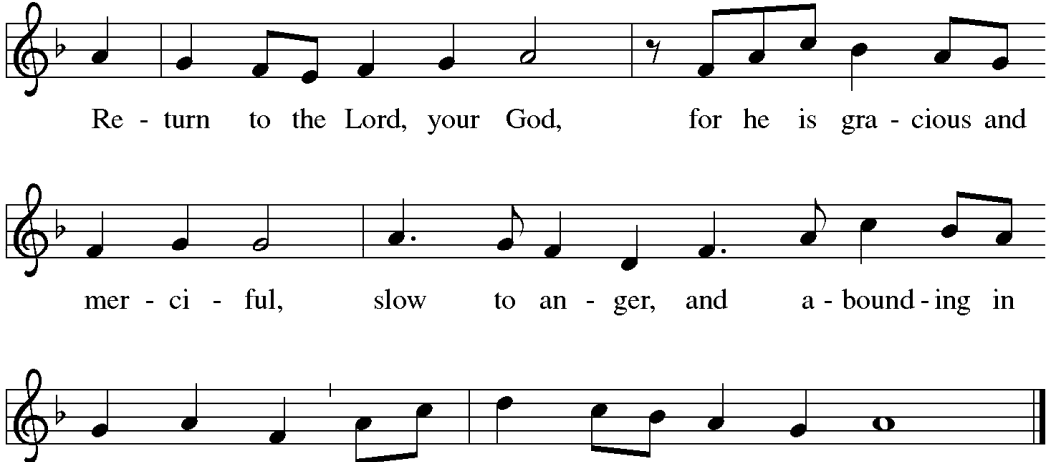
²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 8:31-38

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY, *How Firm a Foundation*, #796



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

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.

We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide the church. Give wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore the soil. Preserve rainforests, deserts, and wildlife, that generations to come may cherish your creation. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially those who experience hatred and rejection. Send compassionate helpers to those who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, and bring hope to those in despair. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for healing. Give comfort and courage to all who are facing uncertainty, illness, and grief. We pray especially for those who are known to us and desire our prayers, especially Carol, Ray, Chris, Jen, Gary, Randy, Lynn, and those we name aloud or in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for guidance. Be with the leaders of Our Redeemer, especially our pastors, officers, council and call committee. Give them patience and wisdom as they guide us through this year of transition that it may also be a year of service and growth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for peace. We honor the saints who lived in service to others. Inspire us by their example until you gather us into your kingdom. 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) *There Is a Redeemer*

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Stand

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

Refrain




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

End



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



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

Refrain



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

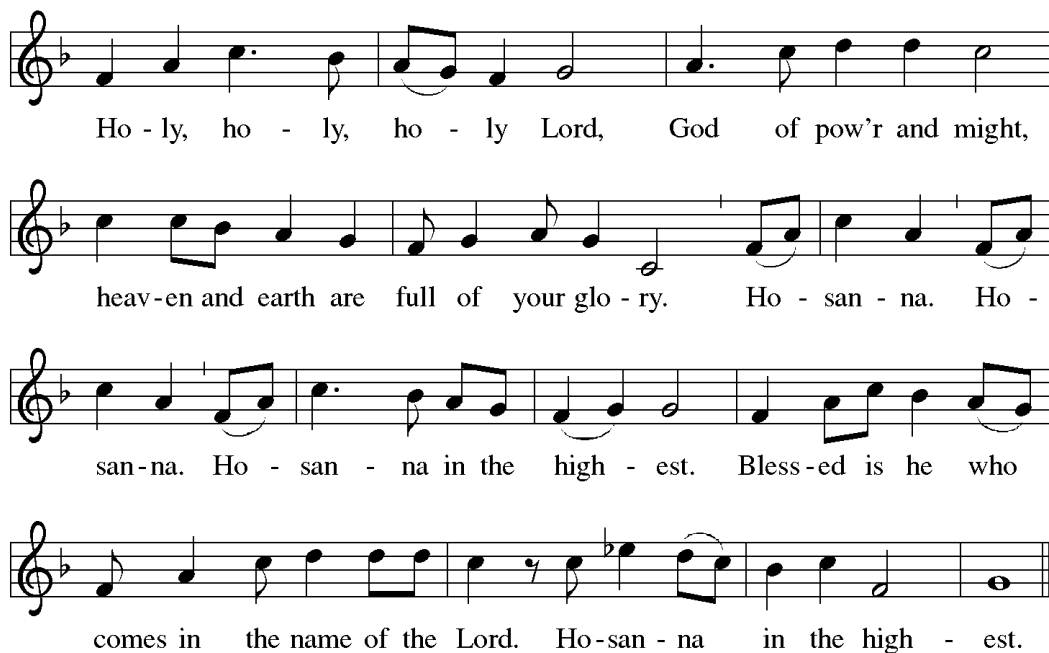
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff covers the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the fourth line. The final note of the fourth staff is a whole note G, indicating the end of the phrase.

