

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Fiddler - Marc Chagall (1913)

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September 1, 2024

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 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Welcome

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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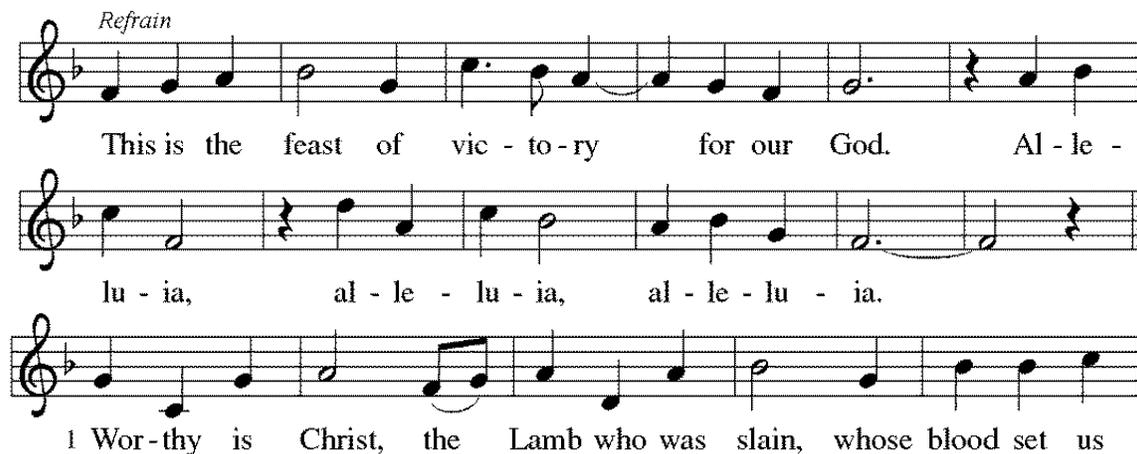
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Greeting

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, 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
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-
 lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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.

Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

James 1:17-27 (The Message)

A reading from the letter of St. James to the early church

So, my very dear friends, don't get thrown off course. Every desirable and beneficial gift comes out of heaven. The gifts are rivers of light cascading down from the Father of Light. There is nothing deceitful in God, nothing two-faced, nothing fickle. He brought us to life using the true Word, showing us off as the crown of all his creatures.

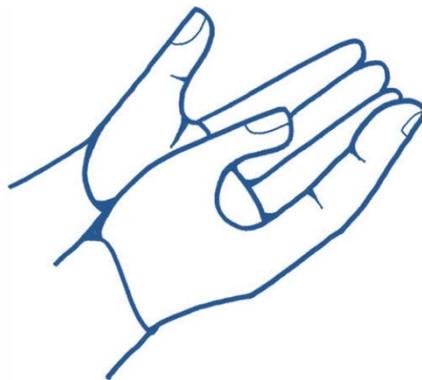
Post this at all the intersections, dear friends: Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear. God's righteousness doesn't grow from human anger. So throw all spoiled virtue and cancerous evil in the garbage. In simple humility, let our gardener, God, landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden of your life.

Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear! Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like.

But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God—the free life!—even out of the corner of his eye, and sticks with it, is no distracted scatterbrain but a man or woman of action. That person will find delight and affirmation in the action.

Anyone who sets himself up as “religious” by talking a good game is self-deceived. This kind of religion is hot air and only hot air. Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight, and guard against corruption from the godless world.

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



Psalm 15



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LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear
the LORD.**

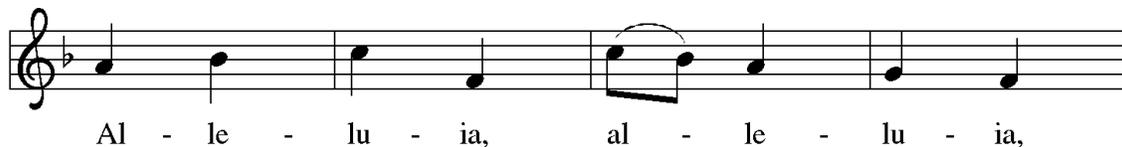
**They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their
word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes
a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Repeat alleluia



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

Gospel**Mark 7:1-8, 14-23** (The Message)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees, along with some religion scholars who had come from Jerusalem, gathered around him. They noticed that some of his disciples weren't being careful with ritual washings before meals. The Pharisees—Jews in general, in fact—would never eat a meal without going through the motions of a ritual hand-washing, with an especially vigorous scrubbing if they had just come from the market (to say nothing of the scourings they'd give jugs and pots and pans).

