

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 27, 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, arr. John Carter

Welcome

Hymn

The Earth Is the Lord's

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

Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth.
We fail to remember its beauty and worth.
We take from creation much more than we need.
We threaten your world through indifference and greed.

May we be good stewards of all that you give,
Protecting creation wherever we live.
May we be a church that renews and restores
And lovingly cares for this earth that is yours.



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

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.

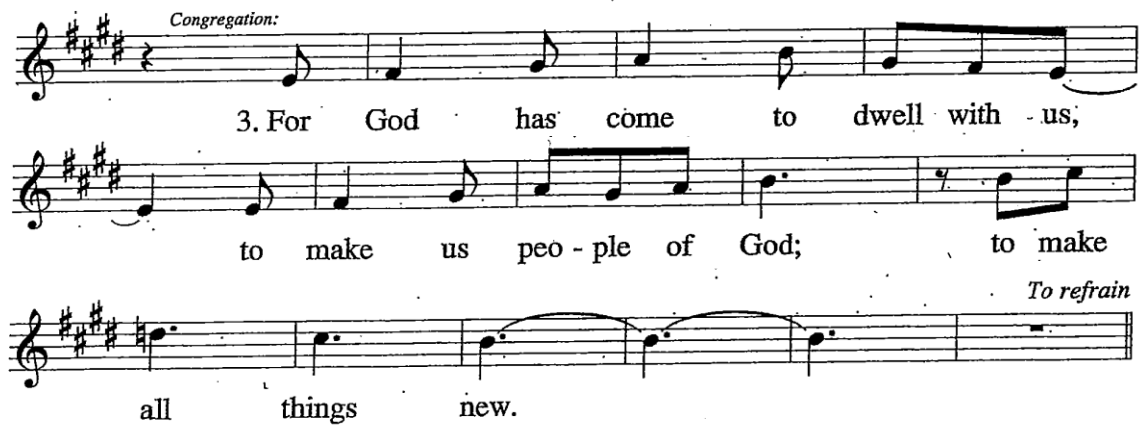
Verse 2

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

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated



WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

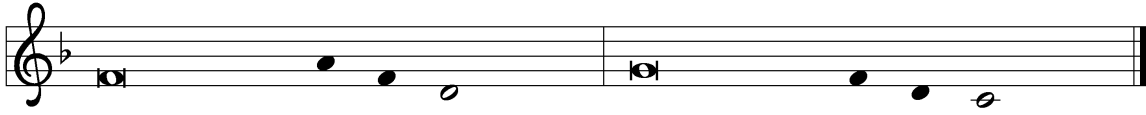
The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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

Psalm 25:1-9



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To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.**

Lead me in your I truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all I the day
long.

**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and ^{all} my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
good-^{ness}, O LORD.

**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

You lead the low-ly in justice
and teach the low-ly your way.



Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

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

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be grasped,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly

and gave him the name

that is above every other name,

so that at the name given to Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

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

Matthew 21:23-32

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Teddy Ceasar

Musical Reflection

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Mitchell Eithun and Sandra Eithun
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, 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, Julianne Johnson’s twin brother Paul, Don Crosley’s mother Wanda, Emily and Don Crosley’s daughter Rebecca Crosley and Josh Smith on their marriage, Bob Rapp, Laura and Terry Warren’s friend Bridget dealing with breast cancer, Shirley Cannon dealing with cancer.
For the people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Newark.
For Redeemer community members Maureen Callahan and Margie Farnham.

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.

