Redeemer Lutheran Church

A Reconciling in Christ congregation,
celebrating the diversity of God's children
and fostering understanding
and healing in community

Reformation Sunday



October 25, 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 ***This Is My Father's World***, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome



Hymn The Church of Christ, in Every Age



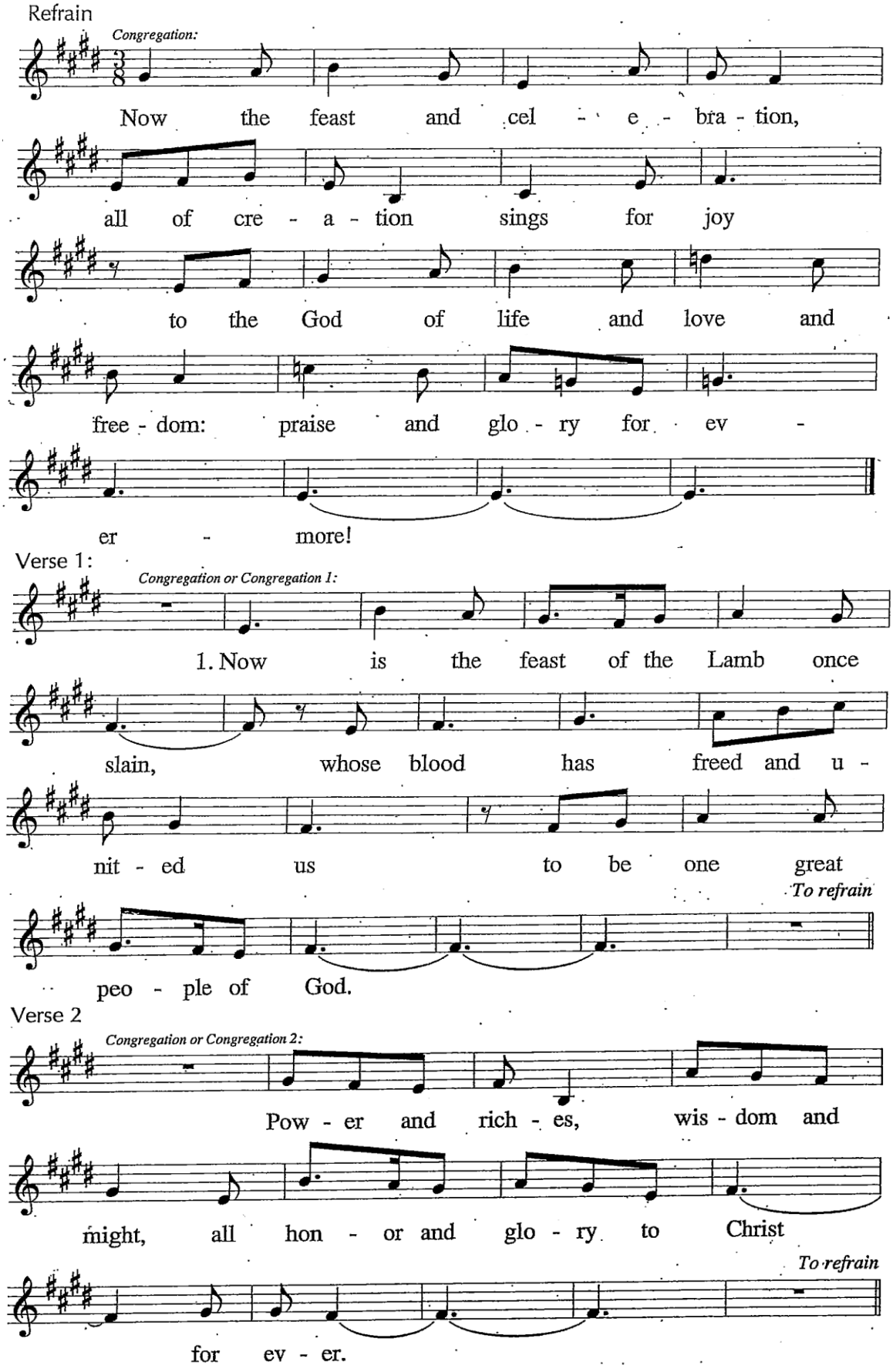
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Greeting

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





Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

First Reading **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

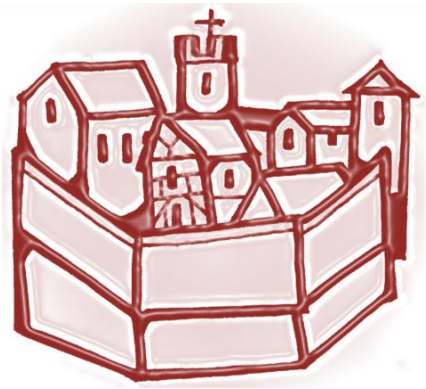
May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**

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 cit- | y 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.



