

March 2021

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"The Good Newsletter" of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

A Message from Pastor Karsten: What's Happening?

What's happening? This can be a question meant as a simple greeting or as a beginning question for a conversation. It can also be heard as a real wondering about what lies ahead. It can also be heard as lament as one tries to navigate the world around us. So let me try to tap into a few responses to this phrase.

- Ministry at Our Redeemer continues to move along with lots of irons in the fire – there is no COVID resting break. There is quite a bit happening right now:
- We have our Wednesday meals and food distribution that averages around 175 meals and about \$2,500 worth of food shared. We recently received a large refrigerator for storage and are in the midst of grant writing for more equipment to keep this ministry happening well.
 - Worship continues to be recorded weekly (it really is done well and creatively) and we are now having live Wednesday Lent services as part of a deeper collaborative effort happening with three other East Side Lutheran churches.

We are aiming to be back for in-person worship on Easter Sunday, assuming the COVID numbers, particularly with the new variants, are under good control – stay tuned for updates.

It is good to see a denunciation of the Christian Nationalism that has recently surfaced both with the events at our Nation's capital on January 6 and in other displays of political extremism that sometimes is done 'in the name of Christ'. I was glad to note that over 100 seminary leaders, pastors, and evangelical leaders were part of this letter. Part of it read, "We recognize that evangelicalism, and white evangelicalism in particular, has been susceptible to the heresy of Christian nationalism because of a long history of faith leaders accommodating white supremacy. We choose to speak out now because we do not want to be quiet accomplices in this on-going sin."

While the name Evangelical rests in the name of our church (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America), we are not a denomination caught up in this grouping of Evangelicals, and have a far greater commitment to honoring diversity, fighting against injustice, and being inclusive as a church. Our roots as the ELCA leads us to speak out about a faith that supports the values and tenants of Christian Nationalism, and we can be proud of that.

I hope that what is happening in your home and your world is good, and that you are being good to yourself and good to the neighbors near and far. And find some time to ask someone else, "What's happening?" and listen for what comes out.

Pastor Karsten



A Message from Deacon Jennifer: Road Map

"Where are we and how do we begin to do the *work* of racial justice internally and in the world?" This is the guiding question that Pastor Peter Harrits will use when he speaks to us at our Adult Forum/Community Connection time on Sunday, March 7 at 11:00am. While our country has a long history of racism, slavery, and oppression of people of color, 2020 was a year of nation-wide unrest.

This excerpt from CBS News recaps part of 2020:

"On May 25, George Floyd died after a Minneapolis police officer kneeled on his neck for more than eight minutes. The incident sparked international protests against racism and police brutality – but in the wake of this mass call for change, police are still killing Black men and women at disproportionate rates.

Using databases from Mapping Police Violence and The Washington Post, CBS News has compiled a list of 164 Black men and women who were killed by police from January 1 to August 31, 2020. Many of the cases remain under investigation.

This data is based on reported and verified cases, and does not necessarily account for all incidents in which a person was killed by police. But based on the known cases, police have killed at least one Black person every week since January 1, and only two states — Rhode Island and Vermont — have reported no killings by police this year." *CREDIT: CBS News*

We as people of faith must take a stand for our brothers and sisters, for all humanity who are marginalized and oppressed by the system. It is what Jesus calls us to do in Luke 10:27, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

In our adult forum on Sunday, March 7 at 11:00am, Pastor Peter Harrits will go over the collective results of the IDI - Intercultural Development Inventory that was taken by 20 members of ORLC. The results of the IDI show us how we make sense of cultural differences and commonalities. It sets a benchmark for our congregation for where we are and lays out opportunities for us to systematically increase our intercultural competence—from where we are to where we want to be as a faithful people in the body of Christ.

