

# Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



November 9, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

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.
- **Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order** are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- **Services of worship and other events at Redeemer are routinely livestreamed or photographed.** If you do not want your image to be captured on livestreaming or in photographs, please speak to an usher or the leader of the event so that you can be offered alternative seating in the gathering area or can be excluded from the photograph.
- **Please silence your cell phone.**
- **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.

## **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

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

**Prelude**

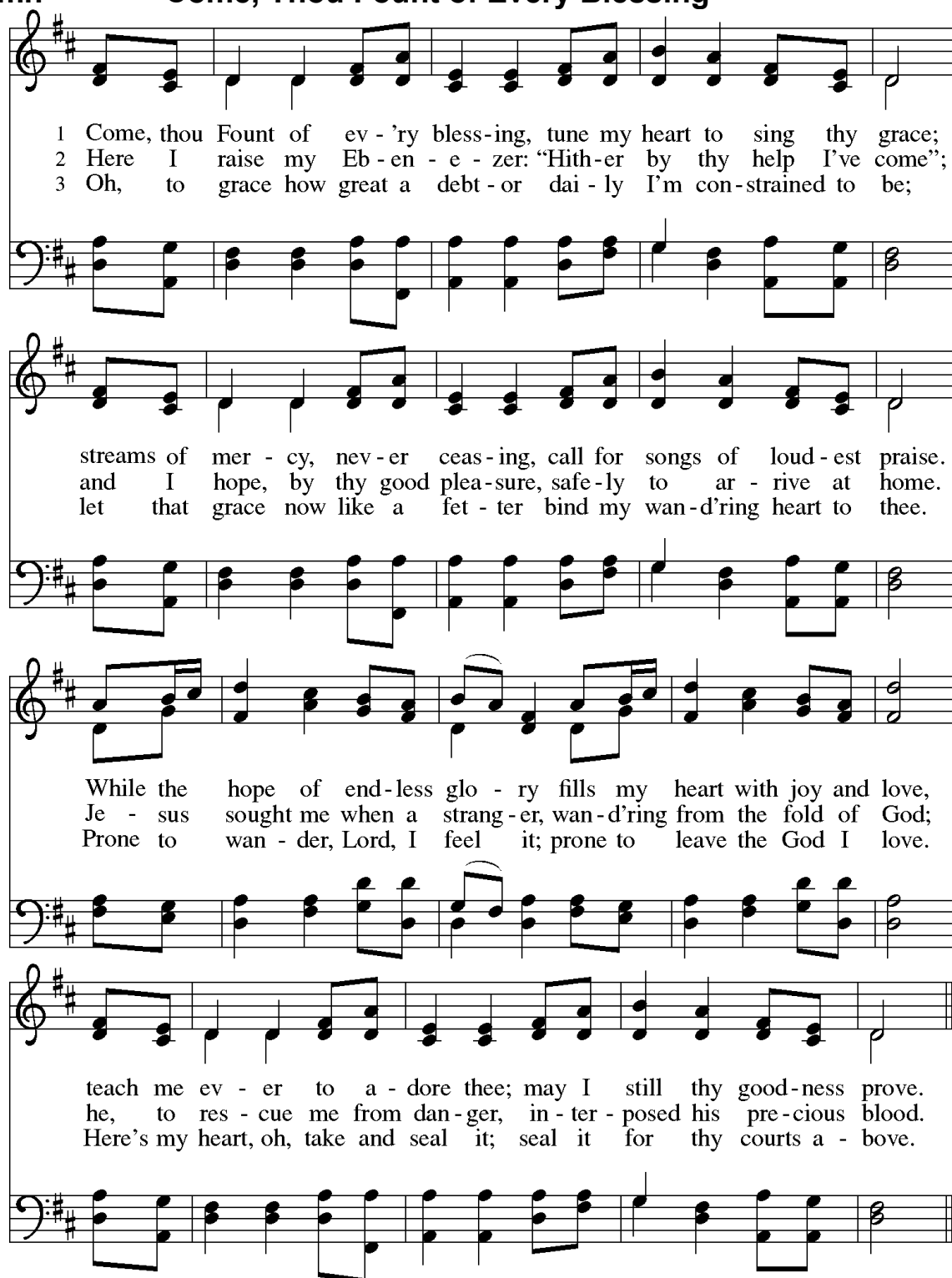
***Taste and See***, arr. Mark Hayes

**Welcome**



## Hymn

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

## 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

*Refrain*

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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

*Refrain*

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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.

