

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

APRIL 7, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



**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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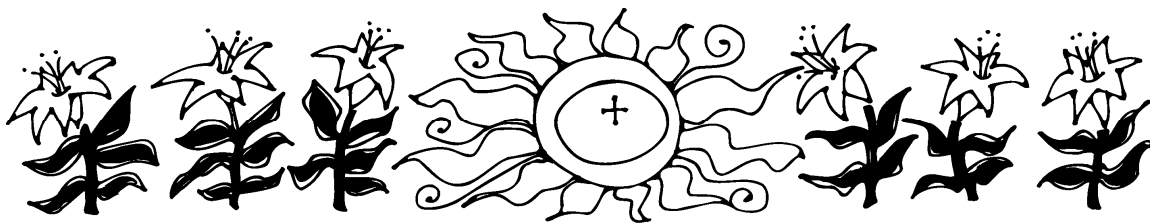
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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

"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."



# Second Sunday Of Easter

*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**

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

*Stand*

**GATHERING SONG: *He Has Made Me Glad***



I will en - ter his gates with thanks - giv - ing in my heart,



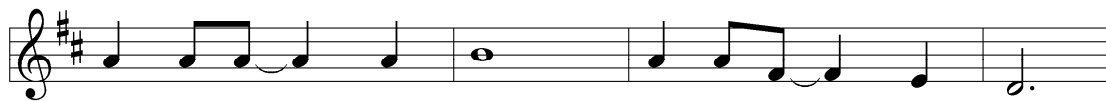
I will en - ter his courts with praise.



I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;



I will re - joice for he has made me glad.



He has made me glad, he has made me glad,



I will re - joice for he has made me glad.



He has made me glad, he has made me glad,



I will re - joice for he has made me glad.

***Repeat***

## 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!**

# SONG OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### **First Reading: Acts 4:32-35**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 133** (*Read responsively*)

How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.



## SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2

A reading from the first letter of John.

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time, with a melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff is in the same key and time, with a melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

## **GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

*Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright, #384*



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

## 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.*

Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in grief, suffering or pain especially the Ellis family, Randy, Larry, Kathy, Carol, Ray, Chris, Jen, Gary, and those we name aloud and in our hearts. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Guide Bishop Kusserow and the synod staff as they consider the needs and opportunities presented by Our Redeemer in our senior pastor call process. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you. Grant us your peace amid our fears. 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.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC/ANTHEM (11:00):** *Let the Praise Go 'Round*

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

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.

## 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

## **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.

*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: *Thine Is the Glory*, #376



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

**DISMISSAL**

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

## **THIS WEEK AT “OUR REDEEMER”**

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

9:00am    Worship

10:00am    Growing in God, Adult Sunday School

11:00am    Worship

### **MONDAY, April 8, 2024**

### **TUESDAY, April 9, 2024**

7:00pm    Worship and Music Committee

### **WEDNESDAY, April 10, 2024**

7:00pm    Chancel Choir

### **THURSDAY, April 11, 2024**

7:00pm    Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting

### **FRIDAY, April 12, 2024**

### **SATURDAY, April 13, 2024**

9:00am    Holy Hikers (St. Petersburg Center, Valley Brook Road)

5:30pm    Worship

### **SUNDAY, April 14, 2024**

9:00am    Worship

10:00am    Growing in God, Adult Sunday School

11:00am    Worship

4:30-6:15pm    Youth Group (7th-12th)

6:30-8:00pm    Crossroads

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers of healing and comfort are requested for Tom and Karen Ellis and family on the death of Tom's mother, Carolyn Ellis; Randy Stonemark, Larry Moul; Kathy Russman; Carol Ausefski; Ray Hrabar; Chris Decker; Jen Barbati; Gary McGaffic; and those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers: the Levkulich family, Wendy Brosky, Tamara Brister, 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, Dave Brewton, Pam Turner, Joan Dvorznak, Gary Lasher, Calvin Cokeley, Laura Norton, Anthony Santaguida, Judy Concannon, Dan Stimmel, Janice Poole, and Nester Miskow.

*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 child 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.

**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. 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>.

**VBS Planning** - A VBS planning meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 11 at 7pm**. We'll be looking through the curriculum and setting the schedule.

**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!



**Faithful Filmgoers** - Our next outing will be on **Friday, April 19** to see the film *Civil War*. After the film, we'll find a place that is close by to grab a bite and discuss the film. Friends are always welcome. To be put on the email list to receive information about the theater and meeting time, send your name and email address to Steve D'Addieco at [stevendaddieco@gmail.com](mailto:stevendaddieco@gmail.com).

**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.

**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.

**Our Redeemer Women's Social Gathering** - Pastor Martha invites 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.

**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/or volunteer.

A vibrant, cartoon-style poster for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) event. The background is a dark, starry night sky with a full moon, silhouettes of trees, and glowing fireflies. In the center, a smiling yellow bee with large eyes and wings is flying. Behind the bee is a small wooden cabin with a lit window and a red flag on top that says "CAMP FIRELIGHT". To the right of the cabin is a campfire with a bright flame. The text "VBS! JULY 8-11, 9:15AM - NOON" is written in large, yellow, block letters at the top. Below the bee, the words "Camp Firelight" are written in a large, white, cursive font. Underneath that, in smaller white text, is "A SUMMER CAMP" and "Psalm 56:3". At the bottom, a brown banner reads "ADVENTURE WITH GOD". Two QR codes are positioned at the bottom corners. The text "REGISTER KIDS AGE 3.5 - COMPLETED 5TH GRADE" is at the bottom left, and "TEEN & ADULT VOLUNTEERS" is at the bottom right.

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## THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (APRIL 7)

### 9:00am

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*  
LAY ASSISTANT - Susan Loeser  
LECTOR - Mary Helen Barr  
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 - Tina Borra and Susan Loeser  
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 - Becky Long and Sally Ruppel  
POWERPOINT - Xander King  
CAMERA - Sam Mizia  
TELLERS (Monday) - Susan Loeser and Sue Lambert

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (APRIL 14)

### 9:00am

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*  
LAY ASSISTANT - Gary Milavec  
LECTOR - Debbie Healey Langley  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Kim Chupinka, Karen Glass, Debbie Healey Langley, Phyllis Permar, Trudy Wagner, Volunteer  
GREETER - Kim Chupinka  
USHERS - Clint and Garrett Langley  
GIFT BEARER - *Child volunteer requested*  
ALTAR GUILD - Volunteers  
POWERPOINT - Ryan Hettinger

### 11:00am

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*  
LAY ASSISTANT - Maegan Bregenser  
LECTOR - Tammy Wiens  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Carol Brandyberry, Sue Lambert, Becky Long, Kim Maize, Keith Mason, Tammy Wiens  
GREETERS - Dani and Penny Mizia  
USHERS - Jim and Max Mizia  
GIFT BEARER - Titus Pomposelli  
ALTAR GUILD - Carol Brandyberry and Volunteer  
POWERPOINT - Meredith Pomposelli  
CAMERA - Sam Mizia  
TELLERS (Monday) - Dave Borra and Lori Greene

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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.OurRedeemerpeters.org](http://www.OurRedeemerpeters.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.