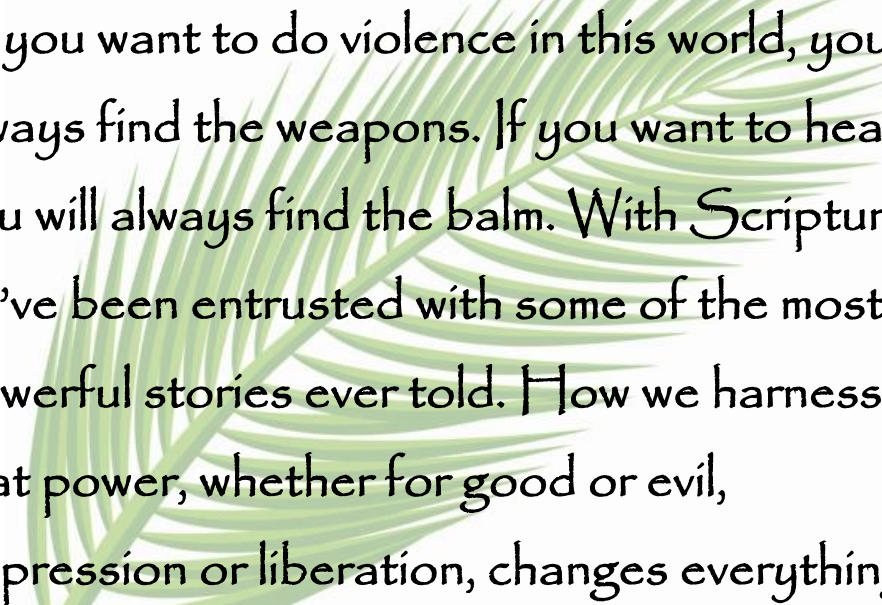


Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



“If you want to do violence in this world, you will always find the weapons. If you want to heal, you will always find the balm. With Scripture, we’ve been entrusted with some of the most powerful stories ever told. How we harness that power, whether for good or evil, oppression or liberation, changes everything.”

—Rachel Held Evans

October 8, 2023

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Faith

Mark Hayes

Welcome



Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Greeting

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

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



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



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*



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. *Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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

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

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

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

Please be seated



WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading Exodus 20:1-4, 7-20 (New Living Translation, inclusivized)
A reading from the book of Exodus

God gave the people these instructions:

“I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery.

“You must not have any other god but me.

“You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea.

“You must not misuse the name of the LORD your God. The LORD will not let you go unpunished if you misuse that name.

“Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God. On that day no one in your household may do any work. This includes you, your children, your servants, your livestock, and any foreigners living among you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them; but on the seventh day God rested. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart as holy.

“Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

“You must not murder.

“You must not commit adultery.

“You must not steal.

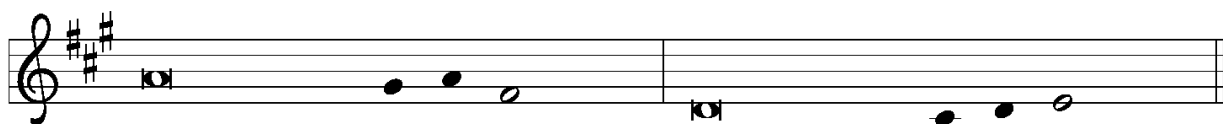
“You must not testify falsely against your neighbor.

“You must not covet your neighbor’s house. You must not covet your neighbor’s spouse, servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.”

May we listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Amen.

Psalm 80:7-15



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Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and | planted it.**

You cleared the | ground for it;
it took root and | filled the land.

**The mountains were covered | by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.**

You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea
and its branches | to the river.

**Why have you broken | down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?**

The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

**Turn now, O | God of hosts,
look | down from heaven;**

behold and | tend this vine;
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel **Matthew 21:33-46** (Contemporary English Version)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told the chief priests and leaders to listen to this story:

A land owner once planted a vineyard. He built a wall around it and dug a pit to crush the grapes in. He also built a lookout tower. Then he rented out his vineyard and left the country.

