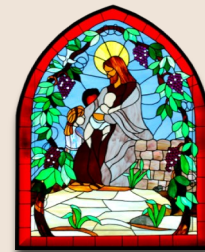


Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
Our Redeemer's Voice

APRIL 2026



HOLY WEEK

**The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
Worship Schedule for Holy Week and Easter**

Maundy Thursday - April 2

7:00 p.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday* - April 3

4:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship - The Way of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Traditional Worship - Tenebrae

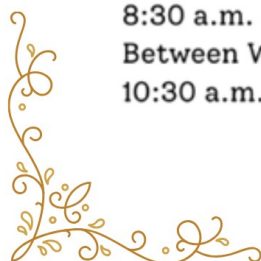
* There is no Communion on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday - April 5

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Between Worship Services - Easter Breakfast/Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion



From the Pastor's Desk

Discipleship and Failure



There's a fun title, don't you think?

And before you ask: I didn't mean to write something else. In a world that can pressure us to always say/think/do/be the exact perfect thing in every situation, this month I wanted to take a look at the opposite—the times we get it wrong.

That's right. This is an article about getting it wrong, making mistakes—like the disciples often did.

We have many examples of this even just in Peter's story. After sinking into the water when he looked to the storm instead of Jesus (No, he could've walked on water), suggesting that they build dwelling places for them at the site of the transfiguration (No, we must go back into the world again), saying Jesus must not be crucified (No! Get behind me Satan!), and a few other things, Peter denies he even knows Jesus three times during the crucifixion.¹

Aside from this, we have the story of the disciples' argument over who is the greatest among them. We have the story of fear in the face of the storm before Jesus calms the sea. We have the story of Thomas, who won't believe in the resurrection until he sees Jesus himself.²

The disciples make mistakes. They do not always say or do the exact perfect thing in every situation—sometimes they do, but sometimes they don't. They're human. There are a couple of things that seem common among all of these moments, however.

1. None of this is small scale. These are big statements and actions.
2. Everything the disciples do, they do in earnest. They really are trying their best.

Jesus is a teacher to the disciples. No teacher I've ever met expects their students to know everything about a subject before they've had a chance to learn it. Some answers and actions will be wrong, but the disciples learn from them. They are encouraged to keep acting and stretching themselves to a wider world and scope. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descends on them in a flame-like form, and they are sent out to the whole world with the Gospel message.³

And Peter? After the resurrection, Peter is specifically commissioned by the risen Christ to "feed my sheep." That's no small task, either.

What does this mean for us? Perhaps the message here is simply "have courage." In a society that often seems so concerned with success, know that you can fail, and learn, and try again.

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From the Pastor's Desk (*continued...*)

And if you do fail, fail like the disciples. Be genuine in what you say and do, and act in earnest faith and hope for good in the world God so loves.

1 Matthew 14:22-32; Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-9, Luke 9:28-37; Matthew 16:22-23, Mark 8:31-33; Matthew 26:69-75, Mark 14:66-72, Luke 22:54-62, John 18:15-27.

2 Matthew 20:20-28, Mark 9:33-37, Luke 22:24-27; Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-35; John 20:24-29.

3 Acts 2:1-24.

Eat Out After Church

***Eat Out After Church* — April Gathering, April 19th, 2026**

Our once-a-month lunch tradition, *Eat Out After Church*, is back for April! Everyone is invited to join us for good food and even better fellowship. This month, we'll be heading to **Time Travel Cuisine in Norton** right after worship. Whether you're new to LCOR or have been here for years, this is a wonderful way to connect, relax, and share a meal together.

Upcoming Lunch Dates

Mark your calendars—future *Eat Out After Church* gatherings are planned for:

- **June 7th—Fresh Catch, Mansfield**
- **July 12th— Sombrero's, Canton**

*All dates and locations are subject to change. Please check the church bulletin board and mid-week announcements for updates. We hope you'll join us and bring a friend!



Snapshots of Our Church Community



*Thank you to all our volunteers!
The next Food 'N' Friends is scheduled for May 16th, 2026.*

April Announcements

Adult Education, Sunday April 12th 9:30am: Beginning April 12th, we are starting a new six-week study by Josh Scott titled *Context*. This study takes well-known scriptures from Genesis through the letters of Paul and puts them in context.

