

A Reconciling in Christ congregation, celebrating the diversity of God's children and fostering understanding and healing in community

Reformation Sunday



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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- <u>Within the sanctuary</u> 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

Mighty Fortress

arr. Joel Raney

Welcome

Please stand in body or spirit



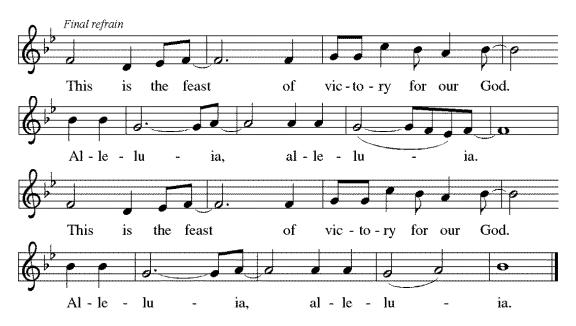
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Greeting

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





Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

ReadingDeuteronomy 34:1-12(The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

- Moses climbed from the Plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, the peak of Pisgah facing Jericho. God showed him all the land from Gilead to Dan, all Naphtali, Ephraim, and Manasseh; all Judah reaching to the Mediterranean Sea; the Negev and the plains which encircle Jericho, City of Palms, as far south as Zoar.
- Then and there God said to him, "This is the land I promised to your ancestors, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob with the words 'I will give it to your descendants.' I've let you see it with your own eyes. There it is. But you're not going to go in."
- Moses died there in the land of Moab, Moses the servant of God, just as God said. God buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth Peor. No one knows his burial site to this very day.
- Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eyesight was sharp; he still walked with a spring in his step. The People of Israel wept for Moses in the Plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses came to an end.
- Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. The People of Israel listened obediently to him and did the same as when God had commanded Moses.
- No prophet has risen since in Israel like Moses, whom God knew face-toface. Never since has there been anything like the signs and miraclewonders that God sent him to do in Egypt, to Pharaoh, to all God's servants and land—nothing to compare with that all-powerful hand and all the great and terrible things Moses did as every eye in Israel watched.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Amen.

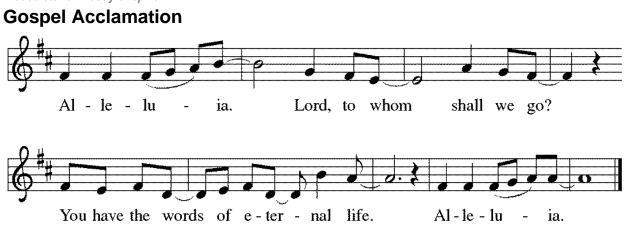


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God is our ref-¹ uge and strength. a very present | help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the [|] earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea; though its waters | rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹ y of God, the holy habitation of ¹ the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken; God shall help it at the [|] break of day. The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth | melts away. The LORD of I hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. Come now, regard the works | of the LORD, what desolations God has brought up-¹ on the earth; behold the one who makes war to cease in ¹ all the world: who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the ¹ shields with fire. "Be still, then, and know that [|]I am God: I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth." The LORD of I hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob [|] is our stronghold.

Please stand in body or spirit



Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46 (The Message) The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard how Jesus had bested the Sadducees [when they tried to trap him in a question about the resurrection], they gathered their forces for an assault. One of their religion scholars spoke for them, posing a question they hoped would show him up: "Teacher, which command in God's Law is the most important?"

- Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.' This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them."
- As the Pharisees were regrouping, Jesus caught them off balance with his own test question: "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said, "David's son."

Jesus replied, "Well, if the Christ is David's son, how do you explain that David, under inspiration, named Christ his 'Master'?

God said to my Master,

"Sit here at my right hand

until I make your enemies your footstool."

"Now if David calls him 'Master,' how can he at the same time be his son?" That stumped them, literalists that they were. Unwilling to risk losing face again in one of these public verbal exchanges, they guit asking guestions for good.

The Gospel of the Lord Please be seated

Praise to you, O Christ.

Spoken Reflection

GO ASK MY PARTNERS

Let the Song of Praise Be Heard

Let us celebrate now with singing; lift our hands with joy to the Lord! Tell all the earth of His excellent greatness, praise the Lord, praise the Lord in joyful song.

Come into His house with thanksgiving, enter into His courts with praise.

Know that the Lord God is ever faithful; with our song, joyful hymns we raise!

Lift a song of joy with a thankful heart; let the sound of praise be heard. He is Lord of life; He is Lord of love; let the sound of praise be heard; Jesus is Lord!

Make a joyful noise with singing to the Lord, all the earth! Know that the Lord God, it is God that hath made us. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord with jubilant song! Let the trumpet sound its praise; let the seas rejoice! Let the earth resound for joy, every tongue its voice!