The Pharisees and religion scholars asked, "Why do your disciples brush off the rules, showing up at meals without washing their hands?"

Jesus answered, "Isaiah was right about frauds like you, hit the bull's-eye in fact:

These people make a big show of saying the right thing,
but their heart isn't in it.

They act like they are worshiping me,
but they don't mean it.

They just use me as a cover
for teaching whatever suits their fancy,
Ditching God's command
and taking up the latest fads."

Jesus called the crowd together again and said, "Listen now, all of you—take this to heart. It's not what you swallow that pollutes your life; it's what you vomit—that's the real pollution."

When he was back home after being with the crowd, his disciples said, "We don't get it. Put it in plain language."

Jesus said, "Are you being willfully stupid? Don't you see that what you swallow can't contaminate you? It doesn't enter your heart but your stomach, works its way through the intestines, and is finally flushed."
(That took care of dietary quibbling; Jesus was saying that all foods are fit to eat.)

He went on: "It's what comes out of a person that pollutes: obscenities, lusts, thefts, murders, adulteries, greed, depravity, deceptive dealings, carousing, mean looks, slander, arrogance, foolishness—all these are vomit from the heart. There is the source of your pollution."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.*Please be seated***Proclamation****TRADITION!**

Musical Reflection

O God, Whose Word Well-Planted

Herman G. Stuempfle Jr.
Al Rider

O God, whose word well-planted
yields fruit a hundredfold,
we praise your graces granted
to those who sowed of old,
who by their witness scattered
good seed upon the soil
where others, reaping, gathered
the harvest of their toil.

O God of seed and harvest,
of sun and soil and rain,
attend the word we sow,
lest its planting be in vain.
Send showers of your Spirit,
bright sunshine of your grace,
that multitudes who hear it
your gospel may embrace.

O God, your final harvest
of hist'ry's ancient field
will test with truth the proudest
that human work can yield.
Oppression's blight will vanish,
fair freedom's fruits increase;
and love and joy will flourish
to clothe the earth with peace.

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Statement of Faith

Every week we confess our faith in the Triune God. This week we are using words developed by the United Church of Canada:

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

After each petition: "Your mercy is great, O God." **Receive our prayer.**

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, 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, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, Kathie Ehrich, Elaine Warren, Nate Bird's father-in-law Wendell Jordan, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, niece Olivia Theissen and son-in-law Brandon James, Kandice Hoddinott-Ward, Brittany Amon, John Huber, Mary Watts, Barbara and David Hairston, Dottie and Larry Bird, Paul Johnson, Ranel Hoddinott, Karen Kent, Diane Brobeck, Roman Fisher, May Zimmer-Fannin and family on the death of Maddie Zimmer

For the people of Zion Lutheran Church in West Jefferson
For Redeemer community members Edwina and Earl Bradley

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

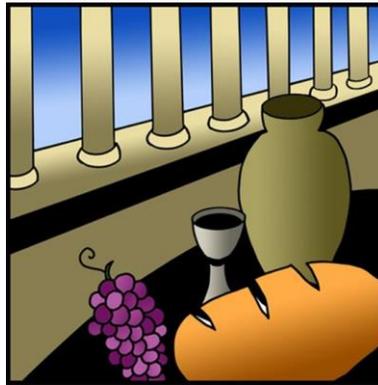
Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug. For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

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.

