

2 Corinthians 5:11-21
The Ministry of Reconciliation

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. 16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

LORD, HAVE MERCY.
CHURCH, HAVE COURAGE.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Sunday, June 19, 2016
9:30am

We welcome you to worship today and trust that God will meet us here and send us out to be his servants in the world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/GREETINGS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**
P: God of all mercy and consolation...of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. (silence for reflection)
C: Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**
P: God who is rich in mercy, loved us...that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
C: Amen.

*HYMN "Praise to the Lord Almighty"

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*APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast"

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P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
C: **Worthy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.** **P:** Let us pray ...

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON OF THE DAY 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

P: Word of God, Word of life **C: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Reconcile"

Intern Pastor Anne Jackson

*HYMN "To a Place of Celebration"

Insert

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(After each petition, respond "Hear our prayer.")

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OFFERING & WELCOME FOLDERS

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

(The congregation is encouraged to sing during the distribution of communion.)

"Just As I Am"

"Lord Jesus Think on Me"

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*BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace to serve the Lord by transforming lives **C: Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

(* = Please stand, as you are able.)

This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday, June 19

9:30am Worship
1:00pm Spring of Eternal Life Church

Monday, June 20

6:45pm Lives Worth Living

Tuesday, June 21

11:30am SUNNY (FH)
2:00pm Staff Meeting
7:00pm SEL (S), Church Board

Wednesday, June 22

8am-4:30pm Summer Stretch
9:30am Bible Study
5:30pm Gathering & Games
6:00pm Simple Summer Worship
7:00pm Strength Finders Study

Thursday, June 23

6:45am Men's Bible Study
11:30am SUNNY (FH)

Friday, June 24

Saturday, June 25

5-9pm SEL (S) (FH)

Sunday, June 26

9:30am Worship—Outdoors
10:45am Semi-Annual Meeting
1:00pm Spring of Eternal Life Church

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Announcements

Welcome to worship! If you are visiting, thank you so much for joining us in worship! If this is your first time here or if you have been here before and would like to know more about this church, please fill out a Visitor Information Card (located in the card racks in front of you on the pew) and place it in the offering plate. Nursery is provided from 9:45-12:15. Please feel free to join us after service for conversation and fellowship. Thank you for visiting and experiencing the power of God and hearing the promise of His Word with us!

Holy Communion - This morning we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. All baptized believers who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome to participate. To accommodate those participating in communion that would prefer to have a gluten-free wafer (instead of bread), they are available for you to take in the silver bowl on the baptismal font. There is also white grape juice (instead of wine) available from the inner circle of the communion tray. Please fill out a communion participation card and hand it to the usher as you come forward.

Worship Host	Allen Heimerdinger
Ushers	Dan Fitzgerald, Bill Maynard, Bill Fredine, Johan/Katie Madrigal, Jessica Morgan, Kari Keating, Dick & Sharon Peterson
Lector	Holly Forsberg
Greeters	Virginia Kettleison, Darlene Harwood, Jennifer Kubitschek
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Next Week's Readings

June 26: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Semi-Annual Meeting

ORLC's Semi Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 26 at 10:45am. Please join us to be informed of happenings at Our Redeemer.

Rummage Sale

A big thank you to all who helped make the rummage sale a huge success. Thank you to the youth who came and helped and to those of you who came and shopped. We made over \$2000 some of which will be donated for kitchen use, Fellowship Hall work, and the Sunny program. Thanks again to the great team of people who helped all week and everyone for donating their items to be sold.

Summer Worship

Our summer hours began and continue through Labor Day. We will be worshipping one service at 9:30am. We also will be offering a Wednesday, Simple Summer Service at 6:00pm. Come early at 5:30pm for some fun and games and stay after for a treat! We are also planning on worshipping the last Wednesday of the month at Bruentrap Farm at 2170 County Road D in Maplewood. Worship is at 6:30 but you can go at 5:30 for dinner and games (\$6). Check next week's bulletin for an insert on this fun event.

SUNNY

This summer ORLC is excited to partner with Loaves & Fishes in launching S.U.N.N.Y (Serving Up Nutrition Now to Youth) to provide a nutritional hot-lunch meal twice a week on Tuesdays & Thursdays in Fellowship Hall from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. Children, youth and individuals are welcome following the meal to pack a nutritional cold bag lunch to take home. S.U.N.N.Y meals will run through the summer until Tuesday August 30.

Here are a few food items we will begin collecting now if you are able to help—they can be brought in to the church office.

Individualized or snack sizes of:

Trail mix, Mixed nuts, Gold fish, Apple sauce, Fruit cups (packed in water or light syrup)
Raisins or Craisins, Granola bars, Belvita Breakfast Biscuits

Living Your Strengths:

Many thanks to those who completed the Strength Finders inventory. We are offering a four night group experience on finding out more about 'Living your Strengths' and how to apply this knowledge to our daily living. We are using a small group series put out by the creators of Strength Finders. We are meeting Wednesday evenings **June 22 and 29**. The group time will take place after the Wednesday evening service. Service is at 6:00, so group time would begin about 6:30 p.m., and will run about an hour in the Fireside room.

Dorothy Day

A speaker from Catholic Charities will give a presentation on the second phase of Dorothy Day. For those of you who have worked at the current Facility and for those who supported the postcard campaign come and hear what has been completed and plans for phase two. Meeting will be on Thursday June 23rd 6:30 pm in Kenny Hall at Presentation School.

Thrivent Action Team Event - Serving at Dorothy Day on Monday, June 27

Good News! Thrivent has again approved an Action Team grant to help fund this meal to serve homeless and low income people in our community at Dorothy Day. Please join this team! We need preparers at 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM and we need servers from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. New volunteers are welcome and no experience is required. The signup sheets can be found in the Narthex at the Information Desk. Volunteers can pick up their new Thrivent Action Team T-shirt (bright blue ones) in advance when they sign up. Thank you volunteers! Thank you Thrivent!

Knitting & Crocheting

God's Hands Knitting & Crocheting meets on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00. We have adopted Caribou Coffee on White Bear Avenue and County Road D, (by Maplewood Mall), as our current gathering place. Most of the work is done elsewhere but it is great fun to see the current projects. We share patterns, ideas and sometimes, we share yarn. Nine Prayer Shawls were given last year, as needs were made known. We recently completed a service project with Jack's Basket by donating 10 pairs of baby booties and 23 infant hats for newborns. Besides the donated items, we work on various personal projects. We bring our works "in progress" and enjoy good conversation. Please consider joining us on June 16, July 21, August 18 and September 15.

Second Harvest/Bremer Bank Donation Match Opportunity

Donations of money to support our local Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank given by June 25 will be matched \$2 for each \$1. Go to any Bremer Bank or to Bremer.com to contribute.

Funeral Information

Lois Mallum passed away last week and her funeral will be on Monday at 2pm at Elim church at 20971 Olinda Trail N in Scandia.