Child Care Center Supply Collection: We will be collecting items for the ORCCC **beginning on April 12th**. Supplies needed are as follows: 8.5 X11 laminating paper, copy paper, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, chunky crayons, sand toys (pails, shovels, etc.), washable markers, hula hoops, play dough, and playground balls.

Saturday, April 25th NEWELCA Gathering: Save-the-date! The NEWELCA Spring Gathering will be held at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church- 900 Main Street, Brockton, MA from 9:00am-2:00pm.

Remember in Your Prayers

Bud, Danielle, Jarmy, Jim, Karl-Heinz, Leo, Mark, Rylee, Sharon, Sonja, Virginia, Willy, Richard , Shirley , Lucille , Andrew , Charles & Judy , Sandy , Joe , Joanne , John and Evy , Sally , Ted , Susan , Dr. Aaron , John & Kathleen , Dave , Taunya , Jim & Mary , Scott , Ola , Mary Jo , Judy , Bridget , The Family of Madelyn, those homebound, in nursing homes, recovering and/or taking treatments, those serving our country both home and abroad, those who face difficult situations or problems, and those who are hurting or struggling or have lost loved ones.

Prayer requests can be made by emailing Alice. Names will remain on the list for three months, unless otherwise indicated. Requests must be resubmitted to continue an additional three months.



Altar Flowers

If you'd like to put flowers on the altar, simply sign up on the large flower chart on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the education wing.

They may be given in honor of someone, in memory of someone, an event (anniversary birthday etc.), or simply to the glory of God! If the flowers are being given in honor or memory of someone, please write that on the flower chart. If no reason is stated on the chart then flowers will be given to the "Glory of God."

You must sign up a minimum of 7 days in advance. Flower arrangements are **\$50 each**. Please place your payment in the offering plate and be sure you designate the payment as "altar flowers."

These flowers belong to you, after the flowers adorn the altar area for both services, please take your flowers home.

April

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			01	02	03	04
				7:15-8:15am Ladies Bible Study 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Worship	4:00 PM Way of the Cross Service 7:00 Tenebrae Service	
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 Contemporary 9:15 Easter Breakfast 9:45 Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 Traditional	LCOR OFFICE CLOSED 7:15-8:15am Ladies Bible Study			7:15-8:15am Ladies Bible Study		
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April 2026 Server Schedule

	 Altar Guild	 Eucharistic Minister	 Ushers	 Lay Reader	 Acolytes	 Greeters	 Projectionist	 Tellers
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Maundy Thursday- April 2, 2026

7:00 PM	Judy & Caroline	Caroline	Bob	Caroline	X	X	X	X
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Good Friday- April 3, 2026

4:00 PM	X	X	Peter	Carolyn & Stacy	X	X	Karen	X
7:00 PM	X	X	Joanne & Lenny	Don & Alice	X	X	X	X

Easter- April 5, 2026

8:30 AM	Karen & Judy	Martha & Linda	Joanne & Lenny Paul	Martha	Jenny	Linda	Elsa	Bob
10:30 AM	Ute	Loni & Caroline	Bob	Loni	X	Ute Carol	X	

April 12, 2026

8:30 AM	Karen	Rich	Peter	Carolyn	NEED	Karen	Susie	Jen
10:30 AM	Marcia	NEED	Pete	Don	X	Marcia	X	

April 19, 2026

8:30 AM	Patty	Jessica	Rich	Paul	Greg	NEED	Alex	Patty
10:30 AM	Alice	Alice	Gary	Alice	X	NEED	X	

April 26, 2026

8:30 AM	Jessica	Jessica	Paul	Paul	NEED	Paul	Elsa	Don
10:30 AM	Caroline	Nancy	NEED	Nancy	X	NEED	X	

Server Volunteers Needed—All roles come with appropriate training and we don't expect people to be scheduled more often than once a month. If you can help in any of these roles or if you are just looking for more information, contact Karen DiCanzio at dicanzio@comcast.net. Tellers do not need to be just from the second service, tellers can come from the first service as well.



Worship Times

Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service

9:15 am - Fellowship Hour

10:00 am - Traditional Worship Service

Fall, Winter, & Spring Worship Schedule

8:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service

9:15 am - Fellowship Hour

9:30 am - Christian Education

10:30 am - Traditional Worship Service

Thank you for reading!

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