Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Parable of the Talents, Annette Gandy Fortt
from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library

November 15, 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 ***Meditation on "Showalter"***, arr. Ben Logan

Welcome



Hymn My Lord, What a Morning



Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

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

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

First Reading **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

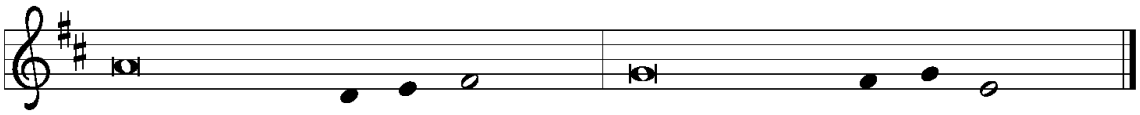
Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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



Psalm 90:1-12



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Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,
from age to age | you are God.
You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past and like a watch | in the night;
you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
Our iniquities you have | set before you,
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.
When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.
Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?
So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

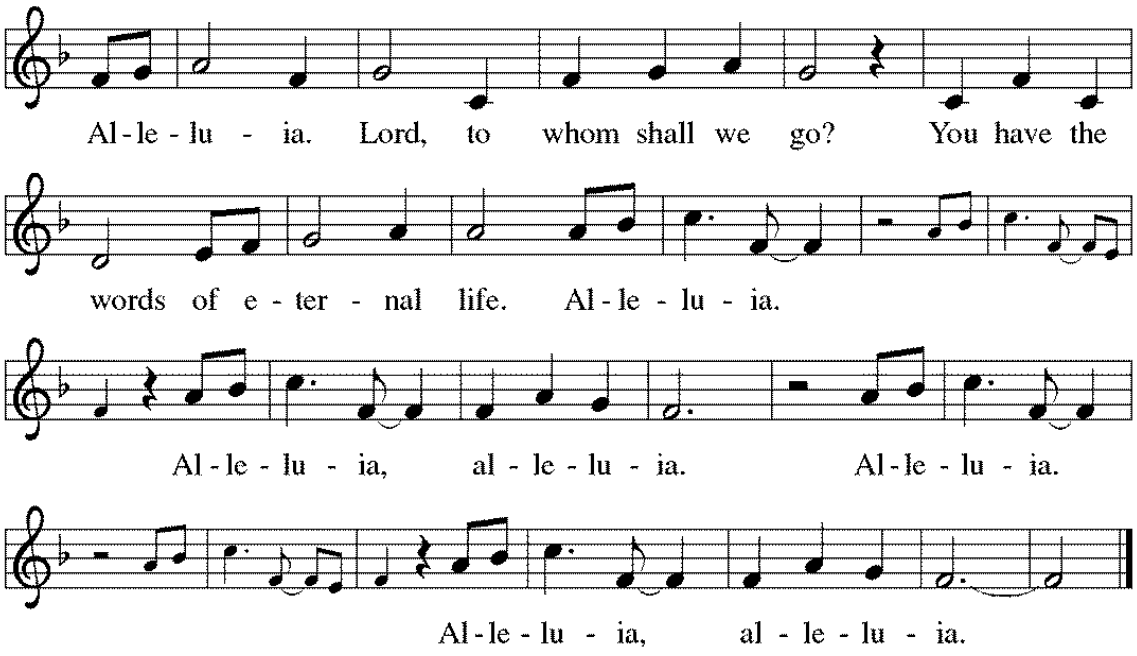
A reading from St. Paul's first letter to the early church at Thessalonica

Now concerning the times and the seasons, [family], you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, [family], are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless servant, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

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

Please be seated

Sermon ***Pastor Kayla Hopgood***



Why not try something new? Michele Disbro

Musical Reflection

More Love to Thee Prentiss/Doane, arr. Sean Paul

Choir

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee.
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea; more love, O Christ, to thee.
More love to thee, more love to thee.

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
Now thee alone I seek, give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be: more love O Christ, to thee.
More love to thee, more love to thee.

Then with my final breath whisper thy praise;
This is my parting cry, my heart shall raise.
This is my earnest plea; more love, O Christ, to thee.
More love to thee, more love to thee.



