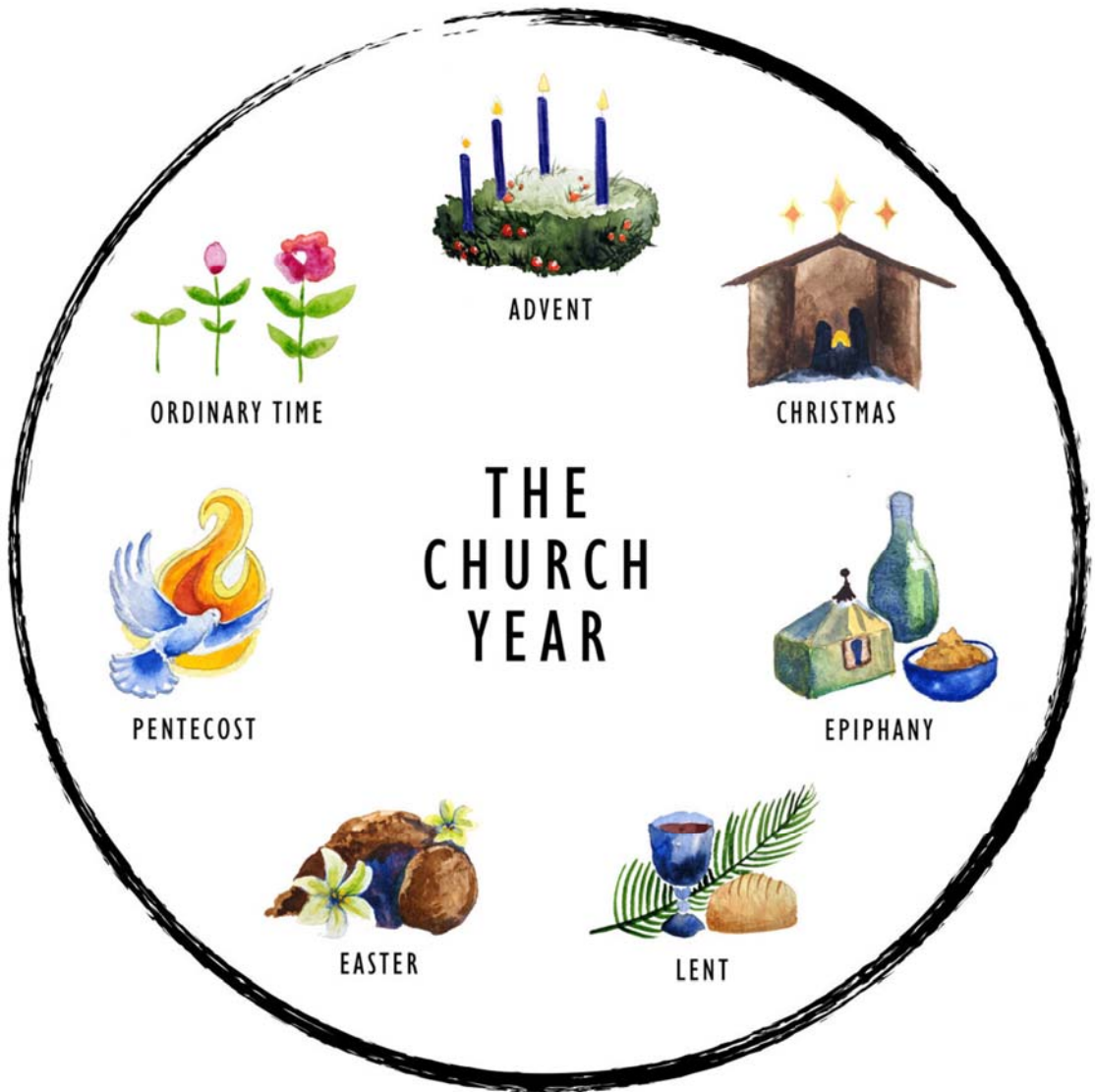


SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

NOVEMBER 26, 2023
CHRIST THE KING



OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES

5:30pm, Saturday

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

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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.

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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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRIST THE KING, IN ALL SEASONS AND TIME

Today we mark the end of the church year as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. Traditionally, this is the day we recognize the rule of Jesus. We acknowledge the reign of God comes to us in unexpected ways: through life-giving love, a splash of water, and a bit of bread and wine. We acknowledge the reign of God welcomes the weak, heals the broken, and restores wholeness. Today, we acknowledge the reign of God is love for us in all seasons and times.

