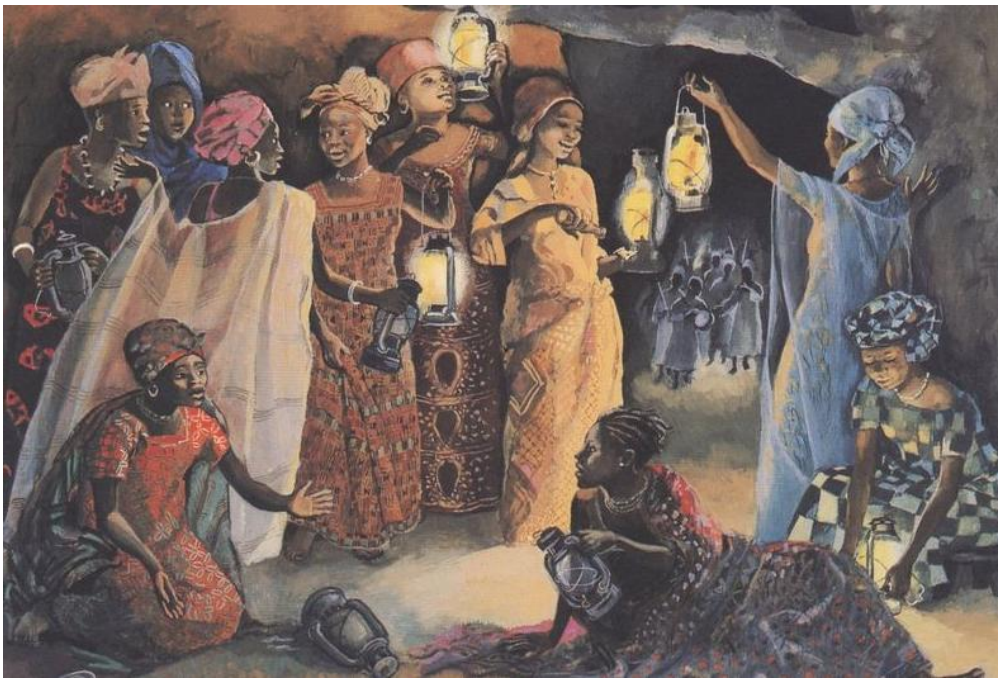
Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



JESUS MAFA. *The Ten Young Women*
from Art in the Christian Tradition, Vanderbilt Univ. Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

November 8, 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 ***Blessed Assurance***, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome



Hymn Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers



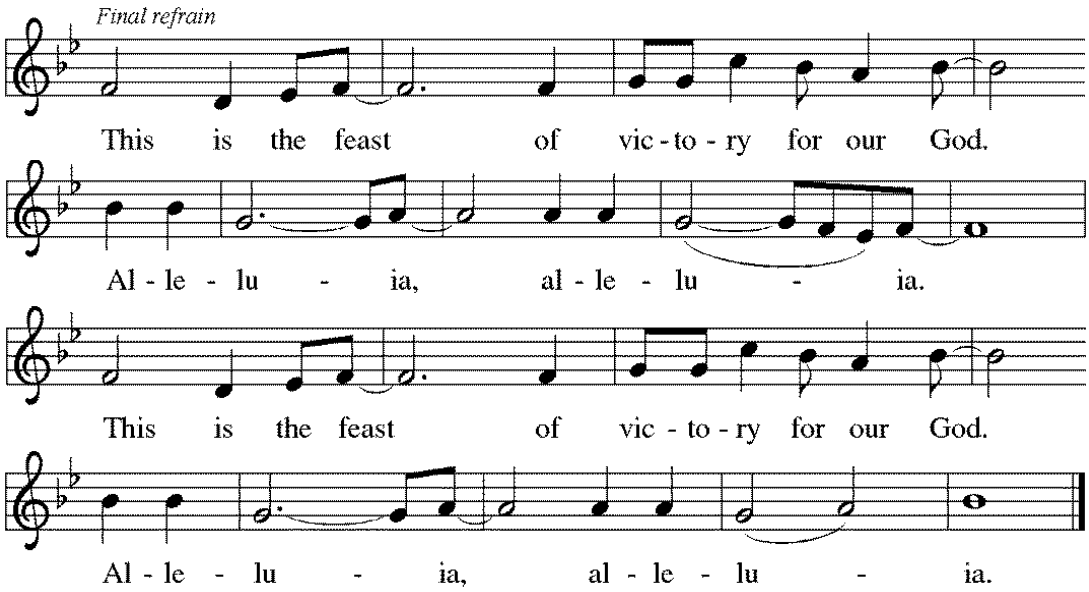
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Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated



WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

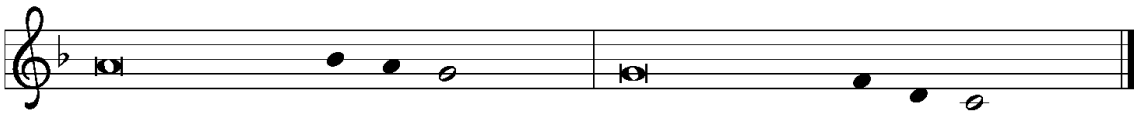
First Reading **Amos 5:18-24**

A reading from the prophet Amos

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

Psalm 70



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Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.
Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"
But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

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

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Please be seated

Sermon ***Pastor Kayla Hopgood***



Why not try something new? *Brad Phillips*

Musical Reflection

Faithfulness Chisholm/Raney

Choir

Great is thy faithfulness O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever will be.
Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me.

Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness!
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
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, 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 and her 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, Michelle Clemence, Linda Williams' granddaughter Alexis, Wendy Stoica's family on the death of her mother-in-law Erma Stoica.

For the people of Messiah Lutheran Church in Reynoldsburg.

For Redeemer community member Heather Coffman

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, Prayors 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



* *May be sung in canon.*

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Music: DU ÄR HELIG, Per Harling
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Great Thanksgiving

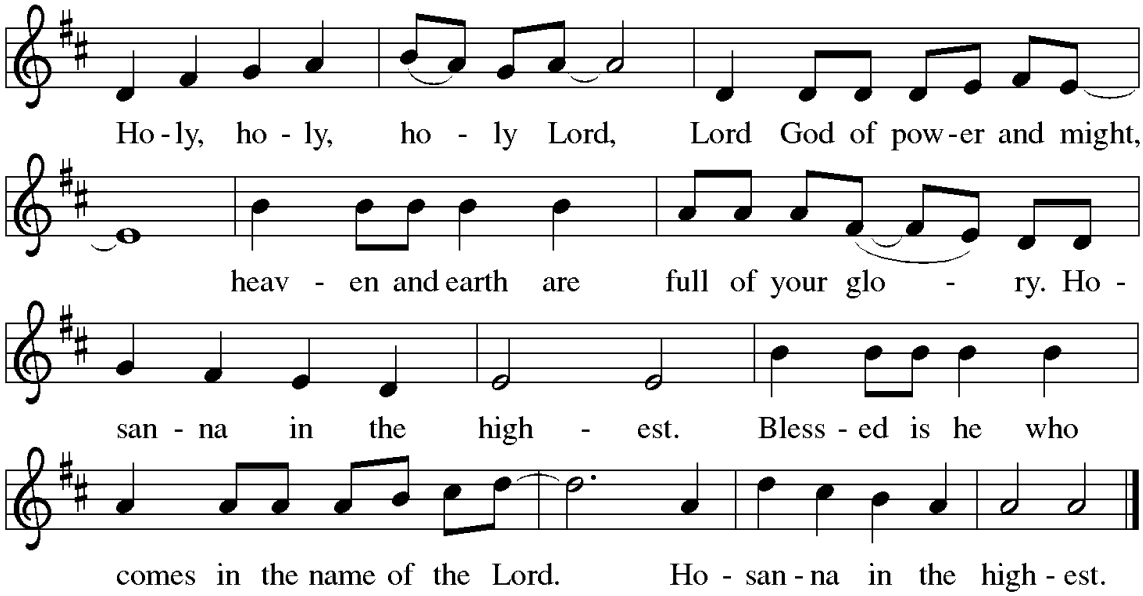
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

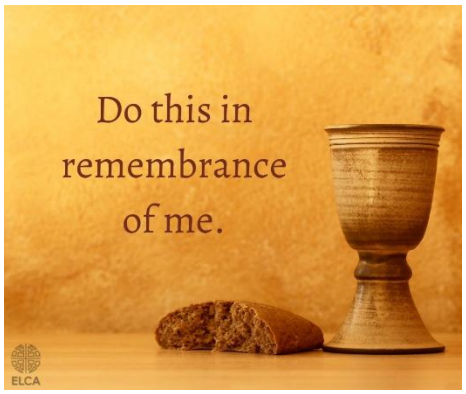
As we share these gifts of grace, may the Holy Spirit take and transform them that we may know both their comfort and their challenge, and so transform ourselves and our days. Here is bread and wine – touched and transformed by the Spirit. Come, eat and drink, and be healed and strengthened to face all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



