

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

We can let the circumstances
of our lives harden us so that
we become increasingly
resentful and afraid,
or we can let them soften us
and make us kinder and more
open to what scares us.
We always have this choice.

~Pema Chödrön

from *The Places That Scare You*

November 17, 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

Softly and Tenderly

arr. Dale Wood

Welcome

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Each Winter as the Year Grows Older



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,
2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for
3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from
4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the
5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the
war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and
death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that
north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can
pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.
scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.
we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.
kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.
new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

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Music: CAROL OF HOPE, Annabeth Gay, b. 1925

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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 - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. 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

Refrain

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. 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.



Prayer of the Day

Compassionate God, you offer all healing and new life. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people, "This is the commandment, the rules and regulations, that God, your God, commanded me to teach you to live out in the land you're about to cross into to possess. This is so that you'll live in deep reverence before God lifelong, observing all the rules and regulations that I'm commanding you, you and your children and your grandchildren, living good long lives.

Listen obediently, Israel. Do what you're told so that you'll have a good life, a life of abundance and bounty, just as God promised, in a land abounding in milk and honey.

Attention, Israel!

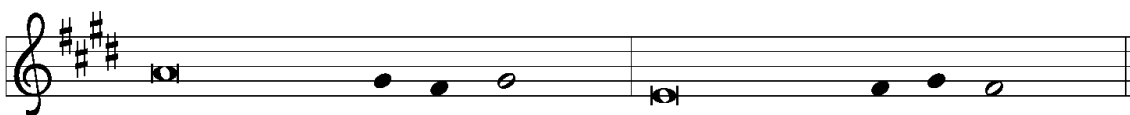
God, our God! God the one and only!

Love God, your God, with your whole heart: with all that's in you, love God with all you've got!

Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates.

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

Psalm 16



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Protect me, O God, for I take ref-^luge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a-^lbove all other."

**All my delight is in the godly that are^l in the land,
upon those who are noble a-^lmong the people.**

But those who run after^l other gods
shall have their troubles^l multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings^l to such gods,
never take their names up-^lon my lips.**

O LORD, you are my portion^l and my cup;
it is you who up-^lhold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a^l pleasant land;
indeed, I have a^l rich inheritance.**

I will bless the LORD who^l gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night^l after night.

**I have set the LORD al-^lways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall^l not be shaken.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-^lit rejoices;
my body also shall^l rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me^l to the grave,
nor let your holy one^l see the pit.**

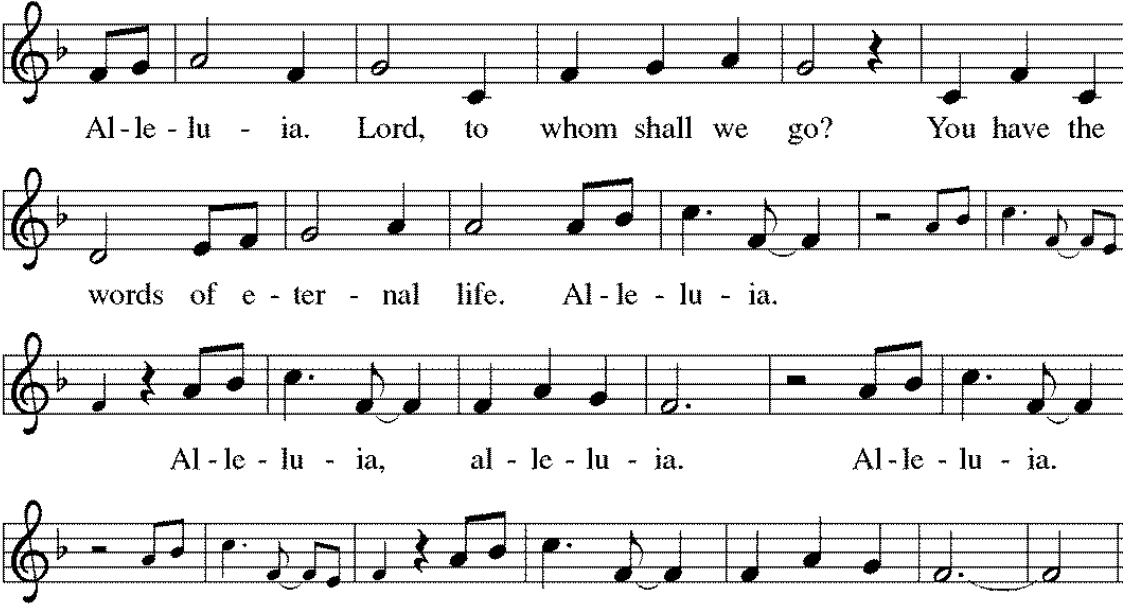
You will show me the^l path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are
pleasures for-^levermore.



Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Mark 13:1-8 (The Message)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus walked away from the Temple, one of his disciples said,

“Teacher, look at that stonework! Those buildings!”

Jesus said, “You’re impressed by this grandiose architecture? There’s not a stone in the whole works that is not going to end up in a heap of rubble.”

Later, as he was sitting on Mount Olives in full view of the Temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew got him off by himself and asked, “Tell us, when is this going to happen? What sign will we get that things are coming to a head?”

Jesus began, “Watch out for doomsday deceivers. Many leaders are going to show up with forged identities claiming, ‘I’m the One.’ They will deceive a lot of people. When you hear of wars and rumored wars, keep your head and don’t panic. This is routine history, and no sign of the end. Nation will fight nation and ruler fight ruler, over and over. Earthquakes will occur in various places. There will be famines. But these things are nothing compared to what’s coming.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

WE ALWAYS HAVE THIS CHOICE

“Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

—Mark 13.2

This is not a metaphor. The temple will be destroyed.
What we love, what we thought permanent,
will be thrown down.
Night descends.
Now, in the darkness, the lights matter.

Jesus is not preparing us to picnic in happy suburbs;
he's training us to live with grace in a troubled city,
to live with kindness and courage amid turmoil and loss.
This brokenness is the world in which mercy matters.

When things fall apart, when chaos and fracture surround us,
we can stay whole.
When fear and anger rule, we can stay faithful to love.
When the temple comes down, don't panic;
stay kind.

Empire will come and plunder,
but they can't take the light in you.
They can't take your courage to choose.
They can't take your commitment to live with grace.
No one can take the Beloved from you.
That tender, strong presence is in you to stay.

Despite what falls around us,
tend to what rises within us.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Musical Reflection

I Will Sing Praise

Joseph M Martin
Senior Choir

REFRAIN I will sing praise to the Lord, my God;
Lift up my voice in the sanctuary.
I will sing praise to the Lord my God;
I will sing alleluia and praise His holy name.

REFRAIN

Sing the glory of His name; I will praise His name forever.
Oh, the name above all names. I will sing praise to Him,
Give all my life to Him. Oh the glory of His name,
I will sing praise to the glory of His name.

Sing alleluia, all heavens rejoice!
Sing alleluia, lift high your voice.
Sing alleluia and make a joyful noise.

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....

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, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, son-in-law Brandon James, and her niece Olivia Theissen, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, Kathie Ehrich, John Huber, Barbara and David Hairston, Dottie and Larry Bird, Karen Kent, Roman Fisher, Terry Warren's sister Elaine, Ruth Boys, Kathy Pautch's mother Shirley Ziegler, family and friends of Carolyn Moehring

For the people of Clinton Heights Lutheran Church in Columbus

For Redeemer community member Connie Criswell

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.

