

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

MARCH 31, 2024

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER DAY



**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**

Christ is Risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**

*Stand*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

# GATHERING SONG: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*, #365



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## 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, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

**ANTHEM:** *Introit for Easter* (Combined chancel and bell choirs.)

## WORD

### First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** (*Read responsively*)

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**

The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"**

The right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

**I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

"This is the gate of the Lord;  
here the righteous may enter."

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**By the Lord has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**



*Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done, #366*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
has dis-persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## 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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Healing God, we pray for those who face illness and grief. Be with all who suffer in body, mind and spirit. We for those who are known to us especially Larry, Kathy, Carol, Ray, Chris, Jen, Gary, Randy and those we name aloud and in our hearts. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.  
**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.*


**ANTHEM:** *Hallelujah Chorus (from “Mount of Olives”)*

### **PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

*Stand*

**OFFERING SONG: Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises, #535**


*Refrain*



Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



*Fine*  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

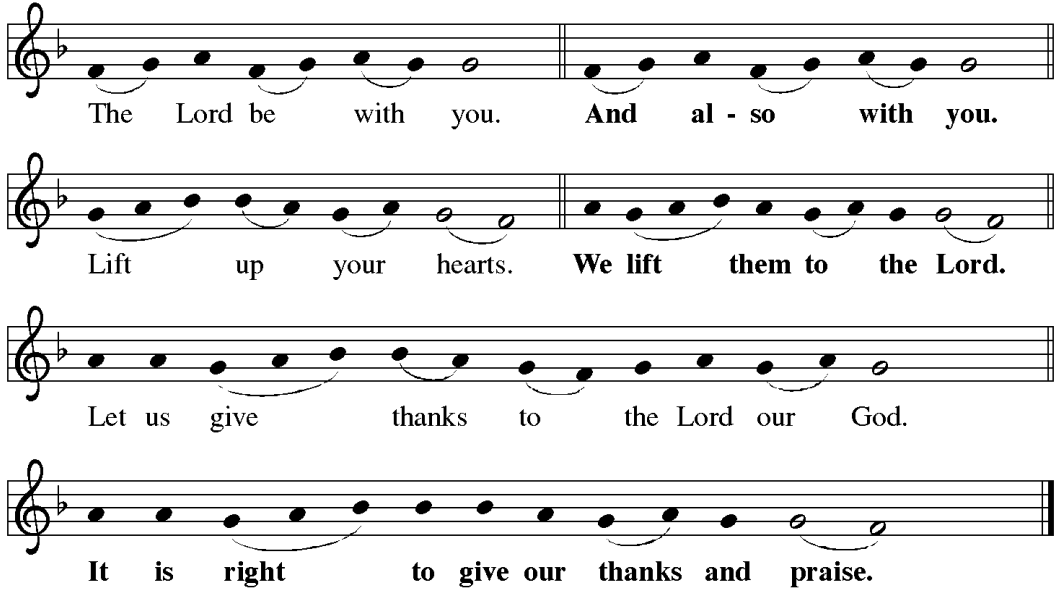


*Refrain (after repeat)*  
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.  
Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