Lift a song of joy with a thankful heart; let the sound of praise be heard, He is Lord of life; He is Lord of love; let the sound of praise be heard; Jesus is Lord!

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....

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, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Mary Watts, Kelley Frank's parents Charlotte and Wayne Frank

The people of The Church on Oakland Park in Columbus; Redeemer community member Dottie Odrosky

Time with the Young People

Revealing the Extraordinary in the Ordinary Dedication of 2024 Commitment Cards

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

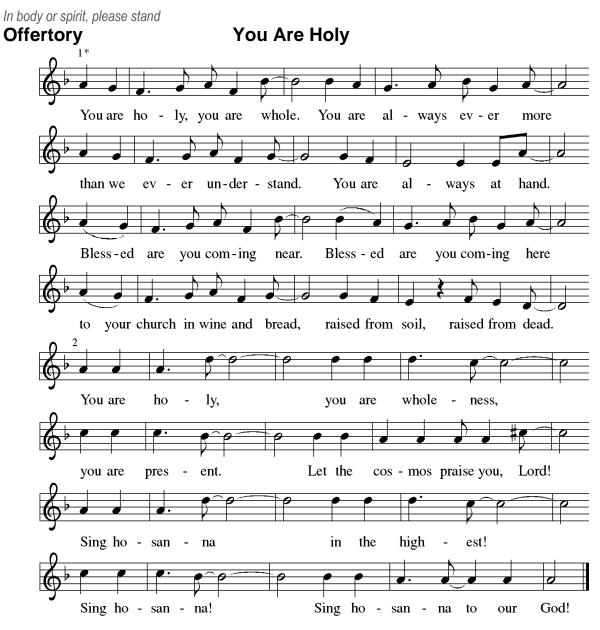
And also with you.

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 worshiping 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.



* May be sung in canon.

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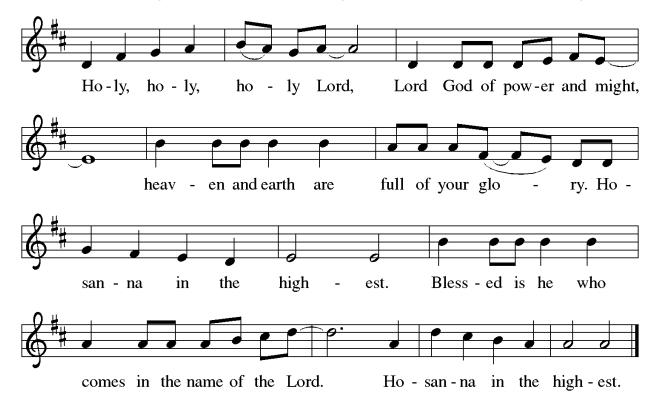
Great Thanksgiving

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:



- 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

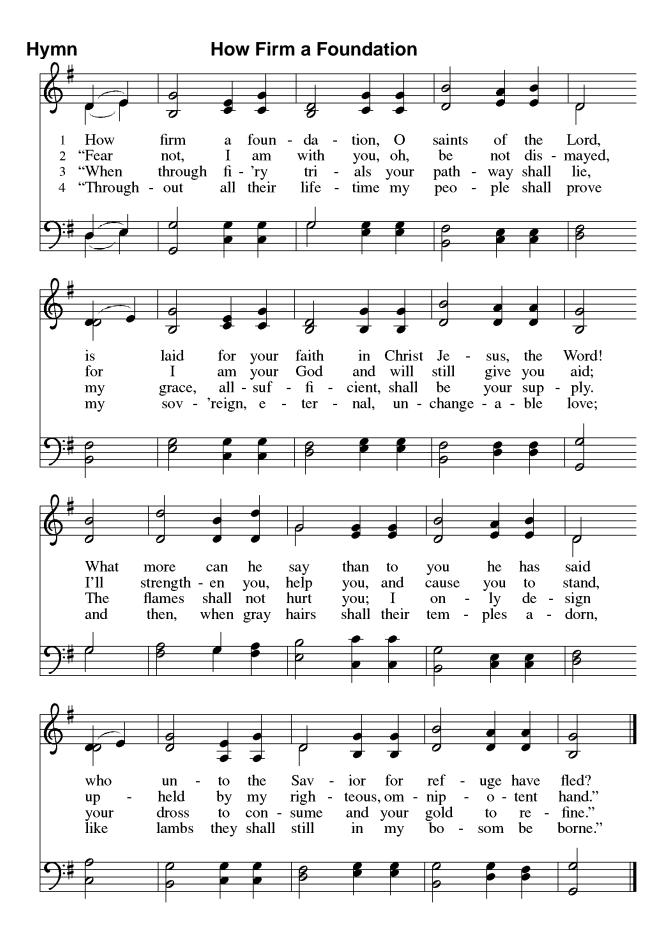
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,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