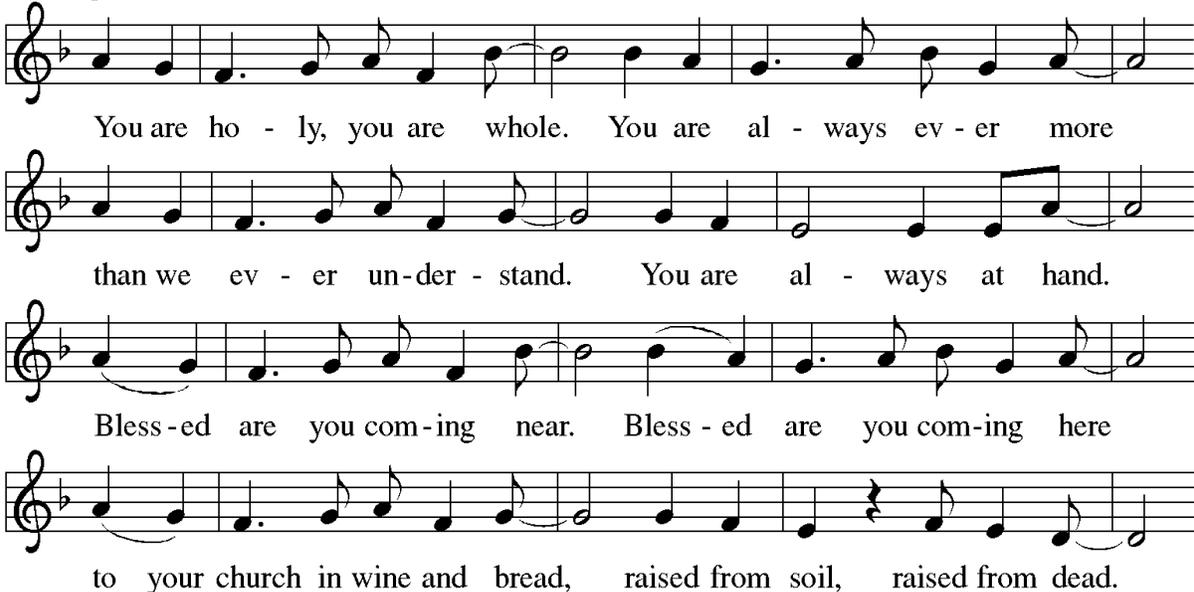


In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

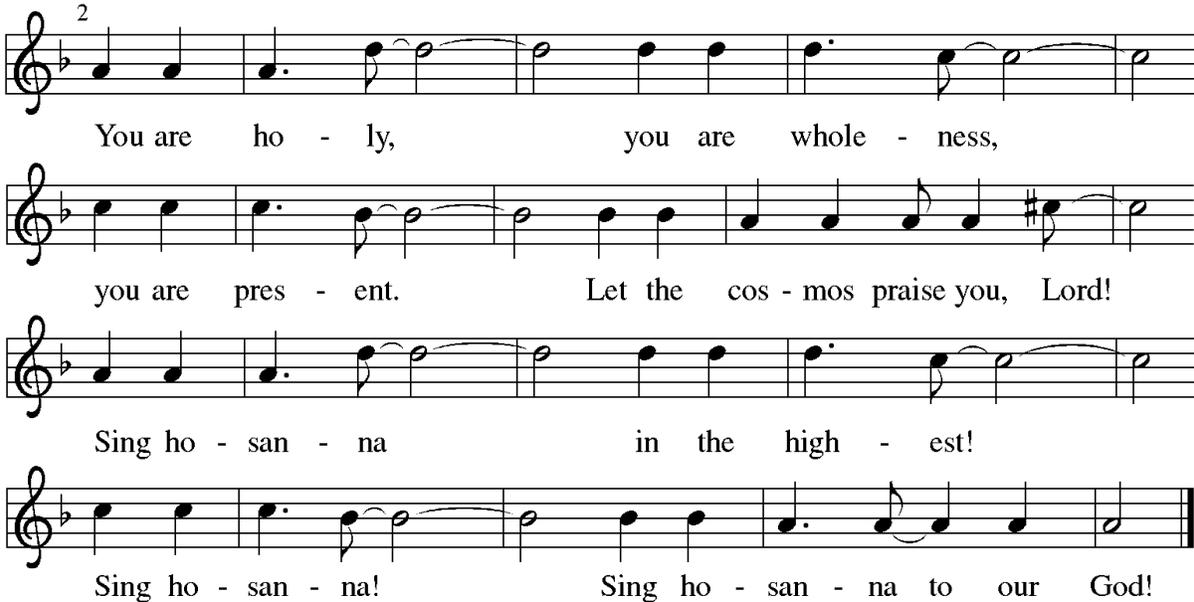
You Are Holy