Second Reading **Romans 3:19-28**

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

Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

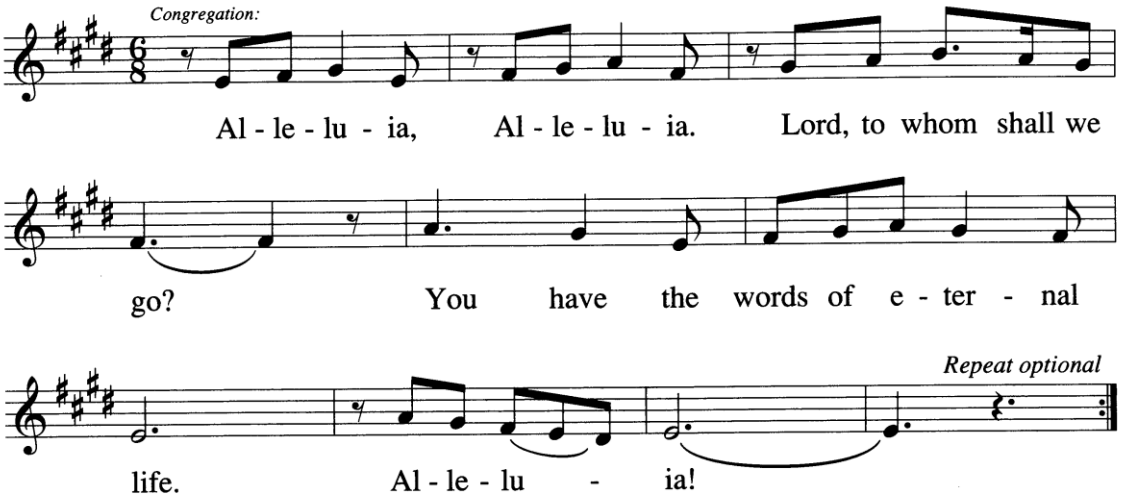
Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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



Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel **John 8:31-36**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon *Pastor Kayla Hopgood*

Musical Reflection

I Need Thee Every Hour arr. Mitchell 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 and Nancy 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, Bob Rapp, Shirley Cannon dealing with cancer, Jon Disbro, Michelle Clemence, Pastor Leslie Fox on the death of her husband Tim, Linda Williams' granddaughter Alexis.

For the people of Ibada ya Kiswahili Lutheran Church in Columbus.

For Redeemer community members Paula Carson, Skye Andree, Chelsea and Sabraya Hood.

