

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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November 23, 2025

Christ The King Sunday

Welcome!

May our hearts be open to our creator and to one another as we share in worship together.

Pastor Del Strecker, Transition Pastor
Tom Mertz and Mary Bridges, PMA's
Ruth Mirtz, Organist
Anne Metcalfe, Director of Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life.

Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ✙ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (ELW 855)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE



G Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



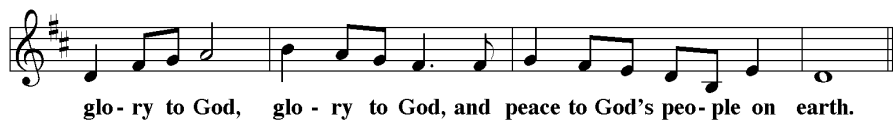
1 Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



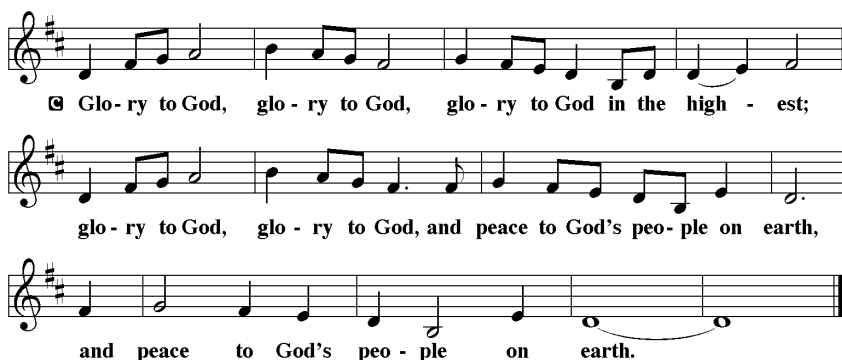
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Let us pray.

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you; we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

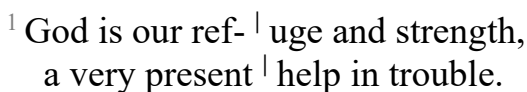
A reading from Jeremiah.

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So, I will attend to you for your evil

The word of the Lord.

PSALM: Psalm 46

Refrain



and though the mountains be toppled into the
depths¹ of the sea;

⁵ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.

⁶ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be |
overthrown;

God shall help her at the | break of day.

⁷ **The nations rage, and the king- | doms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R**

⁸ The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

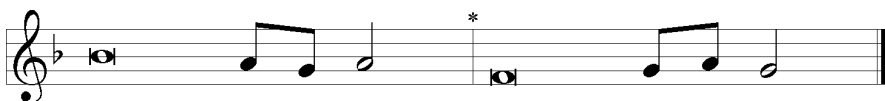
⁹ **Come now and regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has | brought up-| on the
earth.**

¹⁰ Behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the
world;

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns
the | shields with fire.

¹¹ **“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be
exalted | in the earth.”**

¹² The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. R



SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from Colossians.

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible

God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, “Father,

forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

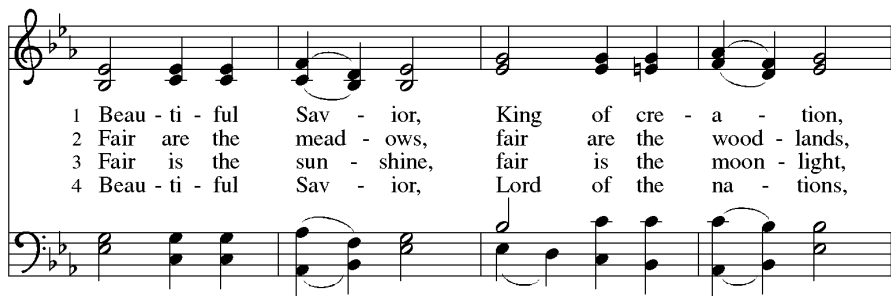
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

