

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 6, 2026+ 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

Welcome

Hymn **Creator, We Thank You for All You Have Made**

To tune ELW 834, Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Creator, we thank you for all you have made:
For trees by the sidewalk that give us cool shade,
For grass-covered ball fields, for flowers downtown,
For wide autumn leaves that turn crispy and brown.

God, thank you for gardens on back corner-lots,
For insects that hide out in old flower pots,
For lions and polar bears living in zoos,
For high mountain trails that have beautiful views.



Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship 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 -

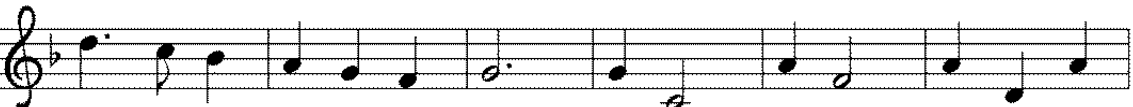


lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 -



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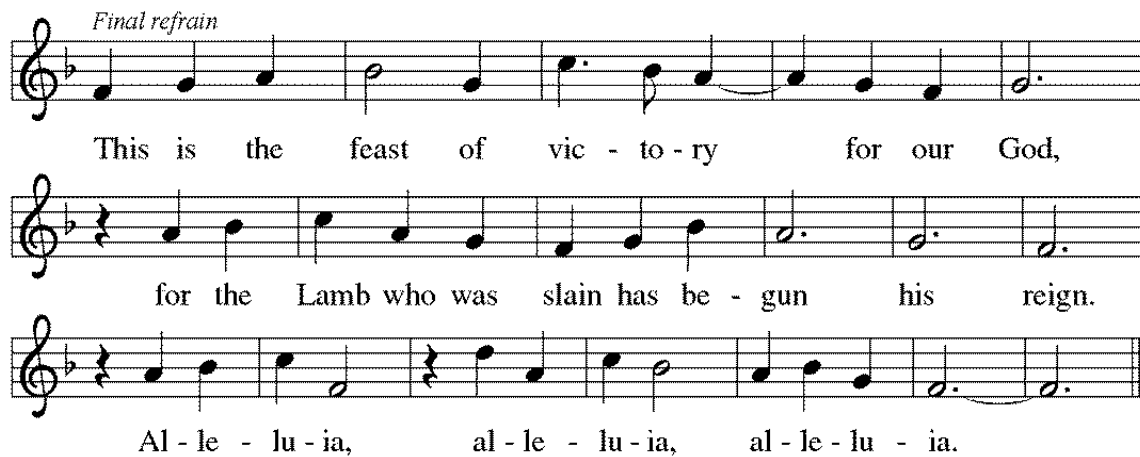
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



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

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.

Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

Psalm 119:33-40



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Teach me, O LORD, the way [|] of your statutes,
and I shall keep it [|] to the end.

**Give me understanding, and I shall [|] keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with [|] all my heart.**

Lead me in the path of [|] your commandments,
for that is [|] my desire.

**Incline my heart to [|] your decrees
and not to [|] unjust gain.**

Turn my eyes from be- [|] holding falsehood;
give me life [|] in your way.

**Fulfill your promise [|] to your servant,
which is for [|] those who fear you.**

Turn away the reproach [|] that I dread,
because your judg- [|] ments are good.