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.*

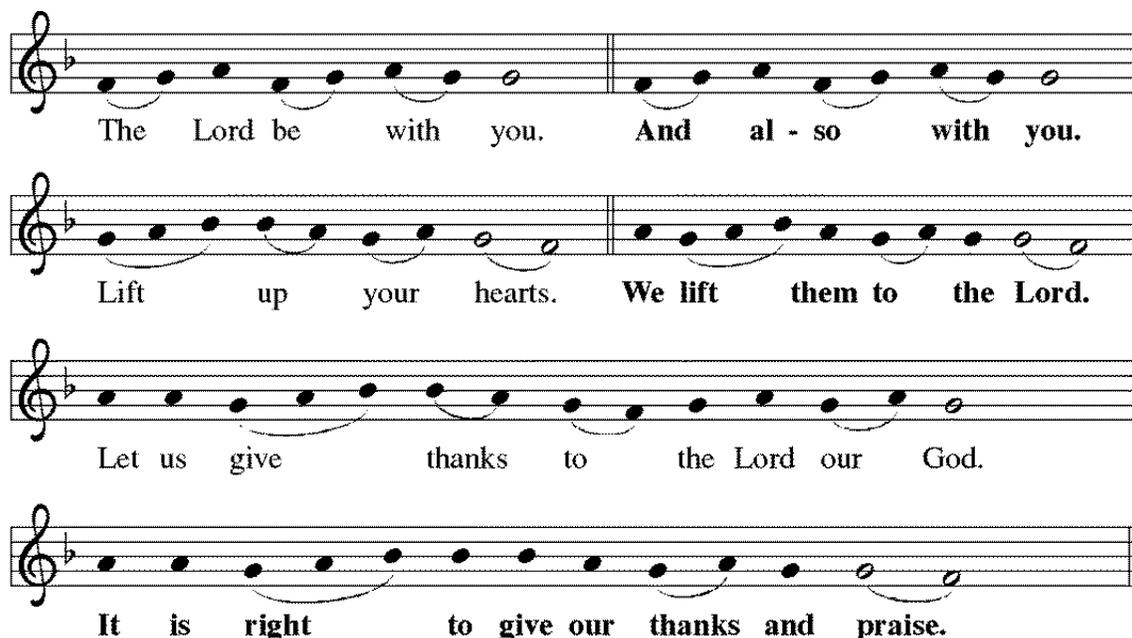
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Great Thanksgiving