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

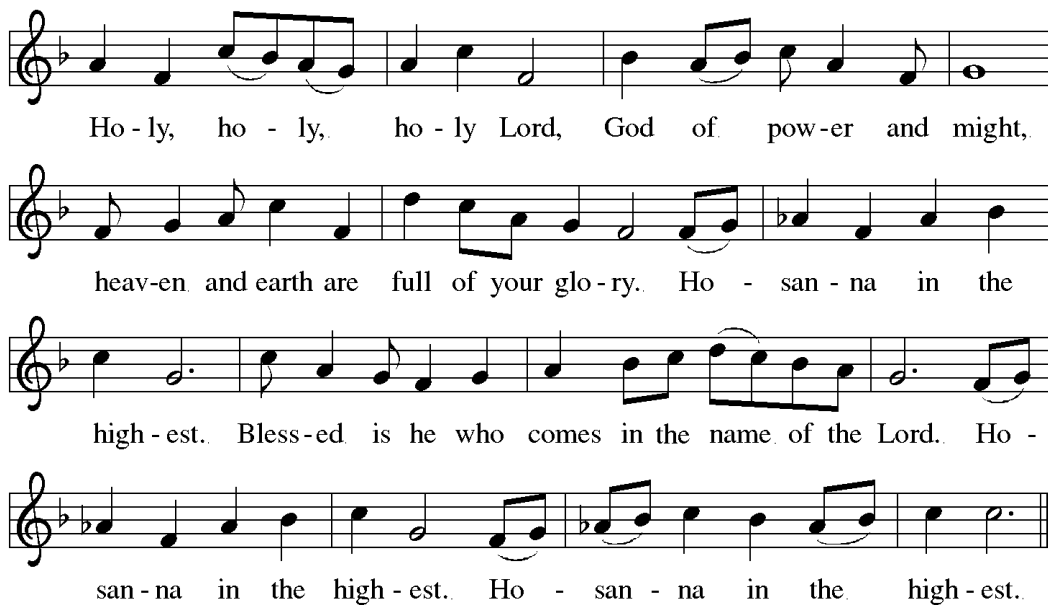
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melody. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold (And, We, It, to, give, our, thanks, and, praise).

## PREFACE

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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

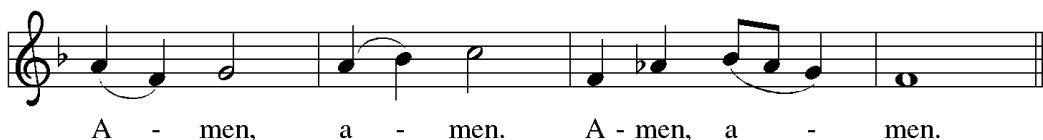
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



## 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

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

*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

COMMUNION SONG: *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*, #470



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

**COMMUNION SONG:** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness, #843*



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

*Stand*

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

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.  
Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
+ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG: *Low in the Grave He Lay*



1 Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior,  
2 Vain - ly they watch his bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior;  
3 Death can - not keep its prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior;



wait - ing the com - ing day, Je - sus my Lord.  
vain - ly they seal the dead, Je - sus my Lord.  
he tore the bars a - way, Je - sus my Lord.

### *Refrain*



Up from the grave he a - rose, with a might-y tri-umph o'er his foes;



he a - rose a vic - tor o - ver death's do - main, and he lives for - ev - er, with his



saints to reign. He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **Donations for Easter flowers have been given by:**

Anthony and Jen Barbati

Jim Beaumont in memory of Bernadette Wittman and Matthew Wittman

Missy Bookhammer in celebration of my grandchildren

Carol Brandyberry in memory of Joan and Ed Handshue

Carol Brandyberry in celebration of Jack Webster

Maegan and Jim Bregenser, Jr. in honor of our children: Hardy and Amanda Kern-Carberry,

Kelsey and Patrick Gallagher, Jimmy Bregenser and Christine, Mary Bregenser, and Leah Kern

Doris Brewton in celebration of Carol Brandyberry for her many kindnesses

Stacy and Shelley Carbaugh in memory of Dominick and Caroline D'Orazio

Brian and Laura Casper in thanksgiving for our church family

Pastor Martha and Pastor Kevin Clementson in memory of Helen and Clarence Clementson

Pastor Martha and Pastor Kevin Clementson in memory of Rev. Gilson and Lois Waldkoenig

Patti and Larry Day in memory of Margaret and Yutie Vukovcan

Patti and Larry Day in memory of Marty and Richard Day

Janet P. Elliott in memory of Norman W. Elliott.

Bruce and Michele Engman in honor of our parents

Karen Glass in memory of my father, Larry Wagner

Karen Glass in thanksgiving for my mother, Trudy Wagner

Ed Hancock and Sharlene Campano in memory of Edward and Patty Hancock

Ray and Barb Hrabar in memory of Carol Murphy

Ginny Mickitsch in memory of Helen Baldassare

Ginny Mickitsch in memory of Mark and Judy Dubich

Linda Nickles in celebration of new life

Phyllis Permar in celebration of my grandson's confirmation on March 21

Michael and Beth Ricciuti in memory of Frank and Lorraine Ricciuti

Paul and Kelly Romero in memory of Larry Clark

Paul and Kelly Romero in memory of Sean Clark

Paul and Kelly Romero in memory of Marilyn Wendt

Paul and Kelly Romero in memory of Victoria Dominguez

Secrist family in thanksgiving for love and peace

Bob and Carol Shader in memory of Detta Shader

Bob and Carol Shader in memory of George and Antoinette Ranii

Fred and Barb Smith in celebration of grandchildren Olivia, Wyatt, Landon, Liam, Gunnar and Summerlee