When it was harvest time, the owner sent some servants to get his share of the grapes. But the renters grabbed those servants. They beat up one, killed one, and stoned one of them to death. He then sent more servants than he did the first time. But the renters treated them in the same way.

Finally, the owner sent his own son to the renters, because he thought they would respect him. But when they saw the man's son, they said, "Someday he will own the vineyard. Let's kill him! Then we can have it all for ourselves." So they grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

Jesus asked, "When the owner of that vineyard comes, what do you suppose he will do to those renters?"

The chief priests and leaders answered, "He will kill them in some horrible way. Then he will rent out his vineyard to people who will give him his share of grapes at harvest time."

Jesus replied, "You surely know that the Scriptures say,

*'The stone the builders
tossed aside
is now the most important
stone of all.
This is something
the Lord has done,
and it is amazing to us.'*

I tell you God's kingdom will be taken from you and given to people who will do what God demands. Anyone who stumbles over this stone will be crushed, and anyone it falls on will be smashed to pieces."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard these stories, they knew Jesus was talking about them. So they looked for a way to arrest Jesus. But they were afraid to, because the people thought he was a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

CHANGING EVERYTHING

Revealing the Extraordinary in the Ordinary

Emily Kent

Musical Reflection

Take It To the Lord in Prayer

John Helgen
Senior Choir

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

REFRAIN

Take it to the Lord, take it to the Lord,
take it to the Lord in prayer. Take it to the Lord, Yes,
take it to the Lord, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there. *REFRAIN*

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows bear?
Jesus knows our every weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer. *REFRAIN*

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Julie Larson and husband Eli who is receiving cancer treatment in Houston, Kathleen Zwanziger, Phillip Hall and Kirstin Roberts, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Mary Watts, Kelley Frank's parents Charlotte and Wayne Frank, family and friends of Laura Warren's brother Walt Hudson

The people of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Westerville; Redeemer community members Naomi and Liam Morgan

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug. For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshipping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.



WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

You Are Holy

1*



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* *May be sung in canon.*

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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Please be seated

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.**

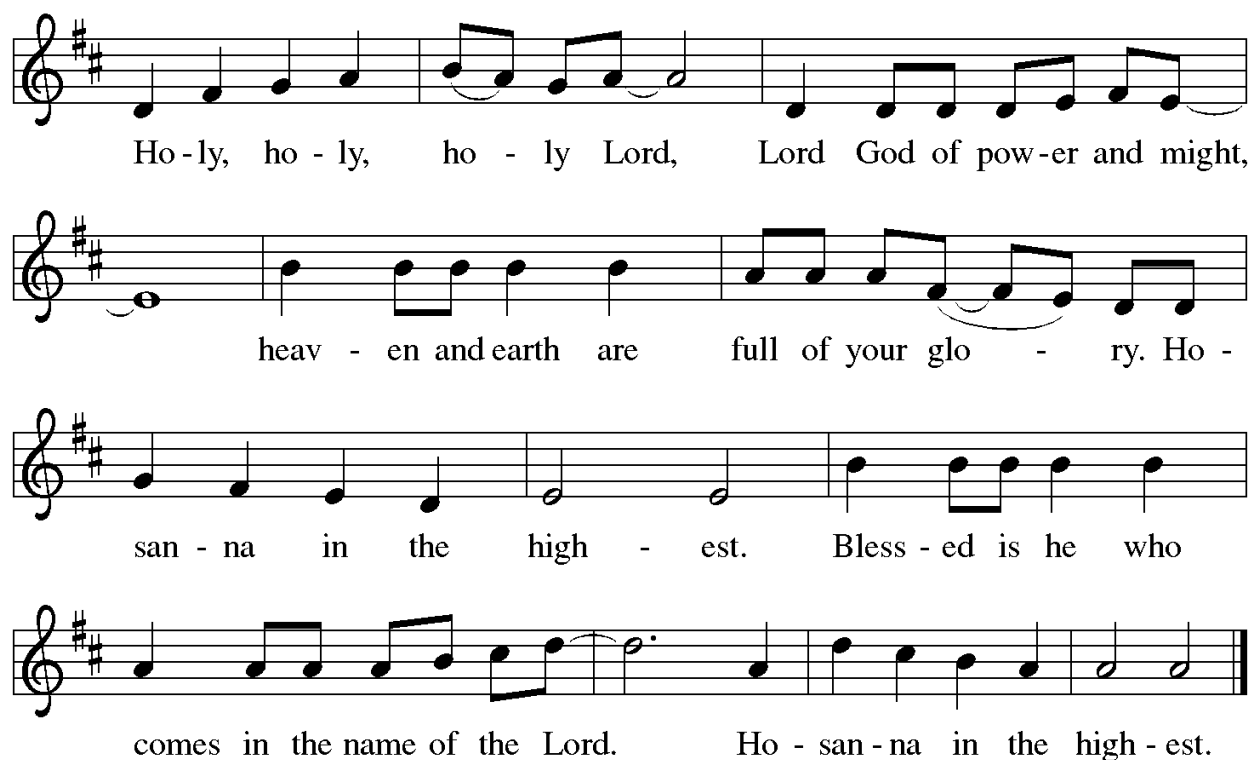
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God, you are before all things; you are beyond all things; and in the midst of all things and all peoples you have made yourself known.