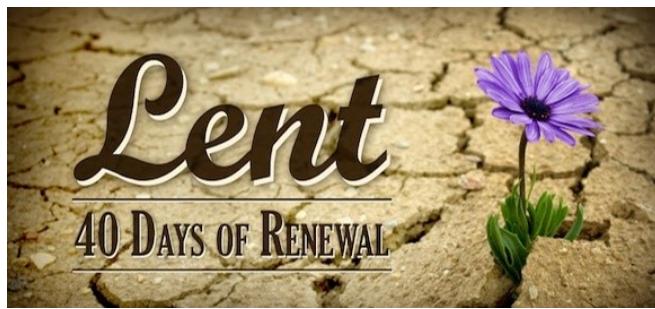
This journey is critical for us to embark on. It is challenging and somewhat uncomfortable, but will be rewarding for us and for our future generations to know we moved the needle on racism, ableism, xenophobia, islamophobia, homophobia, etc. We can do this - together!

Deacon Jennifer

Regathering and Reconnecting – an update about our future together *by Pastor Karsten*

Plans are already being made for the days when we can be together to see smiles, rub elbows, eat donuts, laugh in each other's presence and worship together. And when that time does get here, there is already some planning ahead for how we can reconnect well. One plan taking shape is for some evening dessert gatherings to hang out for a little food, some guided questions to stir conversation, and good listening – hope that sounds good to you. Likely to begin this summer!

Right now we are hoping and planning for a return to in-person worship on Easter Sunday – wouldn't that be great? It has been over a year now for us to be in these COVID restrictions. And while that is our goal, we local Lutheran leaders spent a morning with Dr Michael Osterholm, the chief epidemiologist for MN, and what he had to share about COVID-19. The good news is that once people get the vaccinations (his push was for EVERYONE over 65 to get these), they are very free to be in community or traveling, with little fears of infection. But his warning was getting ready for a push from one variant (P117) that already has some countries in Europe in lockdown – he said it is much more transmissible, more severe symptoms, and has been able to evade a vaccination. This spread is anticipated to happen here in later March and likely last through April, so we must be vigilant with good, safe practices. So, stay tuned for more updates.



In the midst of Lent

As we are in the midst of Lent, we want to remind you of what kinds of things are available for you to engage in this special season moving us towards Easter.

Worship on Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 PM

Join us Wednesday nights as we are having live Zoom worship services in collaboration with three other local Lutheran churches (Hope, Grace, and Arlington Hills). Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81665303316>. You can also call in from your phone: 1 312 626 6799 US Meeting ID: 816 6530 3316

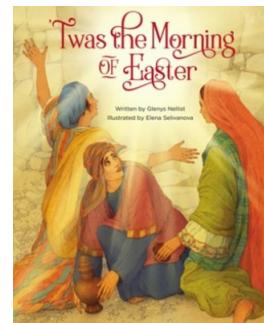
Devotion book and group conversations

Lean into Lent with a special weekly devotional called, *Again and Again*, which includes a poetry prayer, a scripture with commentary, as well as two original art-based devotions for reflection. You can call the church office to have one sent to you or you can drive by the office and pick one up; otherwise, we will continue to email four devotions each week. For a group experience, there will be two options for 25-minute group conversations on *Zoom* using this resource: on Sundays during our regular Connection Time at 11:00 a.m. (*using link on front page in upper right-hand corner*) or following our shared Wednesday worship at 6:30 p.m. (*using link in above paragraph*). Let this lead you to a richer Lent as you share the journey with others.



Twas the Morning of Easter—Saturday, March 27

“Twas the Morning of Easter” tells the story of the resurrection of Jesus in a fresh way, with a familiar rhythm and rhyme that children will love, following the pattern of Clement Moore’s iconic “Twas the Night Before Christmas.” Our Children, Youth, & Family team is planning a special outdoor event on Saturday, March 27, engaging our youth and inviting our community to join in on activities and receive an Easter egg. (Unfortunately, we will not be holding our annual Easter egg hunt this year.) More details to come for this special Easter celebration!