Fred and Barb Smith in memory of parents Fred and Lois Smith; Howard and Betty Schumacher

Guy and Karen Smith in thanksgiving for our grandchildren – James, Clark, Isaac and Caroline

Sharon Snyder in memory of family, friends, and loved ones

Trudy Wagner in loving memory of my husband Larry and my son Richard Wagner

John and Mohylyn Yocca in celebration of the Glory of God and in thanks for our wonderful world

***Thank you!***

*Flowers may be taken after the 11:00am service  
or picked up Tuesday-Friday during office hours.*

## THIS WEEK AT “OUR REDEEMER”

### **SUNDAY, March 31, 2024, Easter Sunday**

Readings: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

8:30am Festival Worship

9:30-10:45am Easter Breakfast

11:00am Festival Worship



### **MONDAY, April 1, 2024, Office Closed**

### **TUESDAY, April 2, 2024**

### **WEDNESDAY, April 3, 2024**

### **THURSDAY, April 4, 2024**

9:00am Executive Committee

### **FRIDAY, April 5, 2024**

### **SATURDAY, April 6, 2024**

5:30pm Worship

### **SUNDAY, April 7, 2024**

Readings: Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1--2:2, John 20:19-31

9:00am Worship

10:00am Growing in God, Adult Sunday School

11:00am Worship

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers of healing and comfort are requested for Larry Moul, Kathy Russman, Carol Ausefski, Ray Hrabar, Chris Decker, Jen Barbati, Gary McGaffic, Randy Stonemark, and those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers: Rudy Faynor, John Fox, Dominic Mansmann, Marcy Raeford, Nancy Lyons, Kayden Spencer, Carol Davelli, Linda Day, Kerwin Broman, Cameron Mayer, Fritz Fox, Makenna McDonough, Kara Smith, Roy Brown, Frank Ricciuti, Jr., Phyllis Rhone, Clem Ferri, Doug Brandt, Nancy Adams, Robert Ruppel, Mike Levkulich, Dave Brewton, Pam Turner, Joan Dvorznak, Gary Lasher, Calvin Cokeley, Laura Norton, Anthony Santaguida, Judy Concannon, Dan Stimmel, Janice Poole, Nester Miskow, Wendy Brosky, Anthony Orecchio, Tamara Brister, and Heidi Garner.

*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).*

**Summer Camp** - Registration for the summer of 2024 is open! ORLC offers camperships for any children attending Lutherlyn or Agapé, our local ELCA camps. Do not submit payment to the camp at registration, but inform the church office before May 15 so campership money may be sent.

**Service opportunity for April** - Join us on **Friday April 5 from noon-2pm** at the Food Helpers/Greater Washington County Food Bank warehouse in Brownsville (about 30min. from the church) to pack boxes of nonperishables to be given out at their Truck to Trunk distributions. We can take up to 12 participants, must be at least 12 years old. Please sign up on the bulletin board or online. The warehouse is located at 909 National Pike W, Brownsville, PA 15417. Contact Jaymi Moody with any questions, [shawnanjaymi@verizon.net](mailto:shawnanjaymi@verizon.net)

**SWPA Synod MLK Event** - Pastor Kerri invites you to an afternoon of learning and worship on **Sunday, April 7** for “The Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr: Fires of Freedom and Cloud of Witnesses”. This year’s event will be hosted at House of Prayer Lutheran in Aliquippa. A pre-event will be held at 2pm at Uncommon Grounds, and the event begins at 4pm with a panel discussion and youth breakout, followed by dinner at 5:30pm and worship at 6:30pm, with the Rev. CeCee Mills preaching and Bishop Kurt Kusserow presiding. Find more information here - <https://www.swpasynod.org/calendar/mlk2024>.