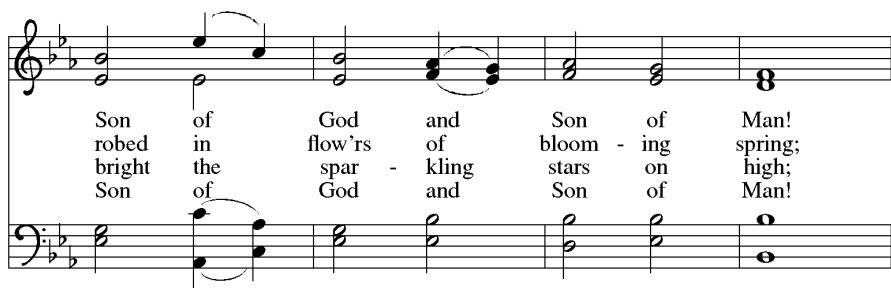
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HYMN OF THE DAY *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)

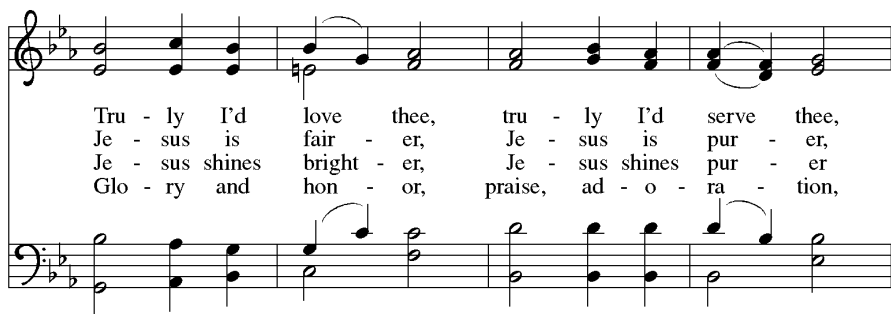
Beautiful Savior



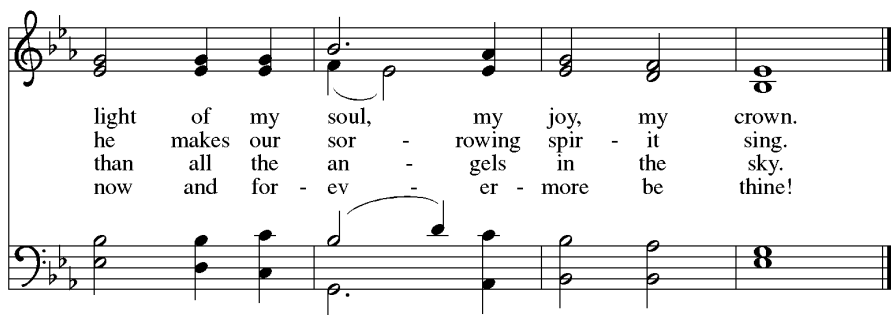
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright in the spar - kling high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community

in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick especially **Tom Mertz, Marge Hansen, Cecelia Anderson, Paige Alstatt, Sandi Drown, AJ Conley, Wayne and Dorothy Hanke, Jerome Herrman, Zach Swanson, Beverly Alstatt, Sandra Anderson, Larry Shulda, Sue Jacobson, Susan Burkland, Wallace Cox, Will Biggs, Cody Larson, Darla Personney, Dan Ott, Chuck Hadlauer, Allie Paine, Maxi Cardelle, T.J. Karst, Frank and Mary Gwing, Rev. Melinda Melhus, Kyler Russell, the family of Earl Esping, and the family of Mark DeWald.** We lift up **Eric Blomberg, Tanner Gibson, Joshua Sharp, and Brayden Harper** who are serving in the military. Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