Palm Sunday—March 28

Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week and the last week of the solemn season of Lent that precedes the arrival of Eastertide! We will celebrate by making available palm branches that you may pick up near the entrance of our church. Details coming in the next two weeks.

Maundy Thursday—April 1

Maundy Thursday is a Holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus with the Apostles. We will have a special online service.

Good Friday—April 2

This year we will not be gathering with our local Lutheran neighbors as has been tradition, but instead the pastors and musicians from the churches will be prerecording a service that will be made available in an upcoming communication.

Easter Sunday—April 4

Our hope and plan right now is to have our Easter Sunday worship back live in our sanctuary with social distance spacing, wearing of masks and soft singing still being in effect to keep everyone as safe as possible. This plan may change if the COVID strains start to move havoc, so stay tuned for final plans in future communications.

Honor your loved ones—Order Easter Flowers Now
(complete the attached form by April 1)

New Name - Same Great Ministry by Deacon Jennifer

Loaves and Fishes has been a staple ministry of ORLC for the past number of years. Faithful volunteers prepared and served a hot meal to guests in our Fellowship Hall offering dignity and warm hospitality. When COVID hit, we pivoted. It was week-by-week adapting to figure out how best to get meals to our community in need. In the summer, we were able to have tables of food and clothing outside for people to self-select. Visitors could walk up to the front door and socialize while waiting for their meals. This was temporarily good for community building and continuing to offer the ability for guests to make their own choices. But as COVID continued and spread more rapidly, and weather shifted into snow and cold, we needed to pivot again. Guests now need to drive up, limiting the number of people waiting by the door to only those who arrive on foot.



This critical ministry of food justice continues to grow. Thanks to our many volunteers from the very beginning to now, we have met an important need in our community. We are serving more meals, recovering and redistributing more food (and clothes in warmer weather). This means we are in need of more volunteers and more funding. We are looking deeper into our partnerships in the community to strengthen this program and provide longevity. Besides our partnerships with Loaves & Fishes, Merrick and North Saint Paul Food Shelves, we are connecting with our Eastside Congregations, the Saint Paul Area Synod, and beyond.

The “beyond” piece is where we pivot again. We are seeking grant and funding opportunities which require us to be more specific in our name. We are no longer simply Loaves & Fishes, (plus this name is already taken by our parent organization). We now distribute food, masks, and clothing. We connect people with other resources such as job assistance through Daily Work, etc. We are even considering ways we might host a social worker on Wednesday evenings to further connect people with needed resources. And, as we prepare and serve more meals, there is greater need for kitchen equipment, custodial coverage, and packaging products for our meals. To request funds, we have rebranded our ministry to be called “Community Sharing.”



Kudos and thank you to Roy Wong has spearheaded this renaming and the further work of helping us become eligible for 3M to provide matching funds when 3M employees (active and retired) volunteer with this ministry. It will also help as we submit grant applications to foundations who generally do not fund religious organizations. As we continue to pivot and grow in our service to the community, please pray for this good work of food justice and the ways we are the hands and feet of Christ. And, consider how you might get involved!

The Church Mirror Survey – An Our Redeemer Endeavor during March

We all likely see ourselves in a mirror a few times a day as we pass by hallways or the back of bedroom doors or certainly in the bathroom. While we often don't stop to look too deeply there are times when we can really use a mirror to help us out. The same is true for the church.

We hope you will join us by filling out a short survey that is being made available to the whole congregation. This will take only about 20 minutes and the results are going to help us prepare for strong life and ministry as a church when we are on the other side of this COVID pandemic. It will also be part of what we use for some longer-range planning for Our Redeemer.

Our goal is to have 50 responses so please take some time to fill out the *Church Mirror Survey* by clicking on this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OurRedeemerLutheran-StPaul-5FRB6XX>

If you are not on our email list, you will receive a paper version through regular mail early next week. We encourage you to complete the survey by Thursday, March 25.