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

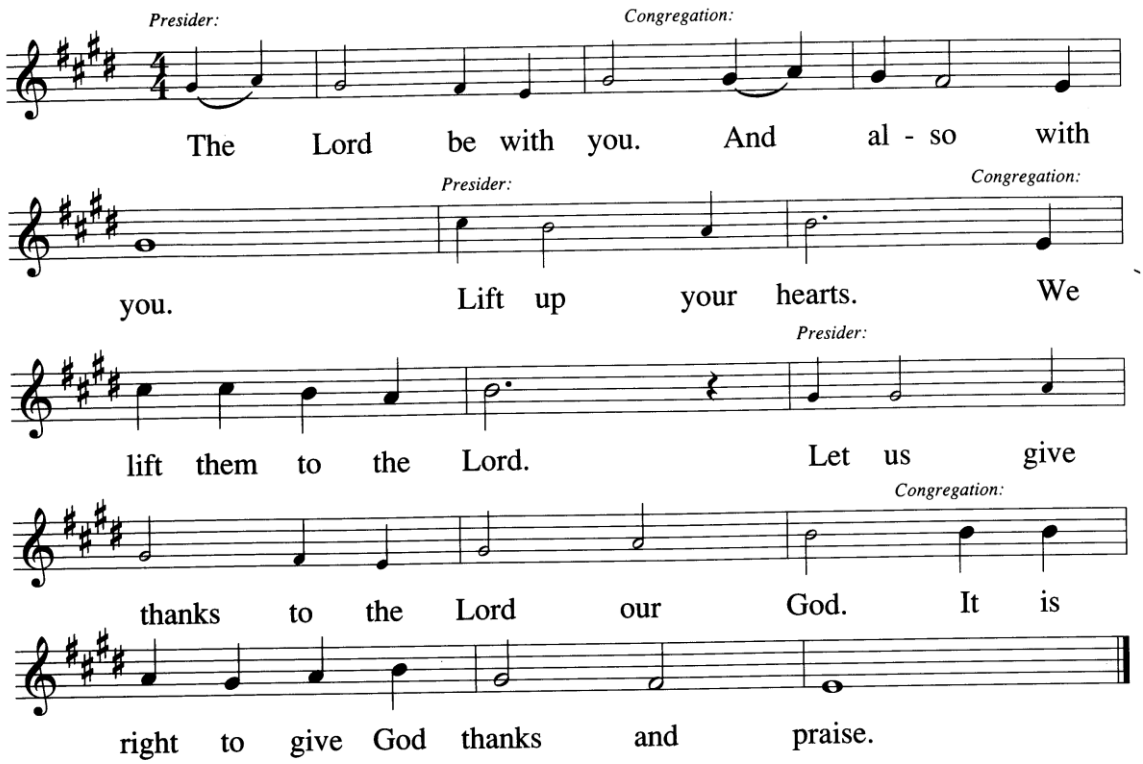


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Great Thanksgiving

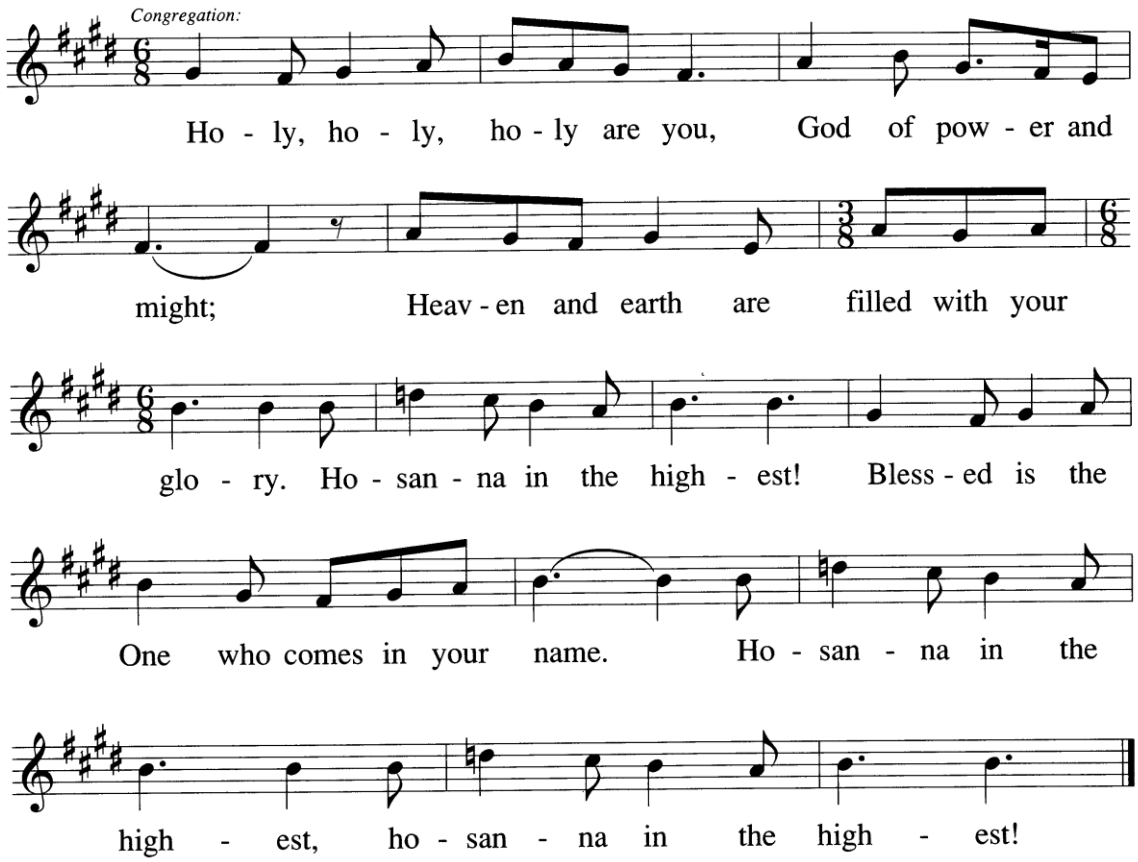


It is a joy to give you our thanks and praise, Glorious God. You are before all things; you are beyond all things; and in the midst of all things and all peoples you have made yourself known.

