



OUR REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, established in 1924



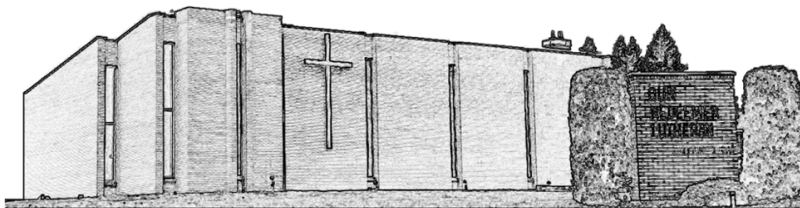
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Sunday, 4 February A+D 2024 • 9:00 A.M.
Wednesday, 7 February A+D 2024 • 7:00 P.M.

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WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See *LSB*, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

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To learn more about The LCMS, visit www.lcms.org.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ISAIAH AARON LINSMEYER AND GARRUS ANDREW CHARLES KOEHLER become children of God this morning through the waters of Holy Baptism. Isaiah is the son of Bradley and Hannah Linsmeyer and his sponsors are Casey & Casey Antonissen. Garrus is the son of Steven Koehler and Jadelynn Cohan and his sponsors are John Koehler and Andrew Cohan. We pray God's blessings be upon Isaiah and Garrus as they enter God's kingdom of grace!

BIG GAME SUBS - The Youth Group is selling subs for the Super Bowl on Sunday, 2/11. We are offering sub samples and taking orders this morning. The cost is \$20 per sub, large enough to feed 4 people. Attention Youth! We be making the subs Saturday 2/10 at church at 10:00 A.M. Thank you for your support in Youth Ministry!

A REMINDER TO ALL ENTERING/EXITING THE CHURCH DURING OFF-HOURS: Please make sure that all doors are locked and closed securely behind you. Your attention helps keep our building safe and secure!

LENT IS AROUND THE CORNER! Make plans now to join us on Wednesday evenings beginning February 14th! A supper will be served at 6:00 P.M. and a special midweek Lenten service will follow at 7:00 P.M.

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS is available this year. Please let the office know by March 1st and we will order it for you. The annual total is \$25.80.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now in your mailbox. If you did not receive envelopes and would like them or do not have a mailbox and would like one, please contact Claire in the church office at (906) 774-1844 or at secretary@ourredeemerkingsford.org.

2023 STATEMENTS have been put in your mailbox.

BOTTLES/CANS: The Youth Group wants your bottles and cans! You may drop off your bottles/cans at the church entrance bottle bin.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Sexagesima: God's Word does things, guaranteed (Isaiah 55:11)! That's because God Himself works in and through His Word, accomplishing His will. His work through the Word made flesh changes hearts. That is why Lutherans For Life bases everything upon that Word. When hearts and minds are changed, people change. People changed and motivated by the Word can influence and bring change to our society. *Almighty Father, bring forth fruit from the seeds You plant in and through us. Amen.*

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
<u>Week of 2/4</u>			
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Rob Kuehl Jim Reed	Sue Rochon
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Bradley Linsmeyer	Sue Rochon
<u>Week of 2/11</u>			
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen Gsus Singers	Rob Kuehl Jim Reed	Jenna Long
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Dana Bey	Jenna Long

THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (4)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Education Hour
Monday (5)	6:30 P.M.	Board of Elders
Tuesday (6)	5:30 P.M.	Gsus Singers Practice
Wednesday (7)	5:30 P.M.	Catechism Vespers
	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (8)	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Friday (9)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (10)		
Sunday (11)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Education Hour

GIVING REPORT & BUDGET UPDATE

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

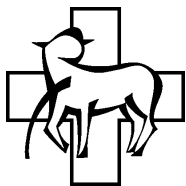
Last Week Offering:	\$2,749.00
Other Income and Gifts:	\$230.00
Total Income This Week:	\$2,979.00
Needed for Budget:	\$3,282.05
Difference:	-\$303.05

YEAR-TO-DATE

Year-to-Date Offerings:	\$9,484.00
Other Income and Gifts:	\$1,124.30
Total Income This Year:	\$10,608.30
Needed for Budget:	\$13,128.20
Difference:	-\$2,519.90

ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sunday, 1/28, 9:00 A.M.	87	75
Wednesday, 1/31, 7:00 P.M.	22	20
Total:	109	95



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Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting Three, pg. 184

Holy Baptism (Sun.) / Confession and Absolution (Weds.)

HYMN OF INVOCATION

"My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker" LSB 820

Stand

BAPTISMS OF ISAIAH AARON LINSMEYER AND GARRUS ANDREW CHARLES KOEHLER

LSB 268 (Sun.)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184 (Weds.)

Service of the Word

INTROIT

Psalm 44:1–2, 7–8; antiphon: vv. 23, 25a, 26a

P Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

C Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

P For our soul is bowed down to the dust.

C Rise up; come to our help!

P O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,

C what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

P you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted;

C you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free.

P But you have saved us from our foes

C and have put to shame those who hate us.

P In God we have boasted continually,

C and we will give thanks to your name forever.



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

P Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

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C Rise up; come to our help!

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

GRADUAL

Psalms 83:18, 13

P [Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name is the LORD,
C are the Most High over all the earth.
P O my God, make them like whirling dust,
C like chaff before the wind.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 4:9-13

⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Stand

TRACT

Psalms 60:1–2, 5

P O God, you have rejected us, broken our defenses;
C you have been angry; oh, restore us.
P You have made the land to quake; you have torn it open;

- C** repair its breaches, for it totters.
P That your beloved ones may be delivered,
C give salvation by your right hand and answer us!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8:4-15

⁴When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’” ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

NICENE CREED

LSB 191 (Weds.)

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” LSB 655

SERMON

“The Word of God Is Good Seed” Luke 8:4-15

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

LSB 194

SANCTUS

LSB 195

LORD’S PRAYER

LSB 196

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

PAX DOMINI

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AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Guests are asked to please read “A Word to Our Guests About Holy Communion” on page 2 of this week’s bulletin.

Those who are communing are encouraged to prepare themselves using “Preparing for the Sacrament of the Altar” on page 2 of the bulletin.

The Lord’s Supper is distributed at the altar rail. Each table is dismissed with the following blessing:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared” LSB 622 (Sun.)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” LSB 700 (Sun.)

“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace” LSB 580 (Sun.)

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

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THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

HYMN TO DEPART

“O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth” LSB 834

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