### Prayer of the Day

God of All Creation, you made each of us, know us by name, and love us as your children. When we choose to exclude anyone from your embrace, open our spirits to be healed by your truth that all are one in Christ Jesus. May we resist any who celebrate division and any who dishonor who you have made and call "very good." For we would live in the way of Jesus, whose living body we are honored to be. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*



## **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

### **Reading**

### **2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, inclusivized)

A reading from the second letter to the early church at Thessalonica

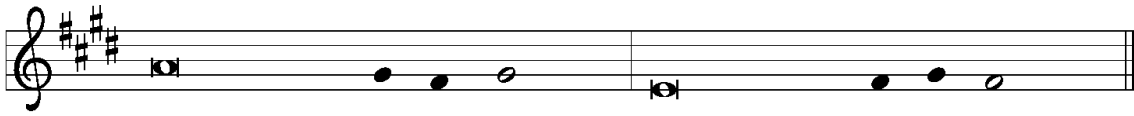
As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. This is the Enemy, the one who claims to be so much greater than what people call "God," greater than every object of worship -- so much so that it enthrones itself in God's sanctuary and claims to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose God called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and our Abba God, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

## Psalm 17:1-9



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Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed <sup>1</sup> to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from <sup>1</sup> lying lips.

**Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;  
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.**

Examine my heart, visit <sup>1</sup> me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impuri- <sup>1</sup> ty in me.

**I have not regarded what I others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways I of the violent.**

My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;  
and my feet | do not slip.

**I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;  
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.**

Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those  
who | rise against them.

Keep me as the apple <sup>1</sup> of your eye;  
hide me under the shadow <sup>1</sup> of your wings,

from the wicked | who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies | who surround me.



*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel

**Luke 20:27-38**

(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Sarah and Abraham, the God of Rebecca and Isaac, and the God of Leah and Rachel and Jacob. God is God not of the dead, but of the living, for to God all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Spoken Reflection

*Pastor Bob Abrams*



## **Musical Reflection**

### ***A Thankful Heart***

Benjamin Harlan  
Choir

#### ***REFRAIN***

Lord we bring our joyful praise with each new day we are blessed.  
Fill our lives with gratitude and hearts with thankfulness.

With gracious strokes of abundance, rich splendor You supply!  
In the heavens, bright, radiant beams of light trace the dawn that lights the  
sky.

#### ***REFRAIN***

You freely offer forgiveness as children of Your own.  
Streams of mercy, there, filled with tender care flow with blessings from  
Your throne.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

He gave us eyes to see Him, and lips that we might tell  
How great our God Almighty, who has made all things well.

#### ***REFRAIN***

## **Apostles' Creed**

We honor and celebrate our oneness with Christians in this time and  
throughout time 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

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, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey’s sister Kleta Childs, 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, Becky and Larry Trover’s son-in-law Brandon James, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Kelley Frank’s mother Charlotte Frank, Edwina Bradley and family, Karen Rider’s niece Tammy and her friend Betsy Wagner, Sue, Tim, and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Deb Turner’s friends Sherrie and Jim Tompkins, Emily Crosley, Bill Boys, Grace and Ken Jones and their son Dan Jones, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott’s son-in-law Russ Ward

For the people of Grace Lutheran Church in Pickerington

For Redeemer community members Laura and Shawn Pleasants

## Time with the Young People

### Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We greet those who are livestreaming with us by waving to the camera in the back of the sanctuary above the choir loft. Then you are encouraged to greet each other in a way that expresses the peace and love of Christ.*