**Holy Hikers** – Our April edition of the Holy Hikers series will be held on **Saturday, April 13 at 9:00am** at the Arrowhead Trail starting at the large parking lot behind the old St. Petersburg Center building (210 Valley Brook Rd) east of the intersection of Rte 19 and Valley Brook Rd. We will head west along the trail featuring several old railroad bridges and tunnels on a 2-mile out and 2-mile back journey (crossing Chartiers Creek). The surface is crushed limestone on a very slight gradient. Dogs are encouraged so bring your furry friends along. As always, everyone is welcome, RSVPs not required (just show up). Self-paced so no need to keep up with the fast-walkers (bring a friend along to hike with!). This is easy-going, informal, come as you are, participate as you will, get exercise, have fun!!

**Support our trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering** - We're so excited! Simon Beck, Xander King, Susan O'Brien, and Pastor Kerri will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July! The ELCA Youth Gathering is a faith formation event for high school students and their adult leaders held every three years. As part of this experience, participants will:

- Be affirmed and challenged in their faith
- Experience new perspectives
- Ponder their vocation
- Bond with their congregational group
- Learn more about the ELCA and our partners

Your help is needed as we raise \$7,000 to attend this powerful and transformational event! In worship on **Sunday, April 14**, we'll be sharing a bit about the event and what we're looking forward to this summer! Donations with the designation "youth gathering" may be made by cash, check, and online. Thank you!

**Crossroads Confirmation** - Crossroads Confirmation will meet on **Sunday, April 14 from 6:30pm - 8pm**. Students are also invited to attend Youth Group from 4:30-6:15pm, and then stay for class.

**Youth Group** - All 7th-12th graders are invited to join Pastor Kerri for Youth Group on **Sunday, April 14 from 4:30-6:15pm**. We'll eat dinner together (sandwiches) and have a jam session - bring your instruments! Crossroads students should plan to stay for class at 6:30pm.

**Family Friday** - K-6th graders and families: bring your dinner and join us for Family Friday on **Friday, April 19 at 5:30pm** in the Social Hall for a story, activities, and playtime as we look ahead to Earth Day!



**Spring Clean-up Day** - Spring is just around the corner. Our annual spring clean-up will be held on **Saturday, April 20 beginning at 10am** (rain date of April 27). Bring your garden gloves and any tools that you feel will be helpful to clear out the old and make way for the new growth.

**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, April 23, 7:00pm**.

**Dining Divas** - The Dining Divas will meet for lunch on **Tuesday, April 30 at 12:30pm** at Al's Cafe (435 McMurray Road, Bethel Park). Ladies, even if you can't come every month, we welcome you whenever you can to join in the fun and fellowship.

**Our Redeemer Women's Social Gathering** - Pastor Martha invites all interested women of all ages to gather for an evening of fellowship and conversation on **Thursday, May 2 at 7pm**. An evening snack will be offered along with a time of devotion. We'll have a conversation about providing funeral luncheons and any other topic of interest. Most of all we'll have fun being together! Please sign the sheet in the narthex or sign up online.

**SWPA Women of the ELCA Convention** will be held **Saturday, May 18** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Greensburg, PA. Opening Worship begins at 8:30 AM. Bishop Kusserow will be present for a Q&A time following worship. "Fair Trade" products will be on sale! Theme is "All Creation Praises and Sings!" For more information and registration form see narthex bulletin board. Registration form must be submitted by **April 30, 2024**. Registration fee is \$40, which includes Saturday lunch.

**G.i.G. Teacher Appreciation will be observed on May 5!** Watch for more information about this celebration coming soon. Please note this will be the last day for Growing in God classes!

**Lutheran Day in the Capitol - Thursday, May 9** is Lutheran Day in the Capitol. Join Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) in Harrisburg for a day of learning, inspiration, advocacy, and celebration around the theme of "Church Together for the Sake of the World God Loves". In the morning, attend workshops and a worship service at Trinity Lutheran, Camp Hill. In the afternoon, visit with legislators at the Capitol. For those who wish to stay longer, join a gala event in the evening in celebration of LAMPa's 45th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger. For more information, and to register, visit <https://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/about/lutheran-day-2024/>.