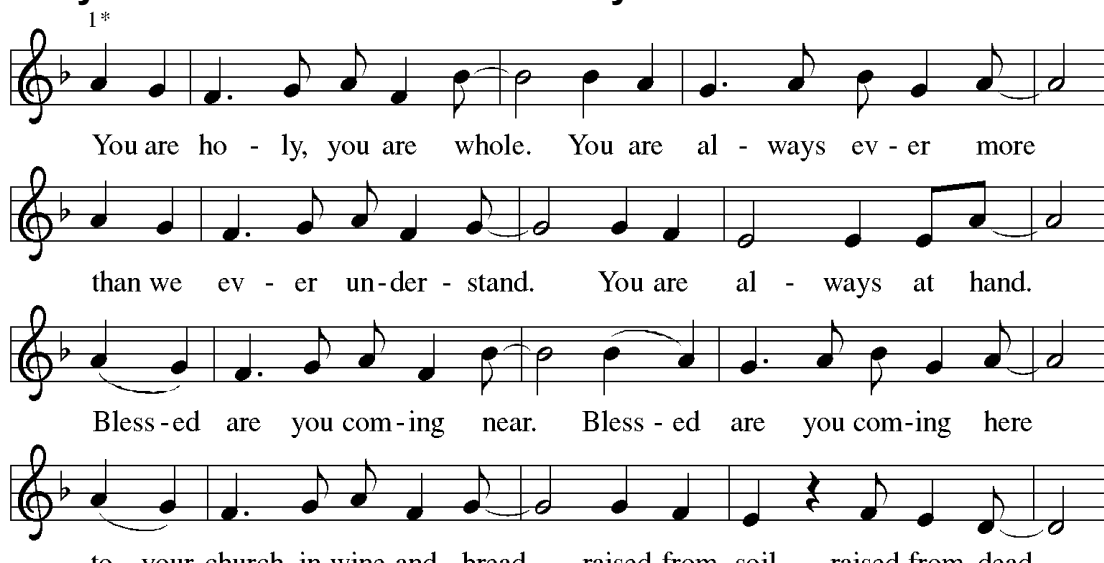
Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

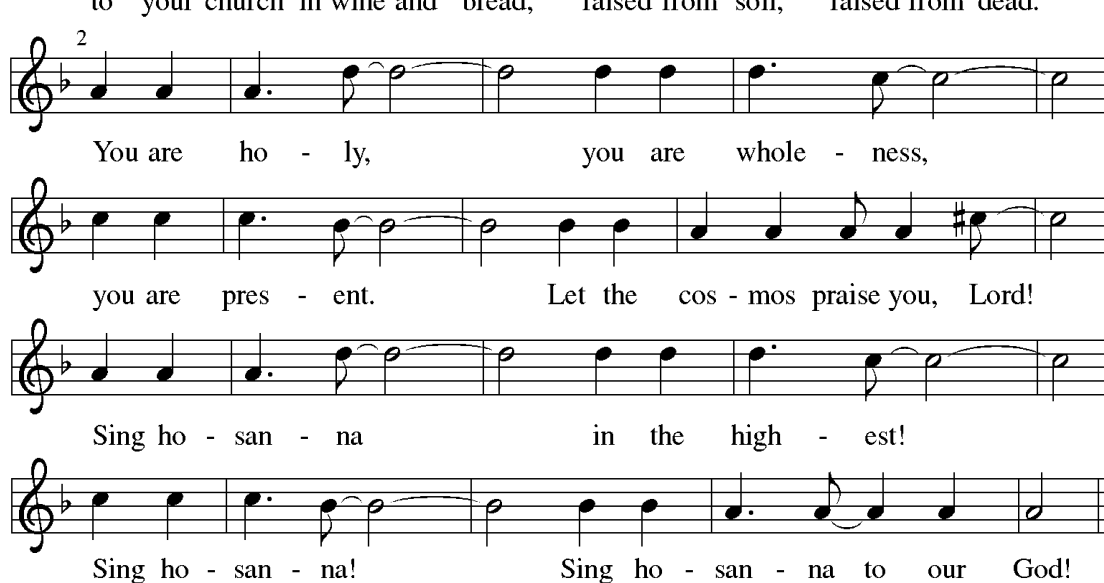
You Are Holy

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

The musical score is written for a Presider and a Congregation. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes. The lyrics are: "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 God thanks and praise." The score is divided into sections for the Presider and the Congregation, with the Congregation parts starting on the second, fourth, and sixth lines of music.

Presider: The Lord be with you. And al - so with
Congregation:
you. Lift up your hearts. 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.