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, *All to Jesus I Surrender*



- 1 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;
2 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, hum - bly at his feet I bow;
3 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;



I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres - ence dai - ly live.
world-ly plea-sures all for-sak - en, take me, Jes - sus, take me now.
fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless-ings fall on me.

Refrain



I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all,



all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur-ren - der all.

DISMISSAL

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

THIS WEEK AT “OUR REDEEMER”

SUNDAY, February 25, 2024, Second Sunday in Lent

Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

- 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

MONDAY, February 26, 2024

TUESDAY, February 27, 2024

- 12:30pm Dining Divas (All American Bistro)
- 7:00pm Pub Theology (Voodoo Brewing Co.)

WEDNESDAY, February 28, 2024

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

THURSDAY, February 29, 2024

- 7:00pm Property Committee
- 7:00pm VBS Planning Meeting

FRIDAY, March 1, 2024

SATURDAY, March 2, 2024

- 5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, March 3, 2024, Third Sunday in Lent

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

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

This weekend we install our church council members:

Jackie Beck	Susan Lambert
Sam D'Addieco	Garrett Langley
Larry Day	Becky Long
Terry Divelbliss	Soheila Lunney
Karen Glass	Martha Rhone
Lori Greene	John Yocca

We thank you for your willingness to serve.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers of healing and comfort are requested for Carol Ausefski, Ray Hrabar, Chris Decker, Jen Barbati, Gary McGaffic, Randy Stonemark, Lynn Broman, and those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers: Phyllis Rhone, 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.

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.

Sweet Sunday - The City Mission invites you to enjoy a Sweet Treat this Sunday afternoon (February 25) from 12-5pm at the Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe. The festivities include live entertainment, activities for children, raffles, a silent auction and of course, lots of tempting desserts. Entry tickets at the door are \$5 per individual or \$20 per family of 4+. Separate tickets are sold inside the event for purchasing 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 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 continue each Wednesday evening with a potluck dinner at 6:00pm and Worship Service at 7:00pm. This week, our theme is “In Community with All the Saints.” Children and adults are also invited to participate in a collaborative art project. We hope you will join us on Wednesday evenings as we deepen our spirituality and our sense of community during this Season of Lent.

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 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, Carol Brandyberry, Sarah
Dagnal, Barb Hrabar, Sue Lambert,
Soheila Lunney
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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (MARCH 3)

9:00am

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*
LAY ASSISTANT - Karen Glass
LECTOR - Trudy Wagner
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Missy
Bookhammer, Tina Borra, Laura
Culp, Linda Nickles, Phyllis Permar,
Trudy Wagner
GREETER - Karla Lance
USHERS - Dave Borra and Drew Lance
GIFT BEARER - *Child volunteer*
requested
ALTAR GUILD - Tina Borra and
Volunteer
POWERPOINT - Ryan Hettinger

11:00am

ACOLYTE - Isaac Hilderhoff
LAY ASSISTANT - Kim Maize
LECTOR - Keith Mason
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Lori
Greene, Soheila Lunney, Keith
Mason, Susan O'Brien, Carl and Sally
Ruppel
GREETER - Hilderhoff Family
USHERS - Jacob Casper and Jim
Doughty
GIFT BEARER - Owen Hilderhoff
ALTAR GUILD - Lori Greene and Sally
Ruppel
POWERPOINT - Xander King
CAMERA - Sam Mizia
TELLERS (Monday) - TBD

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