In Israel's ancient stories, and in stories of people, communities, and nations seeking identity, feeling their strength, and struggling with their weakness, you have made yourself known.

In Jesus of Nazareth, in compassion for the outcast, forgiveness for the fallen, hope for the poor and hungry; in his life poured out for others and broken by hatred and fear, you have made yourself known.

Therefore we join our praises with countless people before us, celebrating your power in goodness and your might in compassion, as we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

We greet the one who comes in your name: your true light, your true love, the bread of compassion, the wine of renewal.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me." Come to us, Spirit of our Lord of love, and let the bread and wine before us bear your life to our life, nourish us with Jesus' vision of hope, and unite us in one body of peace.

We commit ourselves to walk in your way as we pray:

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.**

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

Please be seated

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.



Hymn Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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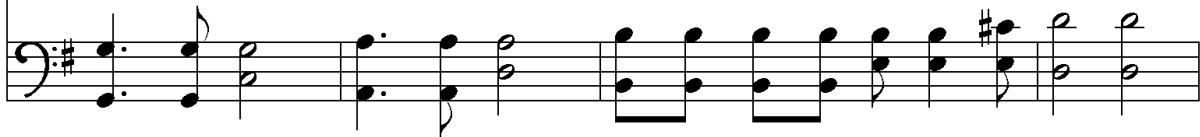
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Hymn Eat This Bread

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
or Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.



Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of compassion, we thank you for nourishing us with the bread of life and the wine of hope. As in Christ your love flowed out to those around him, so let your love flow through us to others. As in Christ your life was broken, so let your life meet us in our brokenness and fill us all with joy, through Jesus, our life and our joy.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn The Church of Christ, in Every Age

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* arr. John Carter


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**The Fruit of
"Our Mothers' Gardens"**

**Adult Ed Class
October 8
11:15 am**

Exploring the themes and ideas of
Womanism
Led by Naomi Fae Morgan

In-Person and Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957366923?pwd=TnV6cFB4ZUpET25USTgzZ0diZlnhQT09>
Meeting ID: 889 5736 6923 = Passcode: 383835
Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



**Informational House Meeting
Sunday, October 15
Adult Ed hour**

An opportunity to hear updates and successes regarding BREAD campaigns, as well as an opportunity to hear concerns people are having.