**Behold, I long for [|] your commandments;
by your righteousness en- [|] liven me.**



Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the early church at Rome

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

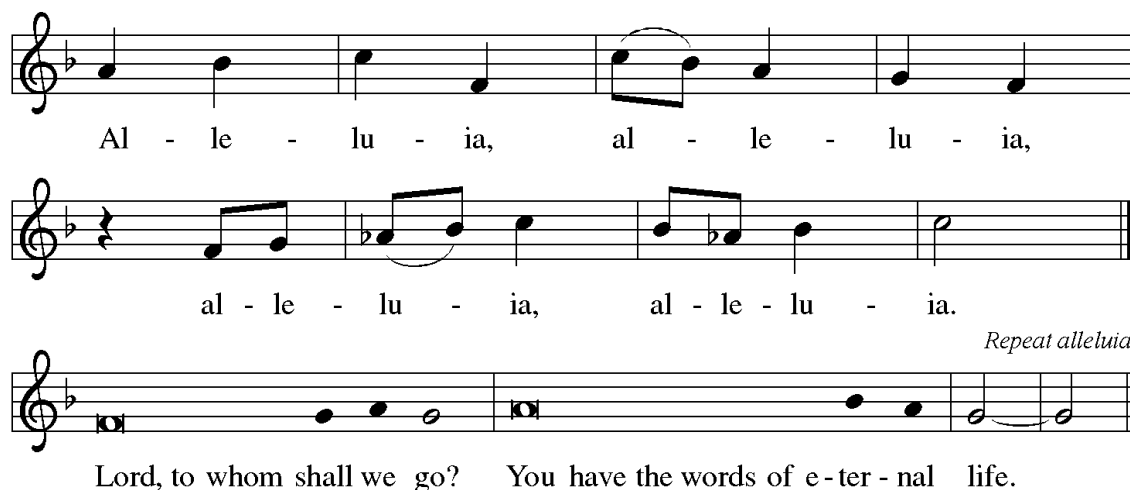
Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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



Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

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

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Matthew 18:15-20

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Elizabeth Hoster

Musical Reflection

Thy Word [Based on Psalm 119:105]

Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith
Heidi Sherer and Brian Baddour

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,
think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

I will not forget
your love for me and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide, and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path,
and a light unto my path.
You're the light unto my path.



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, 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, Sue, Tim, and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Debbie Turner's friends Sherrie and Jim Tompkins, Grace and Ken Jones and their son Dan Jones, Emily Crosley, Bill Boys, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott's sister and brother-in-law Paulie and Jerry Shaffer, Barbara Hairston, WilFrantz Raymond's sister Cheslie, Don Luck, Greg Williams, Kathy and Tom Mimlitch's daughter Holly Ragland, Linda Williams' sister-in-law Georgeann Neuzil, Karen Rider's friends Nancy McGinnis and Eileene Welker, LaVerna Reinoehl, Drusanne Shaulis, Pastor's niece Olivia and family, Pastor Elizabeth and family on the death of her brother Mark and the sudden death of her Aunt Mary, Julianne Johnson's twin brother Paul, Don Crosley's mother Wanda, Bob Rapp
For the people of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Columbus.
For Redeemer community member Gary Brose.

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.

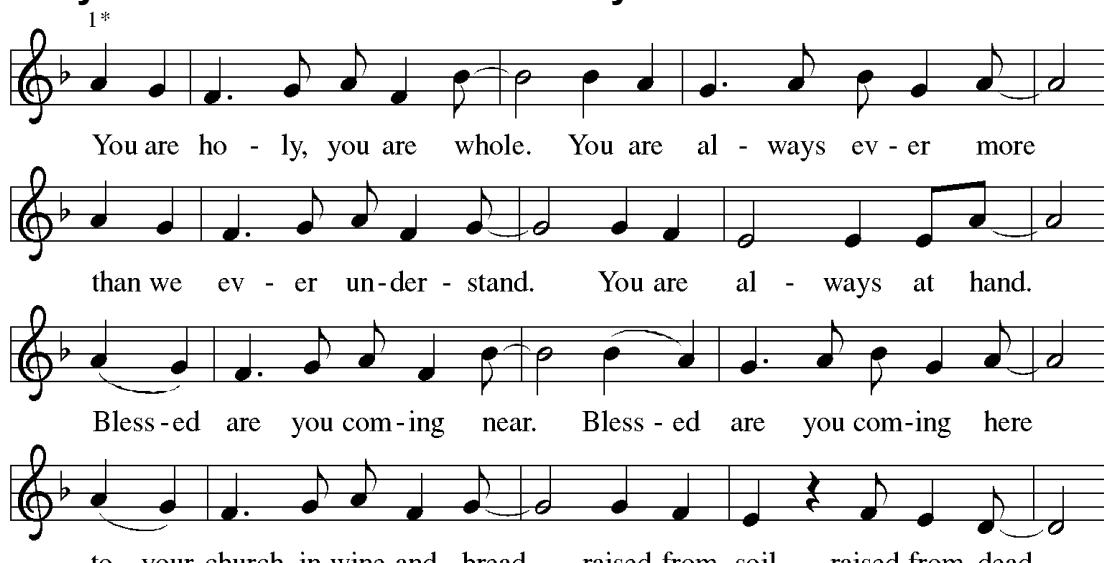
Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