Statement of Faith

We open ourselves to fresh images for God and the Church as we proclaim these words:

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

(The United Church of Canada)

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 and her sister Bev, Linda Williams' granddaughter Alexis, Wendy Stoica's family on the death of her mother-in-law Erma Stoica, Johnobentz Joseph, Zak Hinkle Moore's father Alan Moore.
For the people of Peace Lutheran Church in Gahanna.
For Redeemer community member Bruce Collins

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.

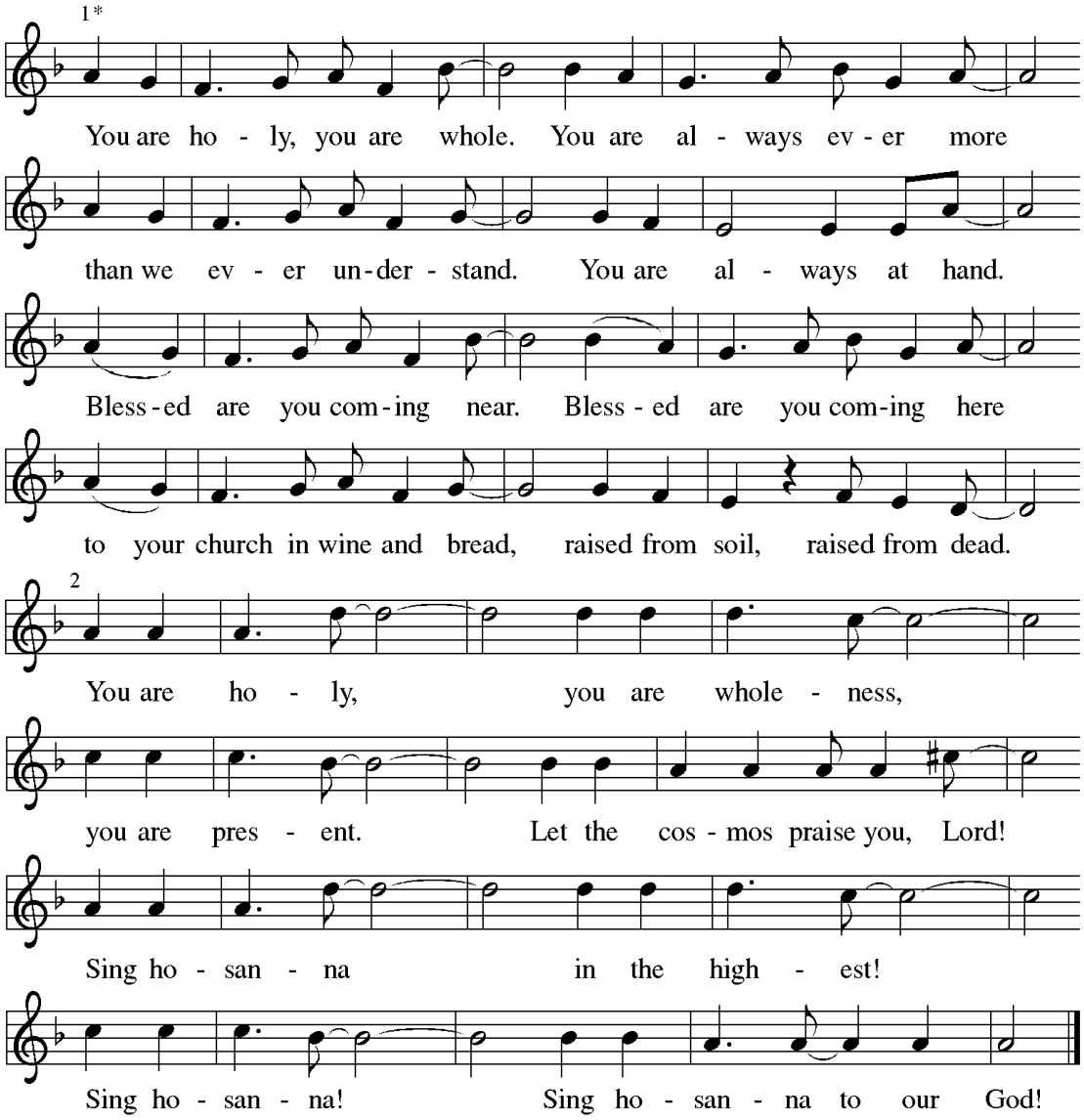
If you do not wish close contact, offer a sign of blessing to others to let them know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