Worship on this day is a journey through the liturgical year, the way the church marks time. Beginning with Advent and continuing through Ordinary Time, we will hear God's Word and experience in song, readings, and art the message of the church's time. In this, we honor and celebrate Christ the King, in all seasons and time.

Stand

OPENING SONG, *Crown Him With Many Crowns*, verses 1 & 5, #855



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also you.**

P Let us pray.

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

ADVENT - THE SEASON OF EXPECTATION

The season of Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, is the beginning of the church year. Advent means 'coming' or 'arrival'. We tend to view this time as exclusively devoted to getting ready for the celebration of Jesus' birth. However, the primary focus of Advent is on Christ's second coming. The beginning of the year moves us to the end of time as we await God's coming again and the fulfillment of God's plan of justice and peace for all creation. As we journey through this time, our focus is on hope. The color of Advent, symbolizing hope, is blue.



READING: Isaiah 40:1-5 (Pew Bible page 581)

L A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SONG, *All Earth is Hopeful*, #266



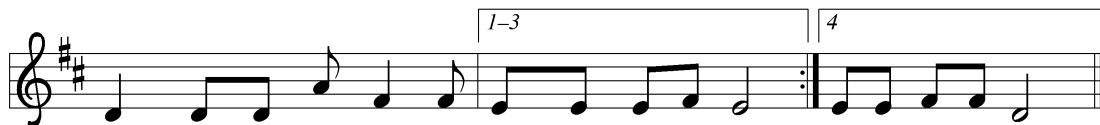
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell;
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

CHRISTMAS - THE SEASON OF EMMANUEL

Welcome Jesus! Welcome Emmanuel, God with us. The season of Christmas begins with the celebration of the birth of Jesus and continues for twelve days, ending on January 5. This is the season of gift giving as we share with friends and family. We also give to those who are less fortunate than ourselves, sharing our abundance in a variety of ways. Most importantly, Christmas is the season of God's gift, given to us in Jesus. As we journey through this time, our focus is on the presence of God in Christ coming into the world. The color of Christmas, symbolizing the light and purity of Jesus, is white.



READING: Luke 2:1-8 (Pew Bible page 832)

P A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

P The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG, *Joy to the World*, verses 1 & 4, #267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the
ceive its King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -
room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

EPIPHANY - THE SEASON OF ILLUMINATION

January 6 is Epiphany Day when we celebrate the coming of the Magi to see Jesus. The season of Epiphany also includes the celebration of Jesus' baptism and the beginning of his public ministry. During Epiphany, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus in every time and place throughout our world. The color for Epiphany Day is white, symbolizing the brightness of Jesus. As we journey through this season, our focus is on the growing mission of Jesus and the color is green.

READING: Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible page 783)

A A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC, *This Little Light of Mine*

OFFERING

Our monetary offerings are part of our worship of God. Because so many of our people give their offerings through Simply Giving, the offering plate is not passed, but located in the back of the sanctuary for your use as you enter or leave the sanctuary. One plate is brought forward at the time of the Offertory, and one remains in the back.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY, *What Child is This*, verse 3, #296



3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

LENT - THE SEASON OF TURNING TO GOD

Lent marks the 40 days before Easter. This time symbolizes Jesus' forty days in the wilderness.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, Lent is a time of preparation and thoughtful reflection on our life of faith and our relationship with God and the world.

Historically, Lenten disciplines or faith practices have included alms giving (sharing financial resources), prayer, and fasting. As we journey through this time, our focus is on returning to God. The color of Lent, symbolizing repentance and solemnity, is purple.

Stand



CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

Sit

ANTHEM: *Who Is He?*



HOLY WEEK - THE GREAT THREE DAYS

At the end of Lent, we mark Jesus' final week. Palm Sunday highlights Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and often includes the reading of the Passion narrative from one of the Gospels. On Maundy Thursday, we begin the Great Three Days with the story of the Last Supper. At the service's conclusion, the altar area may be stripped of furnishings as a sign of Jesus' abandonment. The story continues with Good Friday, where the sanctuary grows gradually darker as we hear of Jesus' suffering, death, and victory on the cross according to the Gospel of John.

