

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



November 5, 2023

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.

The saints show us that the light of Christ can transform any loss or fear. You are invited to light a candle to honor one who has been a saint in your life, or to bring light to anyone or any situation in need of light and love.

Prelude

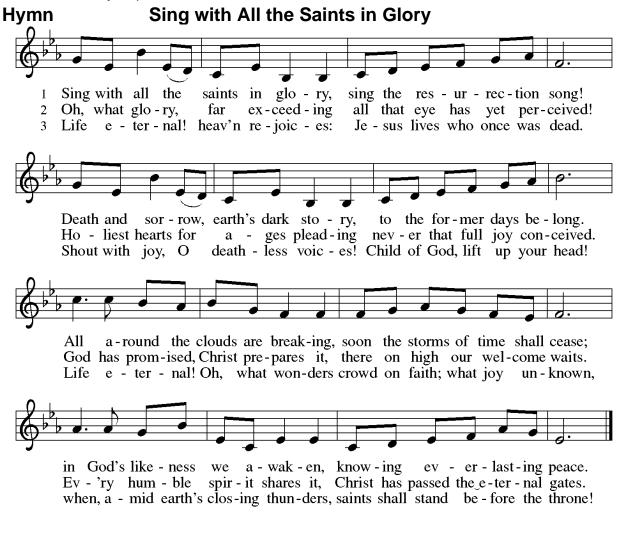
Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. Gregg Sewell

Welcome



Please stand in body or spirit

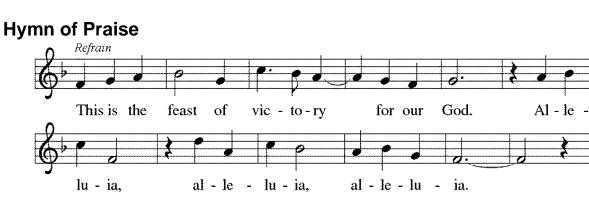


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Greeting

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.





Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Revelation 7:9-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

In his vision, John has just seen cataclysmic tribulations befalling humanity, including the martyrdom of Christians by the Roman Empire. He is now about to describe the great multitude of those who have come through this baptism by fire – the "saints in glory who sing the resurrection song" as described in today's opening hymn.

A reading from the book of Revelation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our Cod who is souted on the throne, and to the

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

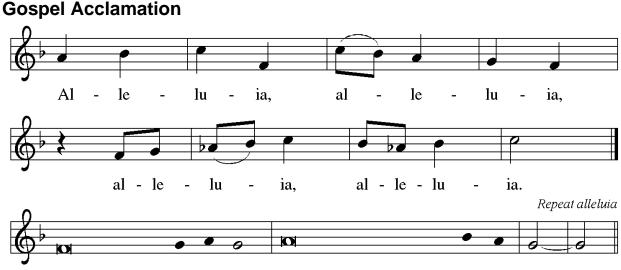
May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Amen.



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- I will bless the LORD | at all times; the praise of God shall ever be [|] in my mouth. I will glory [|] in the LORD; let the lowly hear | and rejoice. Proclaim with me the greatness [|] of the LORD; let us exalt God's I name together. I sought the LORD, who | answered me and delivered me from | all my terrors. Look upon the LORD | and be radiant, and let not your faces | be ashamed. I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me and saved me from | all my troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who I fear the Lord and de- | livers them. Taste and see that the | LORD is good; happy are they who take ref-¹ uge in God! Fear the LORD, you saints ¹ of the LORD, for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
- The lions are in want and [|] suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing [|] that is good.
- O LORD, you redeem the life [|] of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will [|] not be punished.

Please stand in body or spirit



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter - nal life.

GospelMatthew 5:1-12(New Revised Standard Version)The Holy Gospel according to St. MatthewGlory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Proclamation

The Hard Reality Rev. Dr. Brad Binau

Thanksgiving for Baptism and Remembering Those Who Have Died

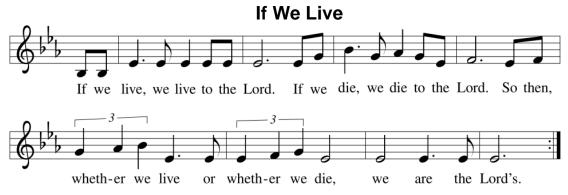
Opening Words

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.