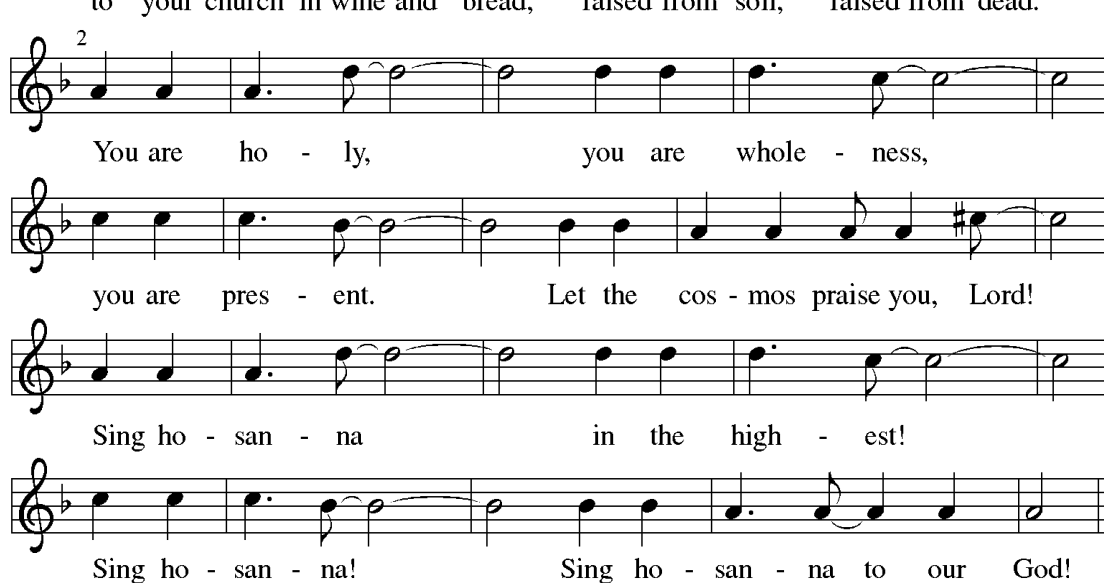
You Are Holy

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.*

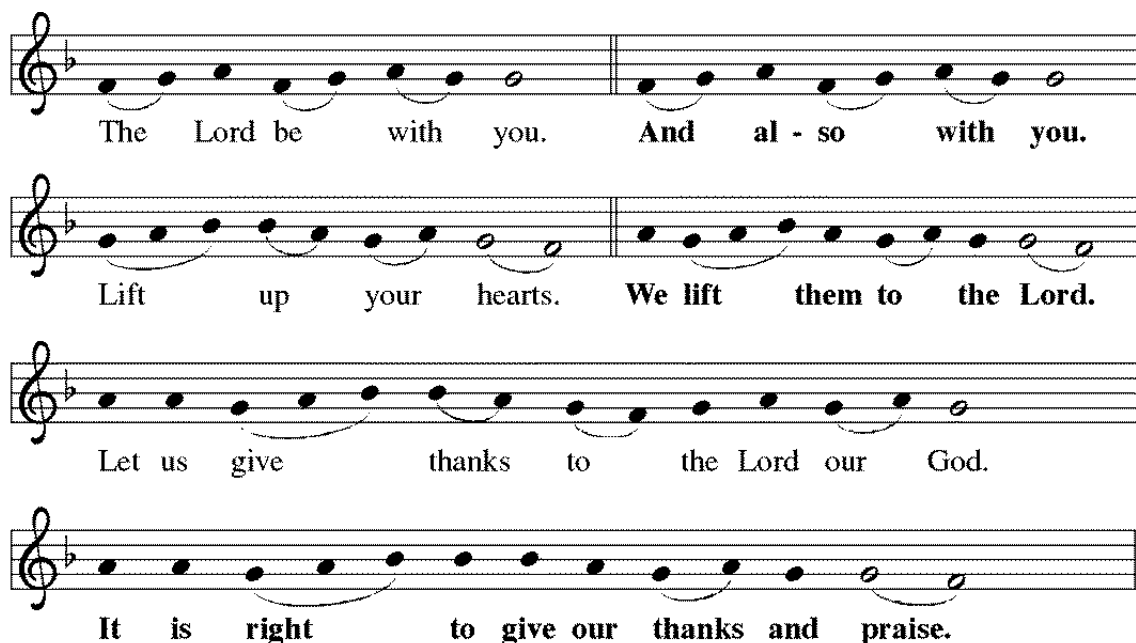
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Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

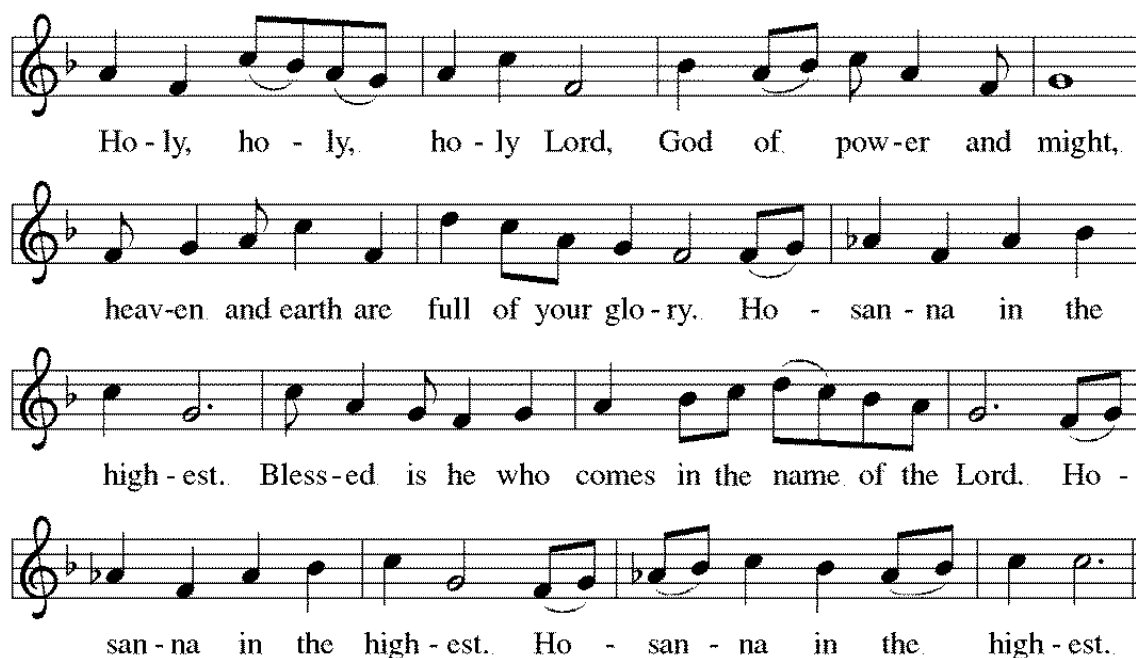
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a joy to give you our thanks and praise, Living God, and to gather together around this table. This is the table of our Lord on which he sets his tokens of love and hope and to which he calls all who want to share his life. So come – whether your faith is strong or weak, whether your hope shines brightly or is dimmed. Come, ready to receive – for all are welcome at the feast of love.