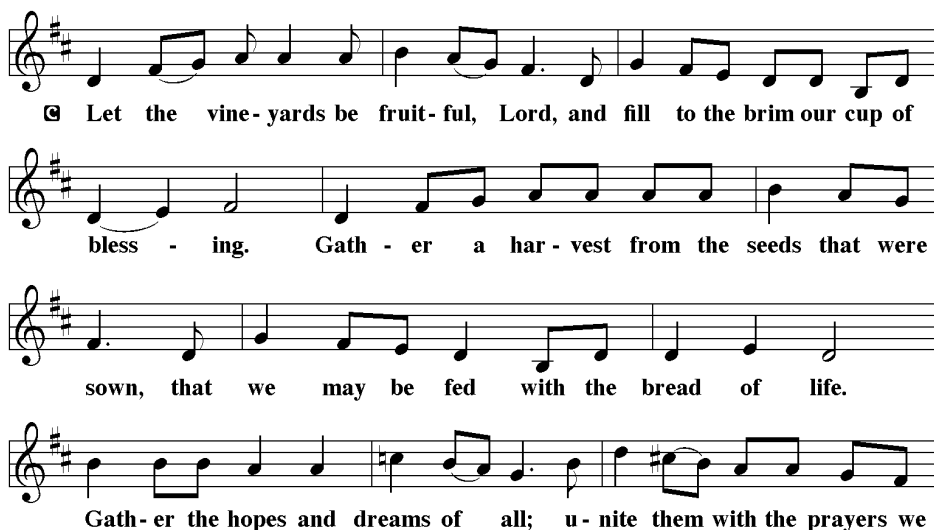
And also, with you.

Peace be with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC- BELLS

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



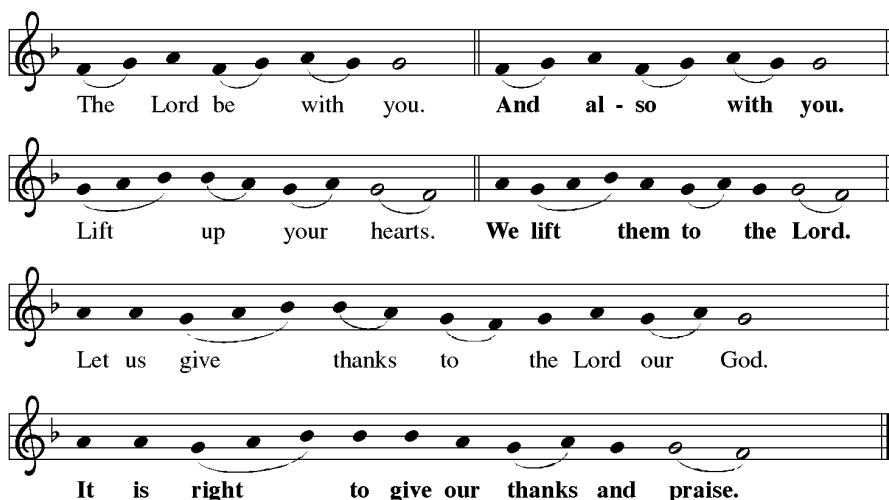
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

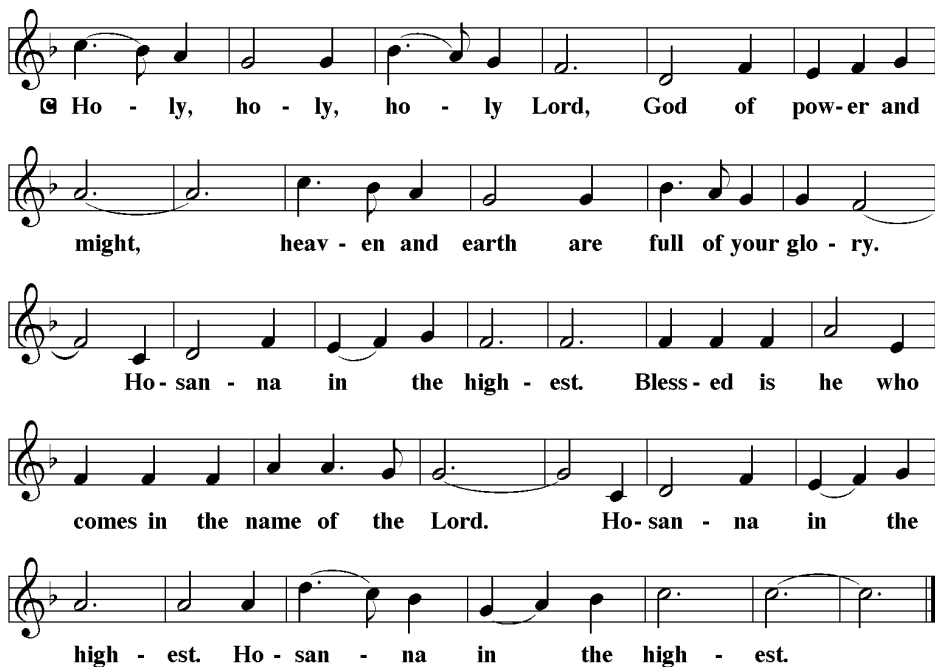
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you. He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. In the same way 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. Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people. Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