We are able to utilize this tool as part of the Renewal Process we are walking through with the Saint Paul Area Synod, and the leader of this program (David Runstad) will be visiting with our Board on April 20 to share his insights and findings from our congregational responses. This is really good material to help us return back strong and then lean into a good future for Our Redeemer.

Worship Information

Online Worship – Until further notice, no in-house worship services—Please join us each week for a prerecorded online service as we are choosing to not meet in person at this time so as to be safer for our folks and the community. Watch Our Redeemer services anytime from Sunday at 10 a.m. on YouTube – find the link on our website, or on the front page of our newsletters, or by looking up ‘Our Redeemer St. Paul’ on YouTube.



Sunday Worship Viewing on Wednesdays— You are welcome to stop in on Wednesdays at 12 noon for a viewing of the previous Sunday worship service on the large screen in the Sanctuary. We are limited seating to make sure we comply with the pandemic guidelines of social distancing (and we must wear our masks). These Wednesdays are especially helpful for those without technology or who are reluctant to be amongst large crowds. Come join us!

Communion – During this time when we have moved to online worship only, we are pausing our celebration of Holy Communion until the time when we can again gather in the Sanctuary.

Worship Services		
Online Every Sunday @ 10 a.m. on YouTube (option to view anytime following)		
Wednesdays @ 12 noon at Church in Sanctuary (view previous Sunday service)		
Date	Scriptures (Click on links below)	Lector
March 7	John 2:13-22; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Joe France
March 14	John 3:14-21; Ephesians 2:1-10	Cherie Kilbride
March 21	John 12:20-33; Jeremiah 31:31-34	Hilary Hinrichs
March 28 Palm Sunday	John 12:1-19	Holly Forsberg

If you wish to be a part of our services (lector, technology, musically, faith-sharing), contact the office.



Thrivent Members: Any of your undesignated “Choice Dollars” from 2020 will expire March 31, 2021. Please choose ORLC or another non-profit to receive your dollars. Free money! Thank you!



CONNECTING ON ZOOM!

SUNDAYS—Our Redeemer Connection Time

11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Meeting ID: 947 3459 2014 Passcode: orlc

WEDNESDAYS—Bible Study

9:30—10:30 a.m.

Meeting ID: 938 5603 8724 Passcode: orlc

Or participate by phone: 312-626-6799
(long distance charges may apply)



Volunteers Needed! North St. Paul Food Shelf

The North St. Paul Food Shelf could use some help—can you volunteer? If you have 2 or 4 or 5 hours of time once a week or a month that you could spare for a good cause, please contact Kathi Kirchoff at kathi717@hotmail.com or 651-245-3533. The help needed is for stocking shelves, bagging for clients, sorting through and organizing items. There are hours available in the daytime and evenings. They are also looking for volunteers to pick up food from local grocery stores and deliver them to the food shelf.





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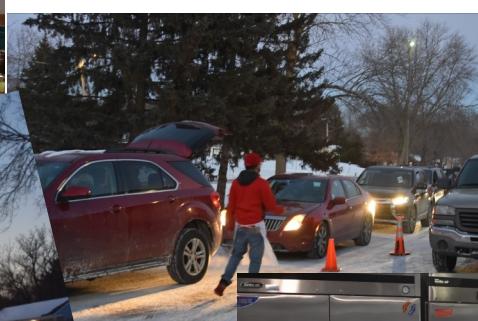
Emails received from Marlene, a regular recipient of our Wednesday "Community Sharing" meals:

February 10: "The weather is so terribly cold this week; is the food offering canceled this evening? Much gratitude for your generosity, it has been a great financial help."

(We responded to Marlene, "Yes, it is still on!")

February 11: "My neighbor and I did participate. I am so grateful for the program and, thank all the amazing volunteers for braving the cold for us!"

Thank you, Marlene, for thanking our volunteers!