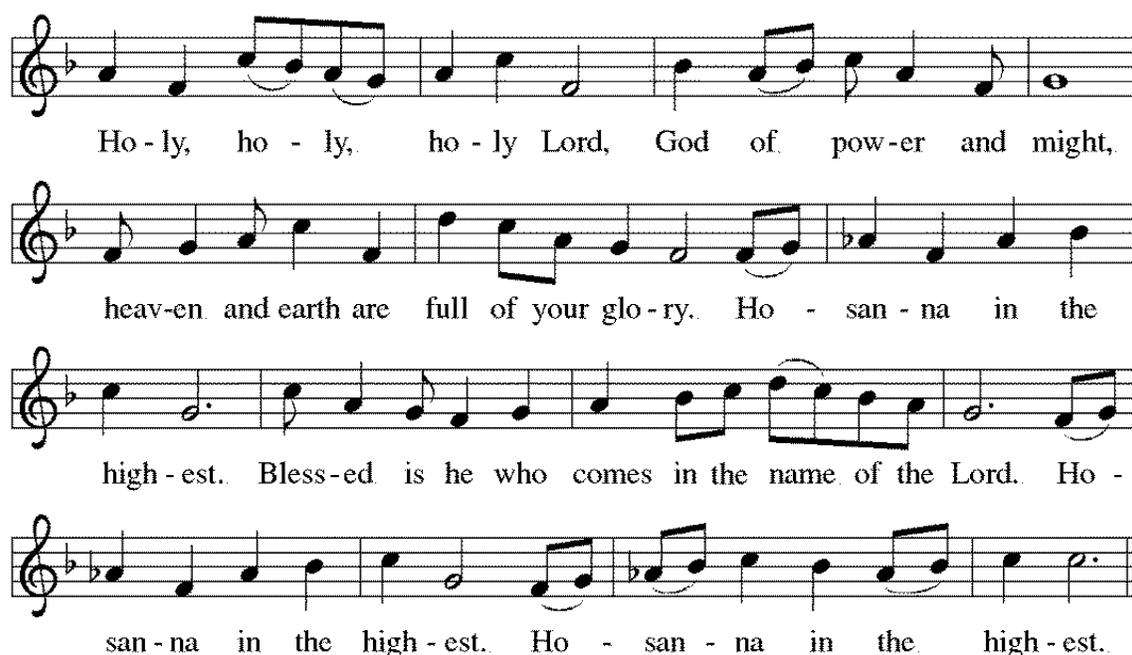
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, 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.

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 Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.

Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

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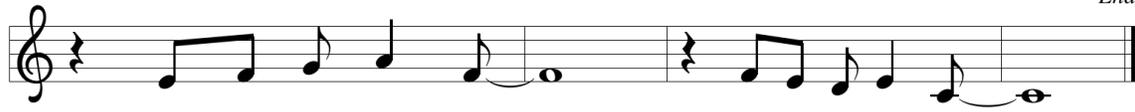
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Hymn

Change My Heart O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



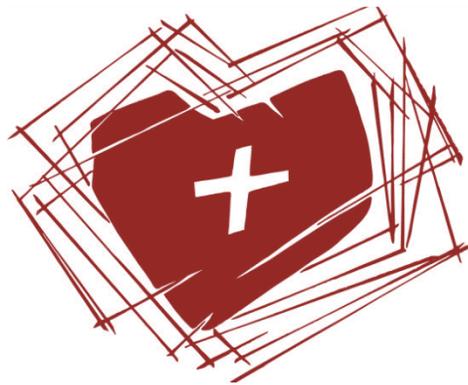
You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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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

Restore in Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Holy Manna

arr. Mary McDonald

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Adult Ed
Beginning in September – 11:15 am

LEADING CAUSES OF LIFE

"Connection Causes Life"

"Coherence Causes Life"

"Agency Causes Life"

"Blessing Causes Life"

"Hope Causes Life"

9/15 Sermon feedback with
Guest Preacher Kevin Dudley

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957366923?pwd=TnV6cFB4ZUptET25USTgzZ0dZlhnQT09>

Meeting ID: 889 5736 6923 = Passcode: 383835

Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



Is there a topic or a Bible passage you've always wanted to have addressed in a sermon?

The Worship Committee would love to hear from you and on **Sunday, October 13** Pastor Brad will address the topic that stirs the most interest.

Send your suggestion to info@redeemerluth.com or fill out the green form in back of the sanctuary and drop it in the offering plate.

Submit your suggestion by **Sunday, September 8**. The Worship Committee will select the three most intriguing suggestions and you'll have until **September 15** to make a final vote!



LSS Food Pantry

First Wednesdays

12:30-4:00 pm

Contact Kathleen Zwanziger
to volunteer



Healing Prayer
is offered at worship
the second Sunday of
each month.