Stand

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

Sit

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

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

READING: Mark 15:33-37 (Pew Bible page 829)

A A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG, *Were You There*, verses 1 & 5, #353



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Oh! some-times it caus - es me to



trem-ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
there when they laid him in the tomb?

EASTER - THE SEASON OF LIFE

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed, alleluia! The greeting rings out on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Easter is the high point of the Christian year, with the celebration lasting for fifty days. One day is not enough, we rejoice at God's triumph over death and evil for a time longer than our somber period of Lent. As we journey through this time, our focus is on the risen Christ. The colors of Easter, symbolizing joy and the brightness of the resurrection dawn, are white and gold.



READING: Luke 24:1-12 (Pew Bible page 860)

L A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG, *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*, verses 1 & 3, #365

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!

PENTECOST - THE TIME OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pentecost is the fiftieth day of Easter, a day when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. It is a grand culmination of a joyous celebration. The color of Pentecost Day, symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit, is red.



READING: Acts 2:1-6, 43-47 (Pew Bible page 885)

A A reading from the Acts of the apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG, *O Living Breath of God*, #407



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- A Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. We pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger and partnerships with global feeding ministries. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are underserved and care to any who are neglected. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer especially Sally, Brian, Clint, Carol, Lori, Chris, Jen, Gary, Randy, Mandy and those we name out loud and in our hearts. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation. We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A Holy God, in Christ we are welcomed home. We praise you for the faithful witness of those who have served you and extended your welcome and love to us. Unite us with them as one body of Christ. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- P We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

ORDINARY TIME - THE SEASON OF GROWING

The rest of the church year, the time after Pentecost, is named 'ordinary time', for the ordinal numbers by which the weeks are counted, and because there are no major festivals in the life of the church that are celebrated. As we journey through this time, our focus is on Jesus' ministry and teachings. The color of the time after Pentecost, symbolizing growth in faith, is green. Throughout all seasons and time, we give thanks for God's presence, and the story of God's love for us.

Stand

BLESSING

P May the God of all creation,
 in whose image we are made,
 who claims us and calls us beloved,
 who strengthens us for service,
 give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
 The blessing of God,
 Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,
 be with you today and always.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG, *I Love to Tell the Story*, #661 - next page



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

DISMISSAL

A Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

THIS WEEK AT “OUR REDEEMER”

SUNDAY, November 26, 2023, Christ the King Sunday

9:00am Worship

10:00am Advent Adventures

11:00am Worship

MONDAY, November 27, 2023

7:00pm Finance Committee

TUESDAY, November 28, 2023

6:00pm Call Committee

7:00pm Pub Theology (Voodoo Brewing Co.)

WEDNESDAY, November 29, 2023

9:00am Noah’s Ark Preschool

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 30, 2023

9:00am Noah’s Ark Preschool

FRIDAY, December 1, 2023

9:00am Noah’s Ark Preschool

SATURDAY, December 2, 2023

5:30pm Worship

6:15pm Advent Soup Supper

SUNDAY, December 3, 2023, First Sunday of Advent

9:00am Worship

10:00am Growing in God

10:00am Adult Class

11:00am Worship

4:30-6:15pm Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

6:30-8:00pm Crossroads

Breakfast at the Manger

Gather with us for food and fellowship on **Saturday, December 23 at 10am or Sunday, December 24 at 10am** as we hear the story of “The Noisy Night”! This year, this event will take place twice, so that we have capacity to invite friends, Noah’s Ark families, and community members. Church members may attend either day, and are encouraged to provide an item for breakfast on one or both days - breakfast breads (no peanuts; label for other nuts), fruit, cereal, and yogurt are good options! Help is needed for decoration/set-up on Thursday, December 21, and with food set up/clean up on the days of the events. Plan to sign up by Monday, December 18.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sally Lowery Ferko, Brian Casper, Clint Langley, Carol Brandyberry, Lori Gajdowski, Chris Decker, Jen Barbati, Gary McGaffic, Randy Stonemark, Mandy Jarosh, and those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers: Kayden Spencer, Marcy Raeford, Nancy Lyons, Nancy Adams, Robert Ruppel, Kevin Ruppel, Lydia Damoose, Lisa Kilgore, Liliana Milovic, Laura Norton, Anthony Santaguida, Margaret “Peggy” Stopko, Judy Concannon, Ray Keisling, Dan Stimmel, Tamara Brister, Wendy Brosky, Heidi Garner, Janice Poole, Nester Miskow, and Betty Rively.