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| 3 | Sharon Peterson | 14 | Ryder Rediske |
| 4 | Michael Keating | 15 | Rachel Trimble |
| 6 | Robin Benjamin | 17 | Benjamin Thompson |
| 7 | Layla Lee (Pruden) | 19 | Cherie Kilbride |
| 9 | Nancy Stack | 25 | Don Trimble |
| 9 | Hendrix Magnuson | 26 | Arlys Anderson |
| 10 | Aaron Mennen | 26 | Judith Meister |
| 11 | Jason Snaza | 27 | Kim Muchow |
| 11 | Amy Stafford | 29 | Bill Maynard |
| 11 | Ronald Sullivan | 29 | Shaun Sullivan |

If your birthday is not shown in this month and it should be (or if you prefer your birthday not be announced in the future), please contact the office.





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Floral Calendar From Wishshi.Com



March 2021 Happenings

3	Bible Study on Zoom	9:30 AM
3	Viewing of Sunday Service in Sanctuary	12:00 PM
3	Lent Worship Service on Zoom	6:30 PM
10	Bible Study on Zoom	9:30 AM
10	Viewing of Sunday Service in Sanctuary	12:00 PM
10	Lent Worship Service on Zoom	6:30 PM
14	Daylight Saving Time Begins	12:00 AM
17	Bible Study on Zoom	9:30 AM
17	Viewing of Sunday Service in Sanctuary	12:00 PM
17	Lent Worship Service on Zoom	6:30 PM
24	Bible Study on Zoom	9:30 AM
24	Viewing of Sunday Service in Sanctuary	12:00 PM
24	Lent Worship Service on Zoom	6:30 PM
27	Twas the Morning of Easter—CYF event	TBD
28	Palm Sunday—Drive-thru Palm Pickup!	9:00 AM

Ways to Give to Our Redeemer



Giving of Your Offerings

- Mail your offering/envelope to the ORLC office: 1390 Larpenteur Ave E, St. Paul MN 55109
- Drop off your offering/envelope in the locked mailbox located near our front entrance.
- Make an online offering at the link www.orlcmn.org/donate, which is also available on the first page of our website (www.orlcmn.org) by clicking the “Make Donation” button. Set up an automatic one-time donation or recurring withdrawals from your financial institution, or by using a credit card. (NOTE: There is a 2% fee to use a credit card.)
- Text 844-871-2328, enter amount in message line, send, follow instructions.

Purchasing of Gift Cards

When you purchase gift cards through Our Redeemer’s “Bucks for Our Building” program, a percentage of your gift card value is given back to church. There is a long list of many businesses from which to choose. Our current gift card “sales representative” is Bard Maynard. You can place your order by emailing Barb and the office. Barb and Sally will coordinate when you can pick up your order and make your payment. Remember—the more you buy, the more your church earns! Email Barb at: bezm09@comcast.net and Sally at: office@orlcmn.org

Giving of Thrivent Dollars

Are you a Thrivent member? If so, check your Thrivent accounts regularly for *Choice* dollars that may have accumulated which can be designated to Our Redeemer or as you choose.

Ordering from Shutterfly

Any purchases you make through our Shutterfly Storefront provides Our Redeemer with 8 percent of the sale! Your family, friends, and coworkers can also order through our storefront, which is: ORLCMN.ShutterflyStorefront.com.

CONTACT US – We are here for you!

While we are working remotely some of the time, one of us is generally in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.—2 p.m.; and Wednesdays, 9 a.m.—5 p.m. However, please reach out to us any time beyond these hours as we want to hear from you if you need help, or have a special request, or have prayer needs.

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HOME CHURCH – for Sunday, March 7, 2021

This is a simple format that allows you—whether by yourself or with others—to take some dedicated time and enjoy the gift of worship in your home setting. Find a quiet place, light a candle, and lift your heart and voice to God.