We join our voices now in that great song of love and adoration that creation sings back to you.



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 remember on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his friends and said — “Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

After supper, he took a cup of wine and gave it to them, 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. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me.”

We commit ourselves to becoming a people of hope as we pray the prayer Jesus teaches us:

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.**

And so, as we do in this place what Christ did in an upstairs room, send your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that the story of hope – of death and rising of new life, and the fruit of your beloved community – may continue on in us and through us.

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

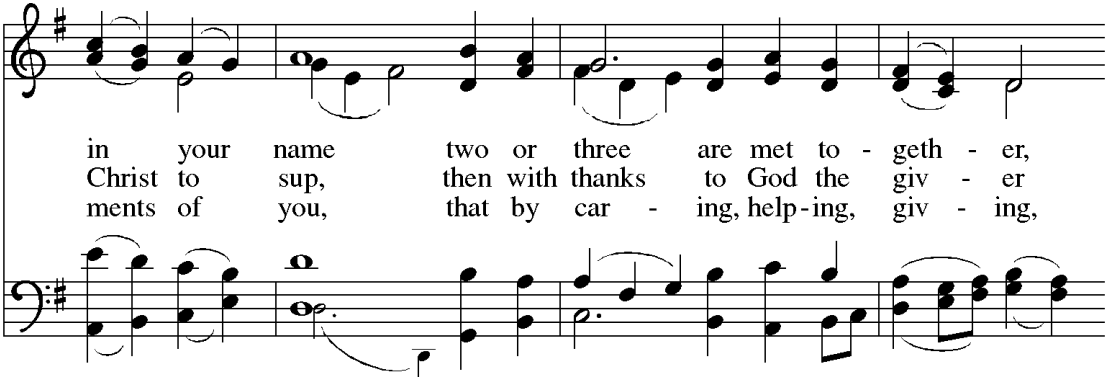
You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you’d like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request,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

Hymn

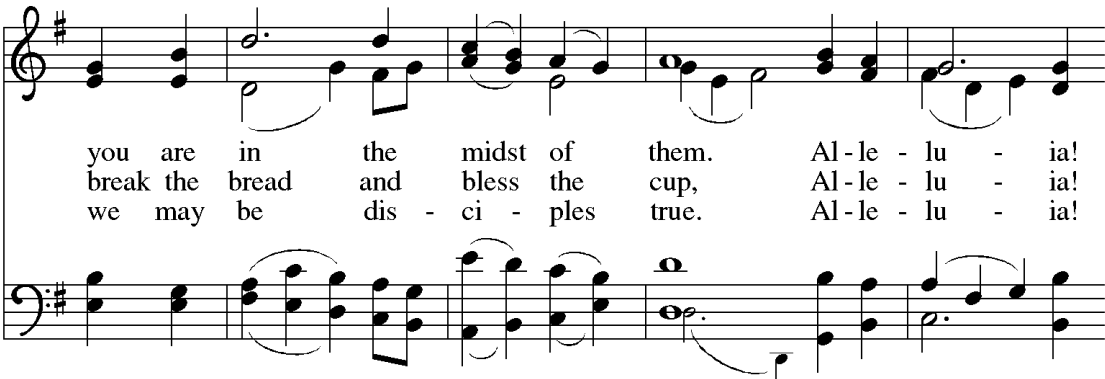
Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether



1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous God, whose story and song are now and always the hope of the world, we praise you for the stories of creation and incarnation, redemption and resolution – the unending words of love. We rejoice in your song of yearning and calling, waiting and welcoming, gathering and cherishing – the eternal music of hope. Amen.