It is a joy to give you our thanks and praise, Glorious 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.**

As we share these gifts of grace, may the Holy Spirit take and transform them that we may know both their comfort and their challenge, and so transform ourselves and our days. Here is bread and wine – touched and transformed by the Spirit. Come, eat and drink, and be healed and strengthened to face all that life brings.



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 Master, Let Me Walk with You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898



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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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

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

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, arr. Lloyd Larson

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



This morning we welcome **Rev. Teddy Ceasar**.

Pastor Teddy earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at the University of Cincinnati and Master of Divinity at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University.

Pastor Teddy fills diverse roles within education and athletics, coaching high school football and serving as a Social Studies teacher. He further serves on the Board of Directors for CelebrateOne, a City of Columbus initiative to combat infant mortality.

In 2012, Pastor Teddy relaunched the Destiny Church International in Columbus, Ohio—an outgrowth of the ministry founded by his late mother in 2004. Under his leadership, the church remains a beacon of hope and transformation.

Since 2014, he has been happily married to Attorney Kathleen Ceasar. Together, they are the proud parents of their daughter, Atarah, who remains a great source of joy.

Call for Congregation Council Openings

Your Congregational Council is seeking nominations of voting members to fill the following positions for the 2027-28 term (2 years), effective January 1, 2027. Interested individuals may nominate themselves or another voting member, with their permission.

Vice President:

- During the first year, performs the duties of the President in the President's absence or incapacity or at the President's request
- During the second year, assumes the position of President
 - presides over meetings of the Congregation and Council
 - ex-officio member of all congregational committees
 - empowered to implement decisions of the congregation and the Council

Secretary:

- Keeps accurate written record of all proceedings of the Council and meetings of the congregation

Education Ministry Representative:

- Ensures regular meetings of the Education Committee are held and written minutes provided to Council
- Attends Council meetings, representing the Education Committee's perspective in Council matters
- Ensures that opportunities for spiritual growth are offered to all ages, including Sunday School for youth, preparation for confirmation, encouraging and supporting all youth in their participation in the life of the congregation

The following position is open for a term of 3 years, beginning January 1, 2027:

Special Funds Team: Monitors and administers the Mission Endowment Fund, Memorial and Special Gift funds.

If interested or wanting more information, contact Vice President, Lynn Belhorn

Phone: 419-722-3921

Email: lynn.belhorn@gmail.com

September 13 - 27 + 11:15 am
Room 2

**Come From Away –
The Gospel According to Gander**

*September 27:
Telling the Story: Come From Away
and the Christian Gospels*

Brad Binau

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88328796239?pwd=1QGr6l9wrPHlkYbarnlBHVeQWwMznVu.1>

Meeting ID: 883 2879 6239

Passcode: 890127

Phone only: 1-305-224-1968



**Tuesday Bible Study
1:00pm**

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88008021077?pwd=ilN0WY0J2Ycrx1B2nv4inekcGFnkhZ.1>

Meeting ID: 880 0802 1077

Passcode: 338045



**Taking photos before and after
worship September 27, and
Sundays in October.**



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. This year's Redeemer Team includes

*Connie Criswell, Kelley Frank, Wendy Stoica, Heidi Sherer,
Trina Thourton, and Kathleen Zwanziger.*



Advent Devotionals

Please consider writing a
devotional for this year's
devotional booklet. Details are on
the signup on the bulletin board.

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:

27 - Becky Fisher

27 - Karen Rider

29 - Jennifer Young

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Rev. Emlyn Ott
Preaching	Pastor Teddy Ceasar
Assisting Minister	Lynn Belhorn
Cantor	Emily Kent
Organist & Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Kathleen Zwanziger
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Lynn B., Michelle C., Nancy M.
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
Hospitality	Sara Auman and Julianne Johnson

*Flowers are given by **Kevin Bailey** in memory of **Ruth Anna Bailey**.
The Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 4

Today	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
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion and Installation of Pastor Hopgood
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

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Redeemer's mission: To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all
Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community
Redeemer's Values: Inclusion, Compassion, Justice