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Those who have died: Jeanne Eakin [1 January]

Repeat If We Live

Keep us in union with all your saints and strengthen us to follow Christ in this world. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Onward, Ye Saints

Robert Wetzler Senior Choir

Onward, ye saints, in triumph and praise, New hymns of joy to God let us raise! Christ bears our banner, armored in might, Leading us ever to God's throne of light.

Our journey o'er in heaven we'll rest Sinless and pure, in holiness blest. Before God's face we'll worship and sing Songs of thanksgiving to our Lord and King!

Praise to the Father, praise to the Son, Praise to the Spirit, Three, yet One: Thou art our King; we laud and adore! Blessing and honor be Thine evermore!

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

The people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbus; Redeemer community member Cathy Oldham

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

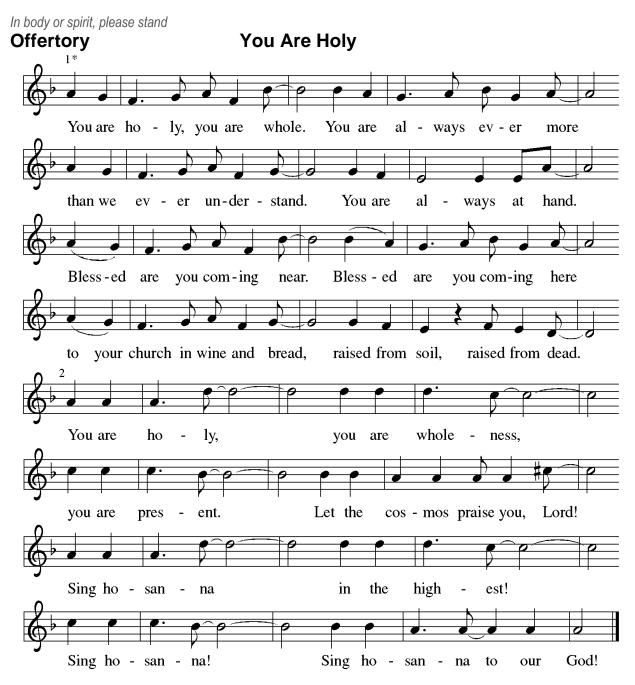
Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug. For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

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.



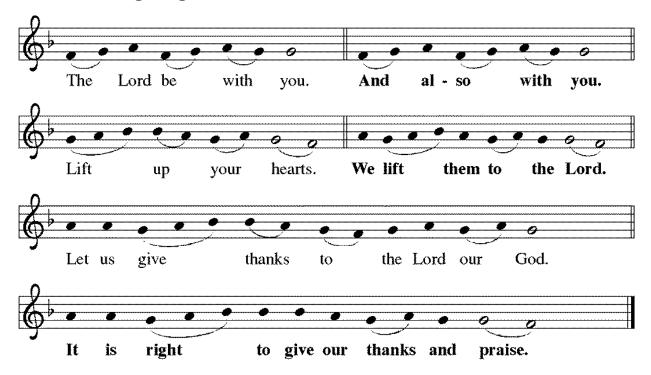


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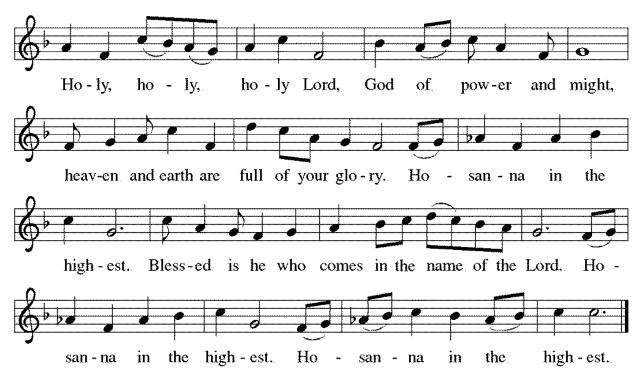
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Great Thanksgiving