WE ARE SENT

Hymn

On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,
hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

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Tuesday Bible Study **1:00pm**

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88008021077?pwd=ilN0WY0J2Ycrx1B2nv4inekgFnkhZ.1>

Meeting ID: 880 0802 1077

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September 13 - 27 + 11:15 am
Room 2

Come From Away – **The Hospitality of Gander** **following 9/11** **Brad Binau**

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88328796239?pwd=1QGr6l9wrPHkYbamlBHVeQWzMznVu.1>

Meeting ID: 883 2879 6239

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Phone only: 1-305-224-1968



Blessing of the

- + Backpacks
- + Brief Cases
- + Tote Bags
- + Pocketbooks

...whatever you use to carry
your essentials every day

During worship on
Sunday September 13



Monthly Sunday School for all ages!
Sunday, September 13 == 11:15 am



A Brewing Faith

Conversation and fellowship

Tuesday, September 8, 6:30 pm



RLC Serves

First English Lutheran Church Community Dinner

Thursday, September 10

Food donations and volunteers needed

See **Reflections** for details



Sister Act

*Igniting Your Fire
by Pursuing Your Passions*

PURSuing POETRY

September 9 – 6:30 pm

Poetry Slam in the RLC garden

*For more information see **Reflections**
or contact Michele Disbro*

*Please join us for fellowship and
service*



RLC Garden Giveaway

Produce from our own garden
and donations from friends and neighbors

Saturday mornings

10 am until gone



Chime Choir

Rehearsals

Saturdays – 10:00 am
September 12 & 26

**Make a joyful
noise with us!**

Senior Choir

Rehearsal Sundays
Beginning September 13
8:45 – 9:30 am



Add your voice

All are welcome to join and
sing praise to our Creator!



LSS Food Pantry

*Thursday, September 17
12:30-4:00 pm*

*Contact Kathleen Zwanziger
to volunteer*



Good Neighbors Picnic Saturday, September 26

**Now collecting cold weather
items: blankets, sweatshirts, hats,
gloves, scarves, etc.**

Collection bins are in the cloakroom



CROP WALK

**The CROP Hunger Walk will occur in Columbus on
*October 4***

The Redeemer Team web page is here:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/redeemer-lutheran-church-2>

**Donations may be made online or by cash or check made out
to CWS/CROP.**

KEY ELECTION DATES

November 9, 2026

Deadline to Register to Vote: 9:00 pm October 5

Check your voter registration status at:

<https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx>

Register to vote or update your registration online at: [https://](https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/register-to-vote)

<https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/register-to-vote>

Absentee Voting begins: October 6

Deadline for *mail ballots* to be personally delivered to your

County Board of Elections: **November 3, 7:30 pm**

Deadline for boards to **receive mail-in ballots: November 3**

Early In-Person Voting: October 6-November 1. See hours

and full schedule at [https://](https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voting-schedule)

<https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voting-schedule>

Election Day: November 3 (Polls Open 6:30 am - 7:30 pm)



Birthdays this week:

8 - Julie Boreman

8 - Johnobentz Joseph

8 - Tom Kent

8 - Andrea Steiner

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Elizabeth Hoster, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Connie Criswell
Cantor	Jennifer Young
Organist & Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Helen Brunston
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Lynn Belhorn, Nancy Magargal
Producers	Judith Bird, Tom Mimplitch
Hospitality	Michele & Jon Disbro

*Flowers are given by **the Steiner family** in celebration of **Andrea's birthday**.
The Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER SEPTEMBER 6-13

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	A Brewing Faith
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sister Act Poetry Slam
Thursday	4:30 pm	RLC serves at FELC
Saturday	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

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Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community
Redeemer's Values: Inclusion, Compassion, Justice