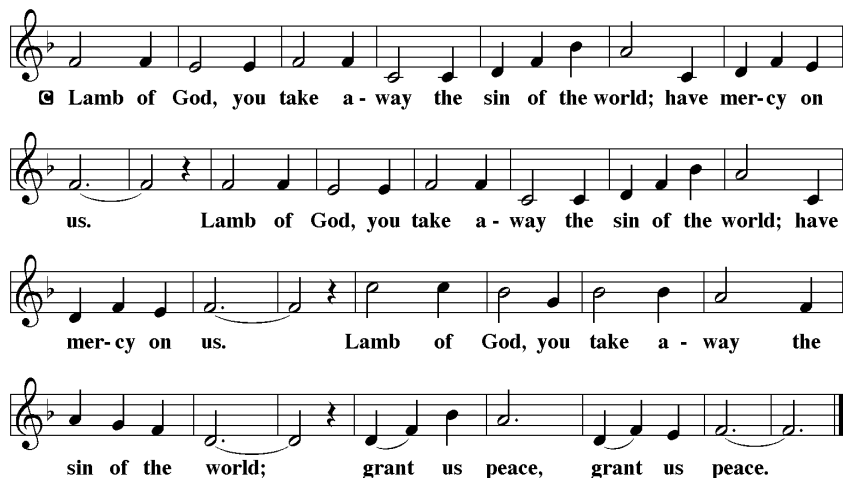
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is

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

Here is life God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

COMMUNION HYMN



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN *Christ Is the King!* (ELW 662)

Christ Is the King!



1 Christ is the king! O friends, re - joice; broth - ers and sis - ters,
2 Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord, and raise an - thems of joy and
3 O Chris - tian wom - en, Chris - tian men, all the world o - ver,
4 Let Love's all - rec - on - cil - ing might your scat - tered com - pa -
5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on



with one voice let the world know he is your choice.
ho - ly praise for Christ's brave saints of an - cient days.
seek a - gain the Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.
nies u - nite in ser - vice to the God of light.
earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Flowers: Thank you to Gary & Sue Mettlen for providing flowers today for our service.

Godly Play: No classes November 26.

Carrying the Cross: Pastor Del is looking for volunteers to carry the cross on Sunday mornings (They are called a crucifer). There is a sign-up sheet out in the narthex. This is for children, youth or adults.

Blessing Box: We are needing volunteers to fill the blessing box on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. Please try and make meals when filling the blessing box if there is spaghetti sauce put some noodles with it.

Rejoicing Spirits: We need volunteers help with Rejoicing Spirits, if interested please contact Shellee Callahan 785-822-6878 or Debbie Beckman 785-452-5662.

Christmas Gifts for Prisoners at Ellsworth Prison: Deadline for returning your donations is today November 23, 2025. We have to send our donation by December 1. The church council has voted to buy gifts for 20 prisoners, so anything donated from the members of Redeemer will be a bonus.

Salina Chorale: On November 30th at 4:00pm Salina Chorale, Symphony, and musicians will be preforming at Sacred Heart Cathedral 118 N. 9th street they will be featuring an uplifting and varied selection sacred, classical, and spirited holiday music.

Advent Worship: We will be holding Advent worship services on the following dates with the following themes: December 3: Staying Awake (Mathew 24: 36-44); December 10: Mending Our Ways (Matthew 3:1-12); December 17: Healing and Restoration (Matthew 11:

2-11). There will be soup served from 5:30-6:30 with worship at 6:30 p.m.

Soup Supper: Redeemer will be having a soup supper open to the general public on December 10 from 5:30pm to 7:00 p.m. We need food donations for the soup supper. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome center for the needed items plus kitchen help. (Men can help in the kitchen as well.) Pastor Del will be making the soup but this needs to be more than Pastor Del's soup supper. We need people to bring items, to work the kitchen and to come eat. Let's make this a true Redeemer event!