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,

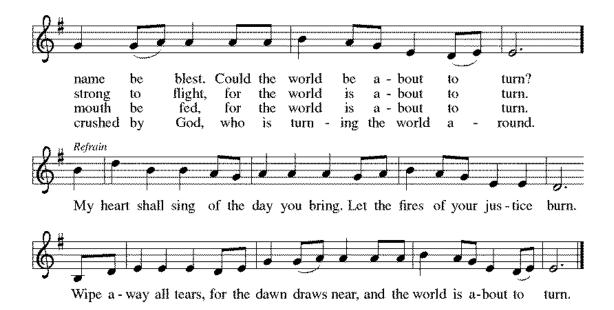
Sharing the Meal

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

Please be seated

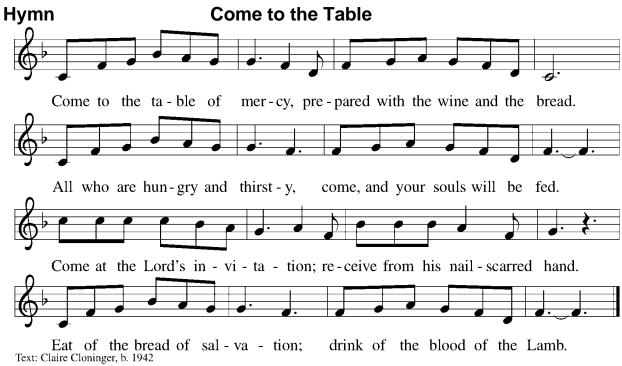
You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request,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

Canticle of the Turning Hymn ł Mv soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the Though 2 Ι am small, my . . . God. my all. you . . . 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for tress tow'r, not a rage Though the na tions from . . age to age, we re -God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the things work great. and your mer - cy will last from the in me, Let the king be - ware stone will be left on stone. for your mem-ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de wait. won - drous things that you bring who to the ones depths of the past to the end of the be. age to ev - 'ry jus tice tears ty - rant . . . from his throne. liv. er from the con - quer - or's crush - ing us grasp. fixed your You sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my Your puts the ver ---Y name proud to shame, and to hun -The shall . . gry poor weep no more, for the This ing word that our fore - bears heard ìs the sav did so from east west shall my weak-ness you not spum, to you those who would for veam. you will show your might, put the food they can nev - er earn: there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



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Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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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.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

For All the Saints

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897



Announcements

Postlude

Recessional in C



Amen.

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This morning we welcome **Dr. Brad Binau** as presiding minister. Brad Binau has been a Redeemer member since joining the faculty at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in 1993 (though he sometimes worships at Broad Street Presbyterian Church where his wife, Ann Palmerton, is Associate Pastor). Since retiring a year ago he has published an article, "SUSPICION OR BELIEF? LIVING HUMAN DOCUMENTS AND ISSUES OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY," has done some adult education events (including here at Redeemer), and has been reading widely – from Stephen King to cosmology to Intertestamental theology. He will lead the adult forum today: "Doing Theology with Robert Frost."

Dave Shull is on vacation November 3-12. During that time, emergency pastoral care coverage will be provided by the **Rev. Julianne Smeck**, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church (734-972-6126). Dave will be back November 18.







Adult Ed Class November 5 - 11:15 am Doing Theology with Robert Frost

Brad Binau will perform a handful of poems by Robert Frost and lead an exploration of how Frost's work contributes theological meaning to our lives and our relationship with God.

In-Person and Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957366923?pwd=TnV6cFB4ZU pET25USTgzZ0diZlhnQT09 Meeting ID: 889 5736 6923 = Passcode: 383835 Phone only: 1-312-626-6799





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 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.



OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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

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THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER NOVEMBER 5.-.12

Today	8:45 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Monday	5:30 pm	ZOOM Executive Team
Tuesday		ELECTION DAY – Please vote!!
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sister Act – planning for next year
Next Sunday	8:45 am 10:00 am 11:15 am 11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion and Healing Prayer Sunday School for all ages IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

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