*If you do not wish close contact, offer a sign of blessing to others to let them know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.*

## **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.*

*During the Rite of Communion, Prayers and Prayer Assistants will assemble on the steps of the sanctuary to offer a gentle touch and blessing. Those who wish to receive this healing in their pews may let an usher know and the healing team will come to you. Jesus often touched others—blessing children, washing feet, and healing injuries or disease. Such an act is a tangible expression of the presence of the healing Christ, working in and through those who minister in His name.*

*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.**

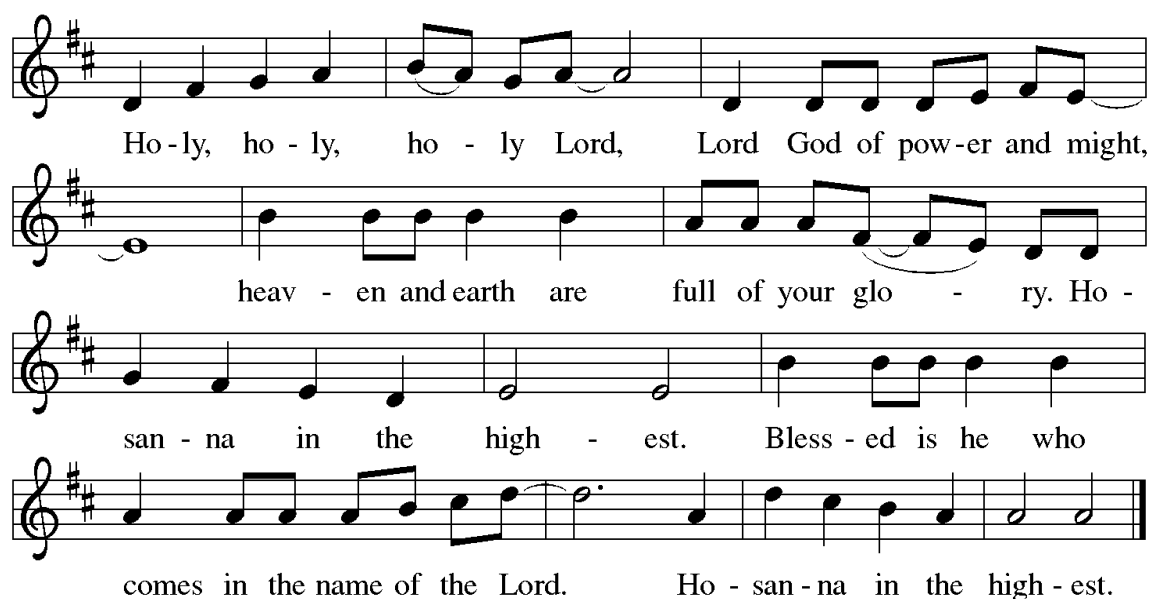
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good for us to praise you, Creator God. You made the valleys laugh and sing and the trees of the field clap their hands. Your earth summons us to break silence and be one with the song of creation. We give you thanks and praise.

For you, God of all, the church in its many forms and countless languages honors its Savior. Millions upon millions invite us to be one with them in the joy of worship.

Beyond our seeing, the angels and saints are caught up in song. And those we have loved and lost are part of that great company. They call us to be one with the harmony of Mystery.

So, gladly, we join our voices to those of earth, sea and sky, in the universal hymn of praise which echoes through time and eternity.



We remember on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his closest friends for a meal. Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this and eat: this is my body broken for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took the cup, and gave it to his friends, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

As we prepare to eat the meal Jesus offers, we join in the words he teaches us to 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.**

Come now, O Christ, bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, forever bound to us in promise and mystery; breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine. Let them become, for us, the seal and sign of your love healing, redeeming, making us whole. And through them let us together become, for you, your body, loving the world as God loves, serving its people as God wills and always being transformed until we and all humanity resemble the One whose food we now share.

## Sharing the Meal

Whoever you are, from wherever you come, whatever you believe, you are welcome and invited to receive. Come! For all things are now ready.