Gathering

Again and again, we come to worship. Again and again we remember that God calls us together as community – virtually *and* physically. We move closer to God. God meets us and hears us. We are shown the way. We worship in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Confession

God of Justice, we are guilty of building tables that oppression dines on, sexism thrives on, racism lives on. God of Justice, we are guilty of forgetting where we are, of turning faith into a negotiation tool and the church into a place for insiders. God of our hearts, be in our decision making. Draw near to our choices. Forgive our mistakes. Flip every table, habit, belief, or point of view that needs adjusting. With hope we pray for a better day. Amen.

Words of Absolution

We are held, loved, and forgiven by a just and merciful God. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Song – “My Song Is Love Unknown” – verses 1, 2, 7 #94 LBW (green book)

1. My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me; Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be. O who am I, That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?	2. He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow; But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know: But oh, my Friend, My Friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend.	7. Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine; Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine. This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend.
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Scripture - I Corinthians 1:18-25 and John 2:13-22 (*please find this in your Bible*)

Scripture Reflections and Questions

What kinds of things do you get angry about? How do you react to your anger? When does Jesus get angry? How does he respond? What things should anger me because they anger God? When is our anger useful? How can we use our anger to care for others?

Prayers

Again and again we lift up our prayers to the Lord, and the Lord hears us with compassion and mercy. We pray for the church, the world and all those in need.

For the church: the ministry of ORLC, for the ways we love and serve our neighbors, for our learning and growth

For the world: COVID vaccines being distributed around the world, protests and violence in Myanmar, care for the environment, justice for women and children who are oppressed in many places around the world

For our community: the trial of Derek Chauvin, the homeless and oppressed, front-line workers, violence in our neighborhoods, children and youth struggling with depression and mental health issues

For others: members in our congregation, neighbors, friends and family members in need of healing and peace

For myself: physical _____, mental _____, spiritual _____
AMEN

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.

Benediction

Again and again, May the Lord bless you and keep you . Again and again, may the Lord’s face shine down upon you with grace and mercy. Again and again, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Thanks be to God! Amen.



HOME CHURCH – for Sunday, March 14, 2021

This is a simple format that allows you—whether by yourself or with others—to take some dedicated time and enjoy the gift of worship in your home setting. Find a quiet place, light a candle, and lift your heart and voice to God.

Gathering

Jesus Christ is our hope and consolation, our joy and strength, the generous gift of God. — Now and Always
We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Opening Prayer

Healing Lord, By your goodness you healed many who were ill, even raising the dead to life. Restore us to new life, healing our hearts, minds, and spirits, so that we may proclaim praise and gratitude for your compassion to all who will hear. In the name of the one who is himself new life, Jesus Christ our savior.

Song - Take up Your Cross, the Savior Said Versus 1, 2, & 4

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, our Lord; we are a new creation by water and the Word. From heav'n he came and taught us what perfect love can be; through life and death he sought us, and rose to set us free.	2. The church in ev'ry nation is one through all the earth; our charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth; one name together blessing, one holy food we share, to one hope ever pressing, at one in work and prayer.	4 Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three in One, and mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.
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Scripture - John 3:14-21, Ephesians 2:1-10 (please find this in your Bible)

Scripture Reflections and Questions

This has been a key passage of scripture since it was first shared. How does this scripture speak to you today? What other associations do you have with this verse from John 3:16?

Nicodemus comes at night – maybe to remain hidden out of shame or guilt or fear. Jesus meets him in the moment. We do not need to fear coming to Jesus at any time with any need.