**Vacation Bible School** - Mark your calendars! VBS at Our Redeemer will take place **Monday, July 8 through Thursday, July 11, 9:15am-noon**. We'll head into the woods for a summer camp adventure at "Camp Firelight" and learn to trust God! Use the QR codes below to register and/volunteer.

A vibrant, cartoon-style poster for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) event. The background is a dark, starry night sky with silhouettes of trees and a full moon. In the center, a small wooden cabin with a red roof and a lit window sits on a grassy patch. To the right of the cabin is a campfire with a bright orange flame. A large, glowing yellow sun or moon is partially obscured by a cartoon firefly character on the left. The firefly is yellow with large blue eyes, a red body, and translucent wings. The text "VBS! JULY 8-11, 9:15AM - NOON" is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font at the top. Below this, the title "Camp Firelight" is written in a large, stylized, yellow font with a green outline. Underneath the title, a brown banner reads "A SUMMER CAMP" and another banner below it reads "ADVENTURE WITH GOD". To the right of the title, the text "Psalm 56:3" is written in a smaller, yellow font. At the bottom left, there is a QR code and the text "REGISTER KIDS AGE 3.5 - COMPLETED 5TH GRADE". At the bottom right, there is another QR code and the text "TEEN & ADULT VOLUNTEERS".

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## **THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (MARCH 31)**

### **8:30am**

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*  
LAY ASSISTANT - Kim Chupinka  
LECTOR - Garrett Langley  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Karen  
Glass, Debbie Healey Langley, Susan  
Loeser, Linda Nickles, Beth Pansino  
GREETERS - Caroline and Juliette  
Langley  
USHERS - Drew and Karla Lance, Clint  
Langley, Ken Rigby  
GIFT BEARER - *Child volunteer*  
*requested*  
ALTAR GUILD - Susan Loeser and  
Becky Long  
POWERPOINT - Ryan Hettinger

### **11:00am**

ACOLYTE - Jules Greco  
LAY ASSISTANT - Kim Maize  
LECTOR - Tim Prex  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Carol  
Brandyberry, Maegan Bregenser,  
Becky Long, Phyllis Permar, Tammy  
Wiens  
GREETER - Karen Smith  
USHERS - Jacob Casper, Joe Maize,  
Keith Mason, Doug Meley  
GIFT BEARER - Reece Greco  
ALTAR GUILD - Carol Brandyberry,  
Sue Lambert and Becky Long  
POWERPOINT - Gary Milavec  
CAMERA - Rolf Otterness  
TELLERS (Tuesday) - Gary Milavec,  
Judy Pilof, Terry Divelbliss

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (APRIL 7)**

### **9:00am**

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*  
LAY ASSISTANT - Susan Loeser  
LECTOR - Terry Divelbliss  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Missy  
Bookhammer, Tina Borra, Kim  
Chupinka, Laura Culp, Keith Lowery,  
Phyllis Permar  
GREETER - Karla Lance  
USHERS - Dave Borra and Drew Lance  
GIFT BEARER - *Child volunteer*  
*requested*  
ALTAR GUILD - Susan Loeser and  
Volunteer  
POWERPOINT - Gary Milavec

### **11:00am**

ACOLYTE - Jack Binotto  
LAY ASSISTANT - Sally Ruppel  
LECTOR - Heather Morelli  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Brenda  
Binotto, Sarah Dagnal, Lori Greene,  
Barb Hrabar, Keith Mason, Heather  
Morelli  
GREETERS - Binotto Family  
USHERS - Jim Doughty and Joe Maize  
GIFT BEARER - Henry Binotto  
ALTAR GUILD - Volunteers  
POWERPOINT - Xander King  
CAMERA - Sam Mizia  
TELLERS (Sunday) - Susan Loeser and  
Sue Lambert

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Scan the QR code to visit the online "bulletin board" and sign up for upcoming events at Our Redeemer!

*Sign up for all events on the bulletin board, through our website, [www.OurRedeemer-peters.org](http://www.OurRedeemer-peters.org), or scan the QR code to the left. For Online Giving, scan the QR code to the right.*

### Online Giving



Scan the QR code to support the mission and ministry of Our Redeemer by giving an offering online.