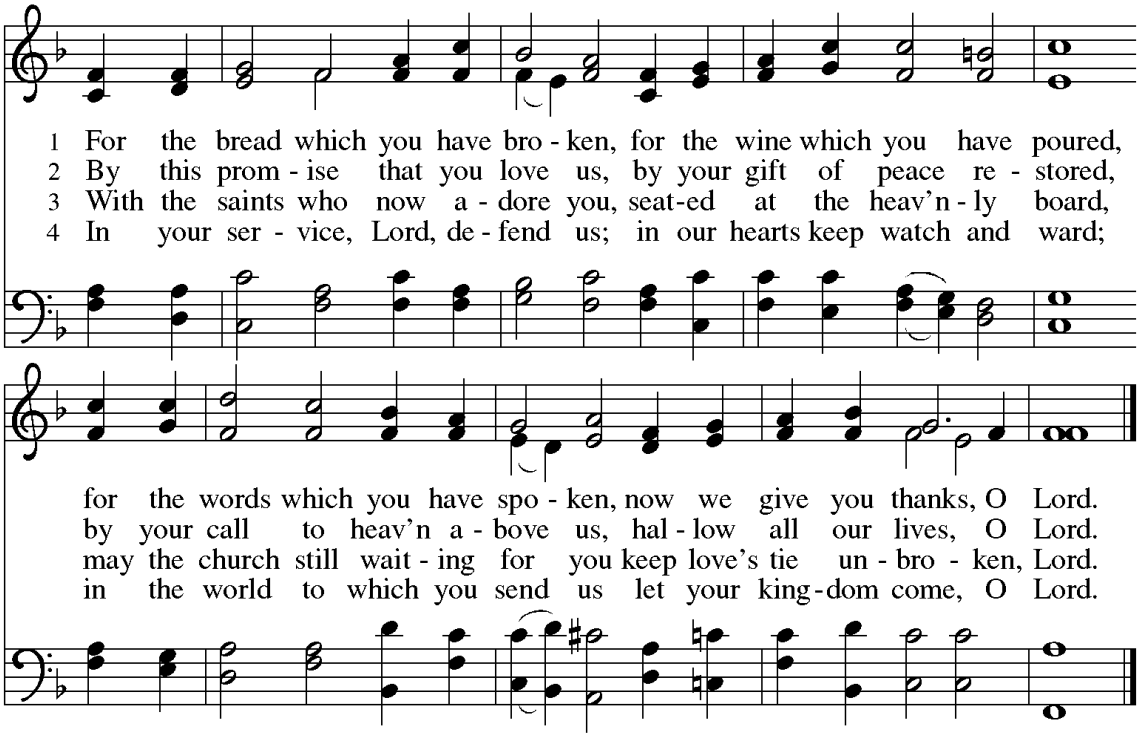
Hymn

Blessed Assurance



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Hymn For the Bread Which You Have Broken



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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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 **Come Down, O Love Divine**



Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890
Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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Blessing

The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Postlude ***Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers***, arr. John Carter

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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



A Brewing Faith

Conversation and fellowship

Tuesday, November 10, 6:30 pm

Land Grant Brewing Company
424 W. Town Street



RLC Serves
First English Lutheran Church
Community Dinner
Thursday, November 12
Food donations and volunteers needed
See ***Reflections*** for details



Why not try something new?

Dedication of Commitment Cards
10 am worship
Sunday, November 15



Sunday, November 15
5:30 pm
"The Holiday"

Movies, snacks, discussion, laughter, fun!

Please join us!

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 16*.

B·R·E·A·D

Building Responsibility Equality And Dignity

Annual Assembly

November 17 = 7:00 pm

St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic Church

6077 Sharon Woods Blvd

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

LSS Food Pantry

Thursday, November 19
12:30-4:00 pm

Contact Kathleen Zwanziger to volunteer



Sunday, November 22
following worship
Congregation Council Election.



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

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Kayla Hopgood, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Julianne Johnson
Cantor	Connie Criswell
Organist & Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Nate Ott
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Becky Fisher, Kelley Frank, Trina Thornton, Karen Rider
Producers	Tom Mimlitch, Sue Yehling
Hospitality	Ruth Murray

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The Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER NOVEMBER 8 – 15

Today	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
Tuesday	11:00 am	Member Care Team
	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	A Brewing Faith
Thursday	4:30 pm	RLC serves at First English Lutheran Church
Saturday	10:00 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	noon	Hymn Pickin' Team
Next Sunday	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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