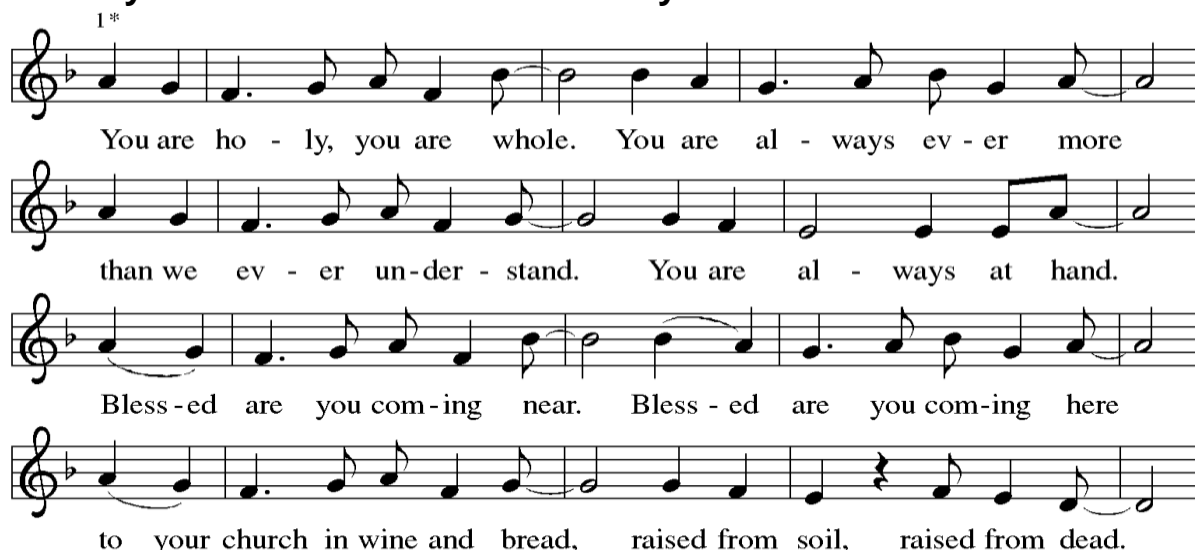
Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

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.

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, 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

When Peace Like a River

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain
 It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

Hymn

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

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

Guide My Feet

1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual; arr. *This Far by Faith*

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

I Sing the Might Power of God

arr. Mark Hayes

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The communion liturgy is adapted from "Enter with Joy," by Pat Bennett, published by Wild Goose Publications.

Adult Ed Sundays - 11:15 a.m.

As a way to deepen our relationships with each other by getting to know each other better, Pastor Dave will interview a variety of folks about their lives. And you'll have a chance to ask questions as well.

*November 17 - Ashley Bird
November 24 - Nancy Magargal*

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83475541581?pwd=PEYyLFqECnuQBzf9bSbagxGY44GXcU.1>

Meeting ID: 834 7554 1581 = Passcode: 752230
Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



Tuesday Bible Study **Exploring Advent and Christmas Stories**

What do the Gospel stories about the coming of Jesus really say? What would a "manger" scene based on Matthew and Luke look like? A spoiler alert: one of them wouldn't even have a manger! So celebrate the coming seasons of Advent and Christmas by joining us for our weekly Bible study. You can participate in-person or on Zoom.

Tuesdays + 1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom:

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Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday, November 20

10:00 AM-11:30 AM – Narthex

Honest exploration of questions about faith and life



Sister Act **PLANNING** **...for 2025**

Wednesday, Nov 20 – 6:30 pm

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

Please join us for fellowship and service



Poinsettia orders due November 18

Pick up an order envelope from the
hallway bulletin board

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

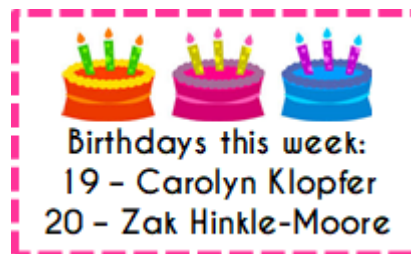
Presiding Minister	Dave Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Michele Disbro
Cantor	Connie Criswell
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Jon Disbro
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Wendy Stoica, Sue Watson, Kay Ernsthausen
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
Hospitality	Judith & Ashley Bird

*Flowers are given by **Bruce Collins** in memory of **Karen**.*

*Noisy Offering will go to **Lutheran Disaster Response – Hurricane Relief***

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER NOVEMBER 17 – 24

Today	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
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Congregation Council
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
	6:30 pm	Sister Act Planning for 2025
Saturday	1:30 pm	Mary Watts Memorial Service
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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