Prayers

Beloved friends, in this season of repentance and healing, we accept God's invitation to be ever-mindful of the needs of others, offering our prayers on behalf of God's community in the church and the world. *A brief silence.* Watch over your church, O God, and lead us to proclaim your love and grace in the world. Keep your church from apathy and judgement and instill in us a sincere desire to care for all people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** Watch over creation, O God, and restore all that you have made to wholeness. Work through us to heal waterways of all kinds that all might have clean and abundant water. Work in us and through us to bring healing and wholeness to all that you have made. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** Watch over our leaders, O God, and set their minds and hearts on justice and peace. Bless all those who speak out on behalf of the poor and the oppressed. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** Watch over the brokenhearted, O God, and bring them into beloved community. Grant us the eyes to see the hidden pain that others carry and the hearts to reach out to them in love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** Watch over the sick, O God and bless EMTs, doctors, nurses, and all who provide comfort and aid to others. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** Bless our ministries to the various generations, that it may inspire and equip us for ministry in the world around us as we reach out to our neighborhood and our partners at Doulos School and the congregations of Kidewa Tanzania. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered. Other prayers may be included for yourself, church and world – for meaningful disciplines during Lent, for countries with natural disasters and hunger, refugees,) **Into your capable hands we commend our prayers.**

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.

Benediction—May the Lord bless us and keep us. May the Lord's face shine down upon us with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. Thanks be to God!

Community Sharing—Wednesdays Drive-Thru Meals & More!

Our free Community Sharing drive-thru meals continue to gain momentum on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. We are grateful to receive food from Loaves & Fishes as well as other food items from the North St. Paul and the Merrick food shelves and the Sanneh Foundation. Please tell your family, friends, neighbors to join us — because ALL are WELCOME—no questions are asked.

Volunteers are much needed and appreciated!

We greatly appreciate all our volunteers on Wednesday nights and really need the help. The hospitality we provide is a way that we share our faith and welcome our neighbors. Each night we need about 12 volunteers. If you are able to commit to helping on a regular or occasional basis, please consider signing up for a shift at <https://bit.ly/loaves-fishes>. Also, there is a need for help on Tuesdays during the hours of 12-2 p.m. to unload food shelf deliveries and organizing the goods in preparation for Wednesday evenings. In addition, our chefs can many times use a hand during the late morning and early afternoons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Emergency Care Planning

A new service by Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) helps caregivers build peace of mind by working with them to develop a plan for any potential situation when they could no longer care for their loved ones. LSS' Emergency Care Planning Service works directly with caregivers and their families to thoroughly assess their needs and create a comprehensive plan that meets those needs. Through Emergency Planning Service, LSS works with caregivers and their families to answer questions such as: Who would care for my loved one if something happened to me? What tasks would that care involve? What resources are available in my community to support my family in providing care? LSS offers this Emergency Care Planning to caregivers and services are *temporarily available at no cost*. Caregivers can get connected by calling 1.800.488.4146 or visit the **Emergency Care Planning** service webpage at <https://www.lssmn.org/services/older-adults/caregiver-support/emergency-planning>.



Summary of our current SUNDAY WORSHIP OPTIONS

- Until further notice, we will not be holding services inside. Please join us online at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday at <http://bit.ly/ORLCMNyoutube> or go on to our website: www.orlcmn.org and on the first page there is a link under the title, "YouTube Videos." Or on [YouTube](#), search for "Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in St. Paul, MN" (look for our logo).
- If you do not have access to a computer or other electronic device, enjoy reading our weekly **Home Church** OR come to our sanctuary on **Wednesdays at Noon** to view the previous Sunday's service. (By social distancing and wearing masks.)

Address Service Requested

DO NOT DELAY
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Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
1390 East Larabentur Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55109



Easter Flowers

If you would like to beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday with fresh flowers by remembering or honoring a loved one, please complete and return this form before Thursday, April 1.

The cost for each plant is \$12. Please make your check payable to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (or ORLC) and indicate "Easter Flowers." You may also use our online offering by accessing our website and then sending your order information by email to office@orlcmn.org

I wish to order _____ plant(s).

In Honor of:

OR

In Memory of:

Donor's name(s)

Plants are available for pickup after our Easter worship service, or contact the office for earlier pickup.