Outreach: Outreach is an important part of a healthy congregation. We are needing three additional volunteers to serve on the Outreach committee. At this point, there are only 2 members on the committee. If you are unsure what the outreach committee does, please visit with Mary Shaffer, who is the Church council representative on the committee.

Christmas Family: Instead of adopting a single family we will be participating in a drive for safe families. List of items is on the welcome center.

Visitation: At its September Council meeting, the church council decided as a part of our outreach to do home visits to church members. There is a list of church members who we feel could use a visit from a church member on the welcome center in the narthex. Some of these are on Pastor Del's, PMAs Tom and Mary's communion list, but they want to see and hear what is going on at Redeemer from the membership. Please consider signing up to do some visiting.

Staff Christmas Fund: If you would like to give a monetary Christmas gift to the Redeemer Staff (Pastor, Ruth, Ann, Becky, & Samantha) please mark your checks

or envelopes with "Staff Christmas." If you make a donation online in Realm, please choose the "Staff Christmas" fund.

Deadlines: Time and Talent sheets are due as soon as possible and church annual committee reports for 2025 are due December 31st, 2025.

Schedule for the week

Sunday, November 23, 2025: 9:30 Worship

Thursday, November 27, 2025: Happy Thanksgiving

Partners in Ministry

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Greeters: Grant and Kris Johanson

Ushers: Gary and Sue Mettlen

Lector: Phil Sedo

Communion: Dan and Kahlan Metcalfe

Cantor: Sam Neff

Sound: Kyle Tonniges

Fellowship: Debbie Beckman

Sunday, December 07, 2025

Greeters: Phil and Jean Sedo

Ushers: Jan Jackson and Sam Neff

Lector: Tom Mertz

Communion: Ray Beckman and Lana Jordan

Cantor: Kris Neff

Sound : ???

Fellowship: Kris Johanson

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Greeters: Tom and Mary Mertz

Ushers: Lana Jordan and Mike Ramage

Lector: Denise Dusin

Communion: Vivian Cook and Rod Anderson

Sound: Kris Neff

Prayer Request

MEMBERS: Tom Mertz, Marge Hansen, Cecelia Anderson, Paige Alstatt, Sandi Drown

REDEEMER FRIENDS

Wayne and Dorothy Hanke (Parents of Debbie Beckman)

Jerome Herrman (Nephew of Charlotte and Dave Herrman)
Zach Swanson(Grandson of Sandi and Tom Drown)
Beverly Alstatt (Mother of Craig Alstatt)
Sandra Anderson, (Cecelia Anderson's daughter-in-law)
Larry Shulda (Husband of Becky Shulda)
Sue Jacobson (Sister of Wayne Keeler)
Will Biggs (Charlotte and Dave Herrman's son-in-law)
Cody Larson(Brother-in-law of Jordan and Zach Burkholder)
Darla Personney (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)
Susan Burkland (Sister of Kathy Heinrich)
Dan Ott (cousin of Craig Alstatt)
Chuck Hadlauer (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)
Allie Paine (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)
Family of Gary Batt (Uncle of Cheryl Itschner)
Maxi Cardelle (Friend's grandson of Kathy Lowman)
Family of Betty Isaacson (Carol Keeler's Mother)
T.J Karst (Cousin of Charlotte Herrman)
Frank and Mary Gwing(Friends of Nancy McDonald)
Rev. Melinda Melhus (Friend of Nancy McDonald)
Kyler Russell (Grandson of Nancy McDonald)
Earl Esping (Brother of Cecelia Anderson)
Family of Mark DeWald (cousin of Cheryl Itschner)

MILITARY

Eric Blomberg, US Navy, Norfolk, Virginia (Nephew of Mary Shaffer)
Tanner Gibson, Hill AFB, Ogden, UT (Great-Nephew to Cecelia Anderson)
Joshua Sharp, USS Nimitz (Brother of Samantha Hoffman)
Brayden Harper, USS Washington (Great-Great Nephew of Mary Bridges)

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Worship is livestreamed on YouTube