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



Blessing of the
Backpacks
+ Backpacks
+ Brief Cases
+ Tote Bags
+ Pocketbooks
...whatever you use to
carry your essentials
every day
During worship on
Sunday September 8



Sister Act
LOVINGKINDNESS
Assembling Care Kits
for unhoused persons
with Sunday School children

Sunday September 8 - 11:15 am

For more information see *Reflections* or
contact Michele Disbro or
Julianne Johnson.

Please join us for fellowship and service

Community Blessing of the
Backpacks and Ice Cream Social



September 8th = 4:00 - 5:30
Church Lawn

Pastor Brad will be blessing backpacks for
students, and all involved can also enjoy
some ice cream and toppings.

Come meet some of our neighborhood kids
and enjoy some ice cream.



Bible Study
The Book of Revelation
Tuesdays + 1:00 pm

In-Person and Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82259660622?pwd=R2pHTW11bHR0N1FHbFRZdStqbk9Bdz09>
Meeting ID: 822 5966 0622 = Passcode: 435549
Phone only: 1-301 715 8592

A Prayer for Workers

Creator God, help us to build a new world in the midst of the old.

A world where all workers are valued.

A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in.

A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill.

A world where those who serve and care for others are, themselves, also served and cared for.



Support for Berwick School Families

With the coming of a new school year, we will be offering financial support to our neighbor Berwick School families in need.

Contributions should be marked for **Berwick School.**

A top-down view of various school supplies on a green desk, including a red apple, a magnifying glass, colored paper, pencils, a clock, and a calculator.

A Prayer for Schools

O God, bless our schools, that they may be places of learning and safety where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of students.

Grant that teachers and students may work together in mutual respect and find joy in the challenges of academic life.

Amen.

The logo for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), featuring a globe icon and the letters "ELCA".An illustration of various garden plants, including a green leafy vegetable, a red tomato, and a green pepper, growing in a bed of soil.

RLC Garden Giveaway

Produce from our own garden and donations from friends and neighbors

Saturday mornings
10 am until gone

A colorful illustration of cartoon vegetables, including a corn cob, a carrot, a tomato, and a purple eggplant, with small insects nearby.

LSS/MidOhio Food Collective Food Giveaway

Thursday September 19

*Extras this month: Personal Care Products
(soap, shampoo, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant,
body lotion, nail care kits, 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!



September 22
Celebrate!!!

Celebrate Redeemer's 67th Anniversary!
Celebrate Music!
Celebrate Redeemer Ministries!

Worship 10:00 am
Potluck following worship

Senior Choir

Rehearsal Sundays
Starting September 8
8:45 – 9:30 am



Add your voice



Good Neighbors Picnic
Saturday, September 28
Donations of blankets and cold
weather clothing needed
Watch *Reflections* for more details



Sister Act Fall Retreat
October 11-13
Lutheran Memorial Camp
For details contact
Michele Distro, Carol Heacock,
Kay Ernsthausen or Wendy Stoica

KEY ELECTION DATES
November 5, 2024

Deadline to Register to Vote - 9:00pm October 7
Check your voter registration status at:
<https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx>
Register to vote or update your registration online at:
<https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/register/>

Election Day: November 5 (Polls Open 6:30 am - 7:30 pm)




Birthdays this week:
1 - Joanie Engel
5 - Trina Thornton
7 - Bonnie Hegreness

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Brad Binau, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Jon Disbro
Cantor	Scott Steiner
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Zak Hinkle-Moore
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Eileen Day
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
Hospitality	Michelle Clemence

*Flowers are given by **members of Redeemer**.
Noisy Offering will go to Bishop Griffin Resource Center garden.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER SEPTEMBER 1 – 8

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
Monday		Labor Day – Office Closed
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	5:15 pm	ZOOM Outreach Team
Wednesday	12:30-4 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
Saturday	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion, Healing Prayer, and Blessing of the Backpacks
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages with Sister Act
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	4:00 pm	Neighborhood Blessing of the Backpacks and Ice Cream Social

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