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

This weekend’s altar flowers have been given by Ruth Brosky in memory of loved ones.

Forms for donations for Christmas decorations can be found on the bulletin board.

Adult Learning – The Adult Class normally meets on Sundays in the Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. The class is continuing to discuss the ELCA Social Statement, “For Peace in God’s World.” All adults are welcome to join in the conversation. The class will not meet on Sunday, November 26.

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. We’ll meet in November on **Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00pm**. In December, we’ll meet on **Thursday, December 28**.

Advent Soup Supper - Mark your calendars. This annual event will be held on **Saturday, December 2 at 6:15pm**. The event will include games and activities for everyone. Please sign up today to attend as well as to bring a soup, bread or dessert if you are able.

Youth Group - All 7th-12th graders are invited to join Pastor Kerri for Youth Group on **Sunday, December 3 from 4:30-6:15pm**. We'll make and eat dinner together (holiday feast!) and play games. Crossroads students should plan to stay for class at 6:30pm. Sign up on the bulletin board or online.

Dining Divas Holiday Lunch - Tuesday, December 5, 12:30pm at Atria's - Reservations have been made for this special lunch. There is room for two more. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The Dining Divas is a wonderful opportunity for women to get to know one another better and to enjoy a relaxed time together.

Family Friday - K-6th graders and families: bring your dinner and join us for Family Friday on **Friday, December 8 at 5:30pm** in the Social Hall. We'll tell the Christmas story together with a pick-up pageant, and say farewell to our friends Anusha and Jena. Sign up on the bulletin board or online.

Faithful Filmgoers - Mark your calendars for **Friday evening, December 15** for our next film outing. Movie, theater, and time to be determined. Email Steve D'Addieco at stevendaddieco@gmail.com to be put on his email list.

**Interested in Joining Our Redeemer?
Maybe you would just like to learn more about the congregation?**

There will be a new members class held on **January 28 from 1-3pm**. The class will also be available for people who would simply like to know more about the congregation. Please let us know if you would like to participate in this class. New members will be received on February 3 or 4. To let us know of your interest please contact the church office at orlc@comcast.net or talk with one of the pastors.

Christmas Gifts That Make a Difference – Thank you!! The Service and Outreach Committee thanks everyone who took tags to purchase gifts for children, youth and families in need through Glade Run and Washington County Children and Youth Services. Please return your gifts (unwrapped) to Our Redeemer no later than Sunday, December 3. Place them on the table in the Narthex (Lobby) with the tag attached. If you would like to give a gift but did not get a tag, Children and Youth Services reports that they can always use wrapping paper, large gift bags, large canvas bags such as you can buy at TJ Maxx, Lego sets, and hair and nail products. You are welcome to add these and other appropriate gifts to the table!

Money for the ELCA Good Gifts should be paid to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Please indicate on the check ELCA Good Gifts and the animal(s) that you are purchasing.

Thank you for your generosity in helping our neighbors near and far.

Donations for City Mission & Blessings in a Backpack – The Service and Outreach Committee continues to collect everyday items that are needed by families in our area.

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

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

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THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (NOVEMBER 26, 2023)

9:00am

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*
LAY ASSISTANT - John Yocca
LECTOR -Olivia Yocca
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Missy
Bookhammer, Ruth Ann Lowery,
Linda Nickles, Phyllis Permar,
Mohylyn and Olivia Yocca
GREETER - Karla Lance
USHERS - Drew Lance and Gary
Milavec
GIFT BEARER - *Child volunteer
requested*
ALTAR GUILD - Tina Borra and
Volunteer
POWERPOINT - Ryan Hettinger

11:00am

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*
LAY ASSISTANT - Jackie Beck
LECTOR - Mary Helen Barr
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Eliana
Beck, Kim Maize, Carl and Sally
Ruppel, Nancy Till, volunteer
GREETER - Heather Morelli
USHERS - Simon Beck and Joe Maize
GIFT BEARER - *Child volunteer
requested*
ALTAR GUILD - Heather Morelli and
Sally Ruppel
POWERPOINT - Gary Milavec
CAMERA - Sam Mizia
TELLERS (Monday) - Susan Loeser and
John Yocca