*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 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895

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# Hymn

## Taste and See

*Refrain - All*

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,  
taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*Leader or All*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall  
al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the  
Lord; for God has been so good to me.

2 Glo-ri - fy the Lord with me. To - geth-er let us  
all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who an - swered  
me; from all my trou-bles I was set free.

3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo-ple. You'll want for  
noth-ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is  
good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.

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*Please stand in body or spirit*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

O Brother Jesus, we have been guests at your table; come with us wherever we go and be present in all we share. Call out of us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth's barren places are fertile with food, faith, hope and love.

**Amen.**



## WE ARE SENT

### Hymn

### Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Announcements**

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This morning we are happy to welcome  
Pastor Bob Abrams from the Bishop's staff.

Pastor Abrams was ordained in 2011 after 16 years practicing law as a litigation attorney. He attended Ohio Wesleyan University ('90), The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law ('93), and Trinity Lutheran Seminary ('11). In addition, he is a graduate of the ELCA's Natural Systems Academy, and has completed two years of the Postgraduate Program of the Bowen Center for the Study of the Family in Washington DC.

Pastor Bob has served as Assistant to the Bishop since August 2014, having previously served as pastor of Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hilliard. He and his wife Cathy, a high school theatre teacher and director, live in Lewis Center.

## *Adult Ed*

**Sundays November 9-30 - 11:15 a.m.**

### *Exploring Your Spirituality*

"**Spirituality**" is a word we hear a lot these days. But what is it? And how might we explore what it could be for us, and how paying attention to it might change our lives?

Kelley Frank and Dave Shull invite you on a four-week journey to explore your spirituality. Both of them are in the second year of a training program to become spiritual directors, and look forward to sharing with you some of what they've discovered, and engaging you in conversation about bringing your faith more alive.

**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

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monthly Sunday School for all ages!

Sunday, November 9 == 11:15 am

Assembling Care Kits



## Baby Shower

For *Micheline and WilFrantz*



**Sunday November 9**

Following the church service



Light refreshments will be served



## Tuesday Bible Study

An exploration of things we might  
wish weren't in the Gospels.

**Tuesdays + 1:00pm**

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81952034409?pwd=IsIzRLXkWCVvjlAgAzG6mvTT2N9uIR.1>

Meeting ID: 819 5203 4409

Passcode: 781179

Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



## A Brewing Faith

Conversation and fellowship

**Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 pm**

Budd Dairy  
1086 N 4th St



RLC Serves

**First English Lutheran Church  
Community Dinner**

**Thursday, November 13**

Food donations and volunteers needed

See *Reflections* for details

LSS FOOD PANTRIES

## Thankfull Holiday Meal Bags

Full Plates, Hearts Full of Gratitude



You are encouraged to use a reusable cloth bag. Shopping lists are also printed out for your use.  
Bags should be returned to RLC no later than **November 17**.



*Poinsettia orders due November 23*

*Pick up an order envelope from the hallway bulletin board*



**Annual Assembly**  
**November 17 = 7:00 pm**  
**St. Josephine Bakhita**  
**Catholic Church**



**Sunday, November 23**  
**following worship**  
To elect Council officers for 2026



Birthdays this week:  
9 – Ruth Murray  
9 – Bryce Barbour Harms  
12 – Emlyn Ott  
13 – Emily Ott

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Bob Abrams
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Joss Dana
<b>Reader</b>	Georgene Slagle
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Emily Ott
<b>Cantor</b>	Mary Benis
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chime Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Nate Ott
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Julianne Johnson, Sara Auman, Karen Rider
<b>Producers</b>	Tom Mimitch, April Smith
<b>Hospitality</b>	Laura & Terry Warren

*Flowers are given by **Sue Yehling** in memory of **Don**.  
The Noisy Offering will go to Huckleberry House.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER NOVEMBER 9 - 16

<b>Today</b>	8:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	<b>Baby Shower</b>
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	A Brewing Faith
<b>Thursday</b>	4:30 pm	RLC serves dinner at First English Lutheran Church
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	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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