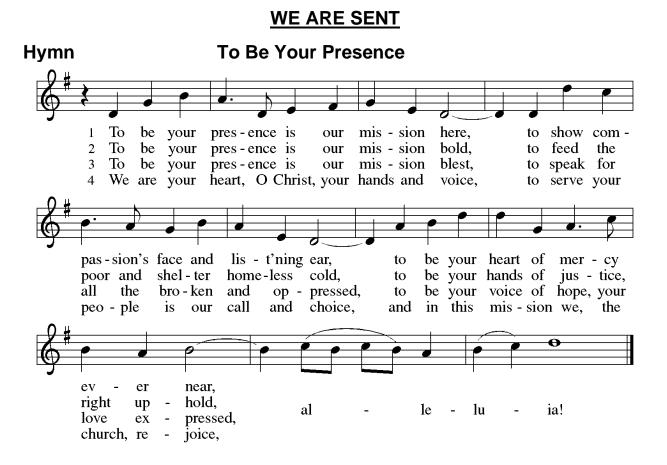
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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.



Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Fortress

arr. Penny Rodriguez

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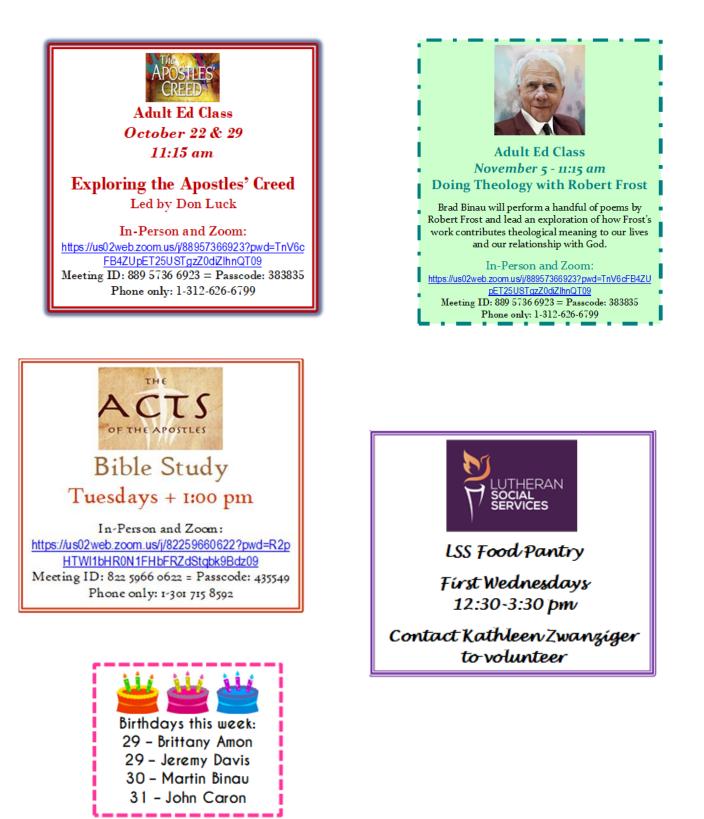
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Dave Shull will be on vacation November 3-17. Pastor Julianne Smeck will provide emergency pastoral care coverage (614) 258-6634. Brad Binau and Emlyn Ott will preach, preside, and lead adult education on November 5 and 12, respectively.



LSS FOOD PANTRIES

Thank*full* 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.



Calling All Puzzle Lovers! Let's have some fun with a Puzzle Sharing Library! Bring in your old puzzles, put them in the library, and help yourself to some puzzles.

KEY ELECTION DATES November 7, 2023

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 boards to receive mail-ballots that have been postmarked on or before November 6: November 11.

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Daylight Savings Time ENDS November 5 Set your clocks!



OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister Assisting Minister Cantor Reader ASL Interpreter Organist & Senior Choir Director Pianist & Chime Choir Director Usher Verger Verger Producers Hospitality

David Shull, Pastor Karen Rider Al Rider Georgene Slagle Bryan Neal Kathy Rapp Karen Kent Neil Hoddinott Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica Kay Ernsthausen Sue Yehling, Scott Steiner Judith and Ashley Bird

Flowers are given by **Carol Heacock** in loving memory of **Stan**. Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Pacifica Synod Hawai'i Relief Fund

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 5

Today	8:45 am 10:00 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion and Dedication of Commitment Cards
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
Wednesday	12:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
Thursday	6:15 pm	Chime Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
-	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

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