Birthdays this week:
8 - Julie Larson
9 - Bill Boys
9 - Thea Barbour Harms
11 - Suz Watson

SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Monthly Sunday School for all ages!
Sunday, October 8 == 11:15 am**



Bible Study Tuesdays + 1:00 pm

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82259660622?pwd=R2pHTW11bHRON1FHbFRZdStqbK9Bdz09>

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Meeting ID: 822 5966 0622 = Passcode: 435549

Phone only: 1-301 715 8592



A Brewing Faith

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 pm

Conversation and fellowship

Via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81765916972?pwd=bjJ0T1JlbG1keXpsV205TWNHVUFpQT09>

Meeting ID: 817 6591 6972- Passcode: 190081

Phone only: 312 626 6799



*Journaling Workshop
Saturday, October 14
9 am - 12 pm
Led by Mark Katrick*

*Contact Rich Pautsch for details
Sign up on bulletin board*



**Wednesday, October 18
7-8:30 pm**

All You Can Ever Know

by Nicole Chung

Copies are available in public libraries.

IN-PERSON and ZOOM

<https://us02zoom.us/j/86581504887?pwd=ZkFSV2tKM2xE43dyK1RvSURJYlFuZz09>

Meeting ID: **865 8150 4887** +++ Passcode **274918**

Phone Only: **312-626-6799**



**LSS/MidOhio Food Collective
Produce Giveaway**

Thursday October 19

Extras this month: cleaning supplies—wipes, paper towels, sponges, etc.

Volunteers always welcome!

*Please advise either the Church Office or Sue Watson
(sue.watson@columbus.rr.com or 614-560-4261).*

We need an accurate count and appreciate your support!



Revealing the EXTRAORDINARY in the Ordinary

Dedication of Commitment Cards

10 am worship

Sunday, October 29

Public Meeting

Eastland Community Plan

Saturday, October 14

11:00am – 1:00 pm

Barnett Community Center

1184 Barnett Road

Lunch provided, family friendly
Envisioning a new future for the
Eastland area, one that is equitable
and prosperous for everyone.

RSVP at eastlandcommunityplan.com



Advent Devotionals

Please consider writing a devotional
for this year's devotional booklet.

Details are on the signup on the
bulletin board, or on our website at

[2023-Sign-up-sheet-1.pdf](#)
(redeemerluth.com)

KEY ELECTION DATES

November 7, 2023

Deadline to Register to Vote: **October 10.**

Early In-Person Voting: Begins **October 11** and includes
the Saturday and Sunday before Election Day (but
NOT the Monday before Election Day).

Absentee Voting By Mail: Begins **October 11.**

Deadline for absentee ballot applications to be received
by county Boards of Elections: **October 31.**

Deadline to postmark your mail ballot: **November 6.**

Election Day: November 7 (Polls Open **6:30 a.m. -
7:30 p.m.**)

Deadline for mail ballots to be personally delivered to
your County Board of Elections: **November 7,
7:30 PM.**

Deadline for boards to receive mail-ballots that have
been postmarked on or before November 6:

November 11.



LSS FOOD PANTRIES

Thankful Holiday Meal Bags

Full Plates, Hearts Full of Gratitude



Bags are available in the narthex,
along with shopping lists.
Bags should be returned to RLC no
later than **November 12.**

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Jon Disbro
Cantor	Al Rider
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Judith Bird
Communion Prep	Kay Ernsthausen
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
Hospitality	Katie Jacobs

*Flowers are given by **Ann Palmerton and Brad Binau** celebrating their **35th Anniversary**.
Noisy Offering will go to **ELCA Pacifica Synod Hawai'i Relief Fund***

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER OCTOBER 8 - 15

Today	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	ZOOM A Brewing Faith
Wednesday	5:00 pm	ZOOM Education Team
Thursday	6:15 pm	Chime Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	9:00 am	Journaling Workshop
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion and Healing Prayer
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education BREAD House Meeting

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