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:



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.

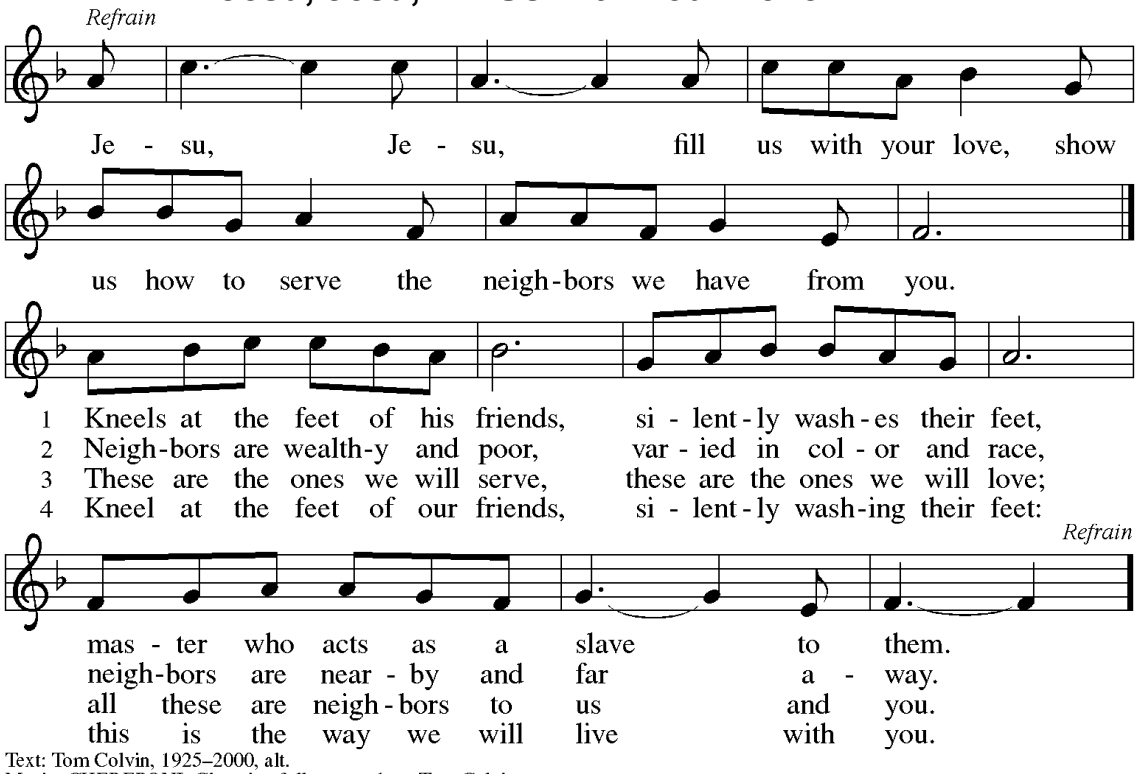
Sharing the Meal

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

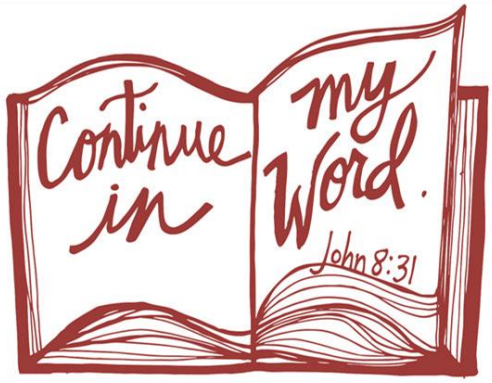
You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request,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

Hymn Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



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Hymn

Listen, God Is Calling



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Please stand in body or spirit

Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

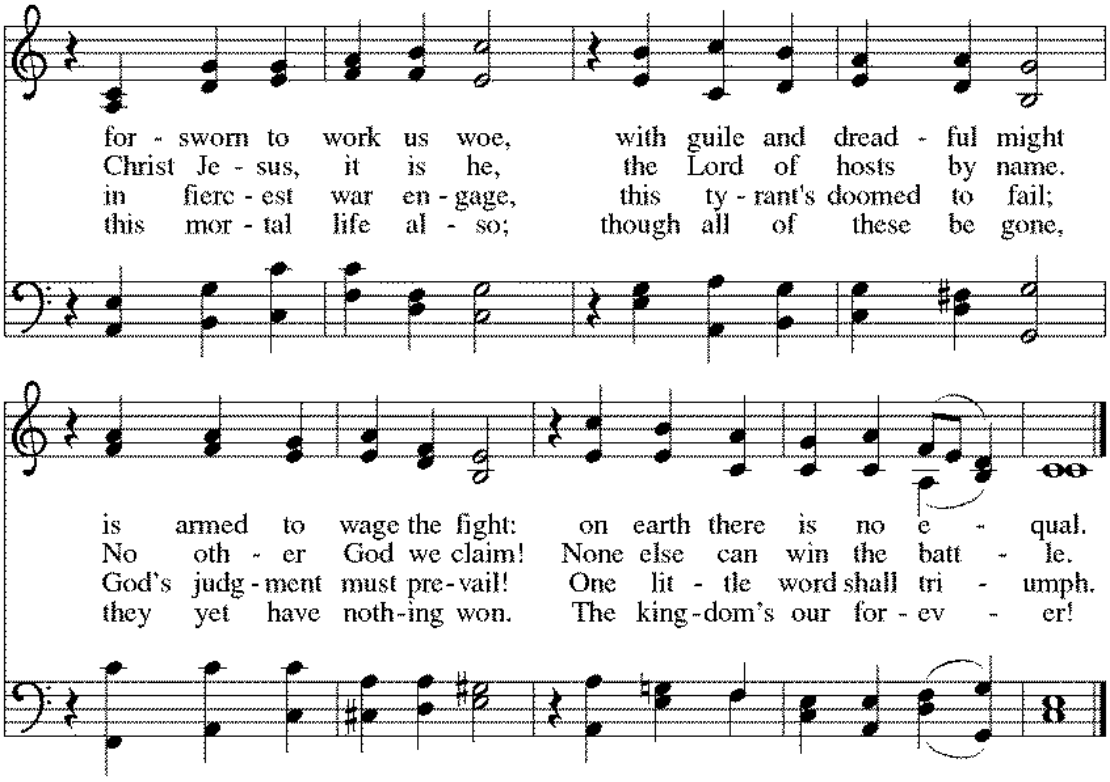
Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 **A Mighty Fortress**





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Blessing

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
The God of grace
✢ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***, arr. John Purifoy

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October 25–November 1
11:15 am + Room 2

Homelessness:
A Renewal of Commitment

A study on the revisions proposed for the ELCA's social message

In-Person and Zoom:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88328796239?pwd=1QGr6l9wrPHIkYbamlBHVeQWaMznVu.1
Meeting ID: 883 2879 6239
Passcode: 890127
Phone only: 1-305-224-1968



Taking photos before and after worship TODAY!



Tuesday Bible Study
1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88008021077?pwd=i1N0WYoJ2Ycrx1B2nv4inekcgFnkhZ.1
Meeting ID: 880 0802 1077
Passcode: 338045

LSS FOOD PANTRIES

Thank*full* Holiday Meal Bags

Full Plates, Hearts *Full* of Gratitude

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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 16***.





Advent Devotionals

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

Entries due before November 9!

KEY ELECTION DATES
November 3, 2026

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

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





Birthdays this week:
25 – Madeline Gosnell
26 – Kennedi Jacobs
26 – Avery Martin
26 – Krista Skipper
27 – Brad Phillips
30 – Martin Binau
31 – John Caron

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Kayla Hopgood, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Mary Benis
Cantor	Wendy Stoica
Organist & Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Mike Benis
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Becky T., Melissa H., Kathleen Z.
Producers	Toshi Philips, Sachio Philips
Hospitality	Karen Rider

*Flowers are given by **Judith and Ashley Bird** in celebration of **Sarah's birthday**.*
The Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER OCTOBER 25 – NOVEMBER 1

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		**Daylight Saving Time ENDS**
	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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Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community
Redeemer's Values: Inclusion, Compassion, Justice