

# Reign of Christ Sunday



November 23, 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**            ***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come,*** arr. Heather Sorenson

**Welcome**

## Hymn

## Gather Us In

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,  
 van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,  
 brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.  
 Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and  
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,  
 we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1:

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great  
To refrain  
peo - ple of God.

## Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
To refrain  
for ev - er.

Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *To refrain*

### Prayer of the Day

Servant God, when we hear words like "reign" and "power," we often connect them with humans who use intimidation, coercion, and threats to get their way. Open us to get to know again the life and way of Jesus. May we have the imagination to live under his reign, in which power is expressed through humble, kind, courageous, and compassionate spirits.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

### **Reading**

**Jeremiah 23:1-6** The Message (inclusivized)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

“Doom to the shepherd-leaders who butcher and scatter my sheep!” God’s Decree. “So here is what I, God, Israel’s God, say to the shepherd-leaders who misled my people: ‘You’ve scattered my sheep. You’ve driven them off. You haven’t kept your eye on them. Well, let me tell you, I’m keeping my eye on you, keeping track of your criminal behavior. I’ll take over and gather what’s left of my sheep, gather them in from all the lands where I’ve driven them. I’ll bring them back where they belong, and they’ll recover and flourish. I’ll set shepherd-leaders over them who will take good care of them. They won’t live in fear or panic anymore. All the lost sheep rounded up!’ God’s Decree.”

“Time’s coming”—God’s Decree—

“when I’ll establish a truly righteous David-Branch,  
A ruler who knows how to rule justly.

This ruler will make sure of justice and keep people united.

Judah will be secure again

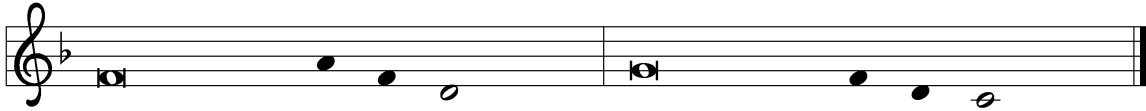
and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name they’ll give the one who rules in my name:

‘God-Who-Puts-Everything-Right.’

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

## Psalm 46



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God is our ref- | 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 city of God,  
the holy habitation of 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 | 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- | on the earth;**

behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | 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 | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation

*Congregation:*

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

## Gospel

**Luke 23:33-43** The Message (inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the crowd [following Jesus to] the place [of crucifixion] called Skull Hill, the Roman soldiers crucified Jesus, along with two criminals, one on his right, the other on his left.

Jesus prayed, “Abba God, forgive them; they don’t know what they’re doing.”

Dividing up his clothes, the soldiers threw dice for them. The people stood there staring at Jesus, and the ringleaders made faces, taunting, “He saved others. Let’s see him save himself! The Messiah of God—ha! The Chosen—ha!”

The soldiers also came up and poked fun at him, making a game of it. They toasted him with sour wine: “So you’re King of the Jews! Save yourself!”

Printed over him was a sign: this is the king of the jews.

One of the criminals hanging alongside cursed him: “Some Messiah you are! Save yourself! Save us!”

But the other one made him shut up: “Have you no fear of God? You’re getting the same as him. We deserve this, but not him—he did nothing to deserve this.”

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you enter your kingdom.”

He said, “Don’t worry, I will. Today you will join me in paradise.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Spoken Reflection

**A “FORGIVE THEM, THEY DON’T KNOW WHAT THEY’RE DOING” KIND OF RULER**



## Musical Reflection

### ***We Gather Together***

arr. Lloyd Larson  
*Chime Choir*

## **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, 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, Earl Bradley and family  
For the people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Newark  
For Redeemer community members WilFrantz Raymond, Micheline and Shanaëlle Saint Felix

## 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.*

*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 ÄR HELIG, Per Harling

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# Great Thanksgiving

*Presider:*

The Lord be with you.

*Congregation:*

And al - so with

*you.*

*Presider:*

Lift up your hearts.

*Congregation:*

We

*Presider:*

lift them to the Lord.

Let us give

*Congregation:*

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God 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:

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. 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

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

## O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our  
 2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -  
 3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver -  
 4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -

king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose  
 give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that  
 all, you said the first must be the last and  
 nown; you died for us up - on a cross with

praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to  
 we might rise and live. To break the law of  
 ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,  
 thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the

glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you  
 death you came, the law of love to bring: a  
 church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for  
 span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for

walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.  
 dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous-ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
 still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
 now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824–1902

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# Hymn

## Jesus Shall Reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

*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

### Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,  
the peo-ple of our God from this dwell-ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—  
The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed  
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,  
the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.  
The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now  
reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.  
Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing  
to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.  
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

***Now Thank We All Our God*, arr. Mark Hayes**

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***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:  
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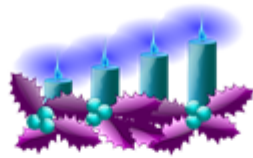


*Poinsettia orders due November 23*  
*Pick up an order envelope from the hallway bulletin board*



**Congregational Meeting**

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



### Advent Wednesday evenings

December 3, 10, 17

6:30 Advent Desserts and Coffee

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

With the season of Advent, Redeemer offers you a space to rest in the calmness, beauty, and joy of a darkened sanctuary filled with the sounds of Holden Evening Prayer. Wednesday evenings will be oases in the midst of everything else that is going on in your lives. Let yourself let go of all you might be carrying right now, and receive the gift of this time to be reminded of what life, love, and peace feel like.

Sign up on the bulletin board to provide dessert

## IMPACTING COMMUNITY

A discussion series for those who want steps that cause change.

**Sunday, November 23**

**4:30-6:30 pm**

**Refugees & Immigration [CRIS]**

Presented by

**First English Lutheran Church  
And Urban Connections**

At FELC: 1015 E. Main St  
Columbus, OH 43205

See *Reflections* for details



## Advent Devotional Booklet

The Advent Devotional is now available in regular or large print. You may pick up a copy in the narthex. Take as many as you like to share with friends and family. If you like, we would be happy to mail a copy to you. The devotions are available on our website, or you may have each day's devotion delivered to your email. Just let the office know what you prefer.



**Birthdays this week:**

24 - Judith Bird

24 - Sarah Highland

26 - Grace Montgomery

26 - Dereck Stewart

28 - Greyson Brush

28 - David Shull

29 - Mary Bowling

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Karen Rider
ASL Interpreter	Emily Ott
Cantor	Linda Williams
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ashley Bird
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Julianne Johnson, Sara Auman, Karen Rider
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
Hospitality	Pumpkin! Pumpkin! Pumpkin!

*Flowers are given by **Ashley Bird** in honor of **Judith's birthday**.  
The Noisy Offering will go to Huckleberry House.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER NOVEMBER 23 – 30

Today	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	<b>Congregation Meeting – Elections</b>
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	5:30 pm	Mutual Ministry Team at Ott/Ward home
Thursday		<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>
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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