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**



* *May be sung in canon.*

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Music: DU ÄR HELIG, Per Harling
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Dedication of 2027 Commitment Cards

God of abundance,
you bring grain from the earth and fruit from the vine, blessing us with your presence in mysterious ways.
As we gift these pledges back to you, we ask that you bless them to your service.

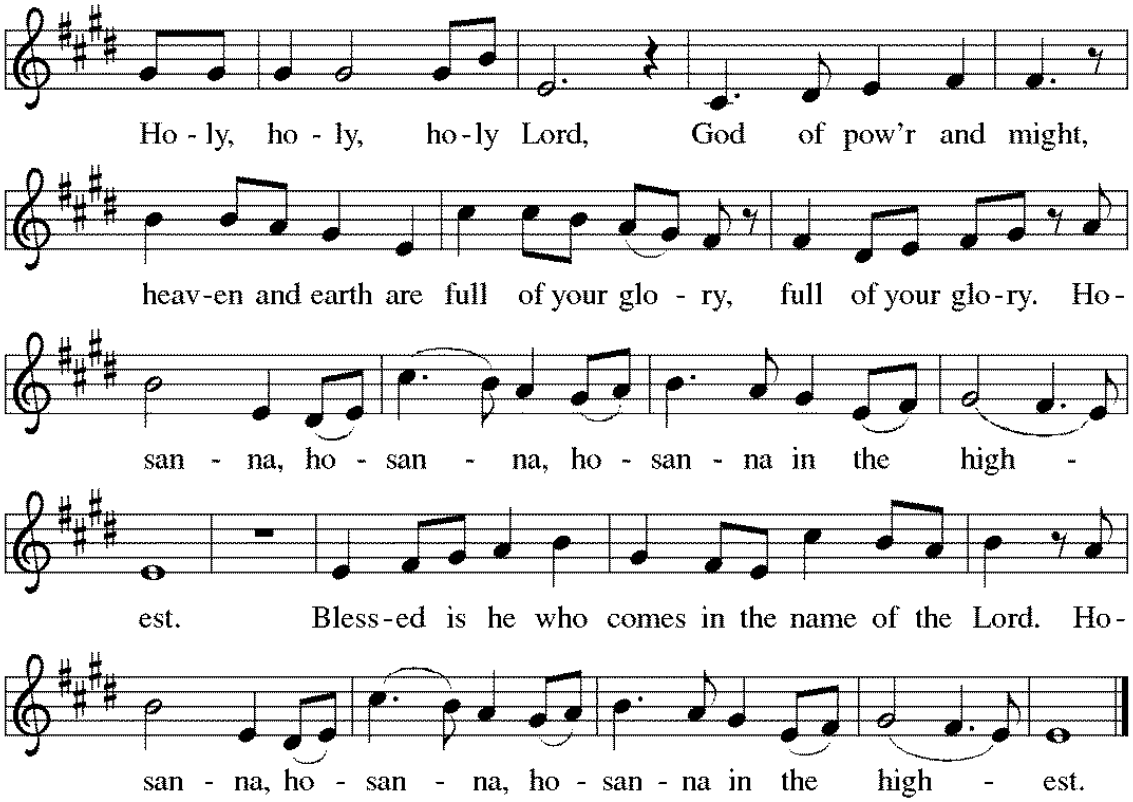


May they be outward signs of your inward work in us.
May they become seeds that bring forth newness in this upcoming year.
May they bear good fruit for the sake of your Son and for the sake of our neighbors.
Bless us in our intentions, bless us in our hopes and plans, bless us in our generosity, and bless the world through these offerings to you. **Amen.**

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.

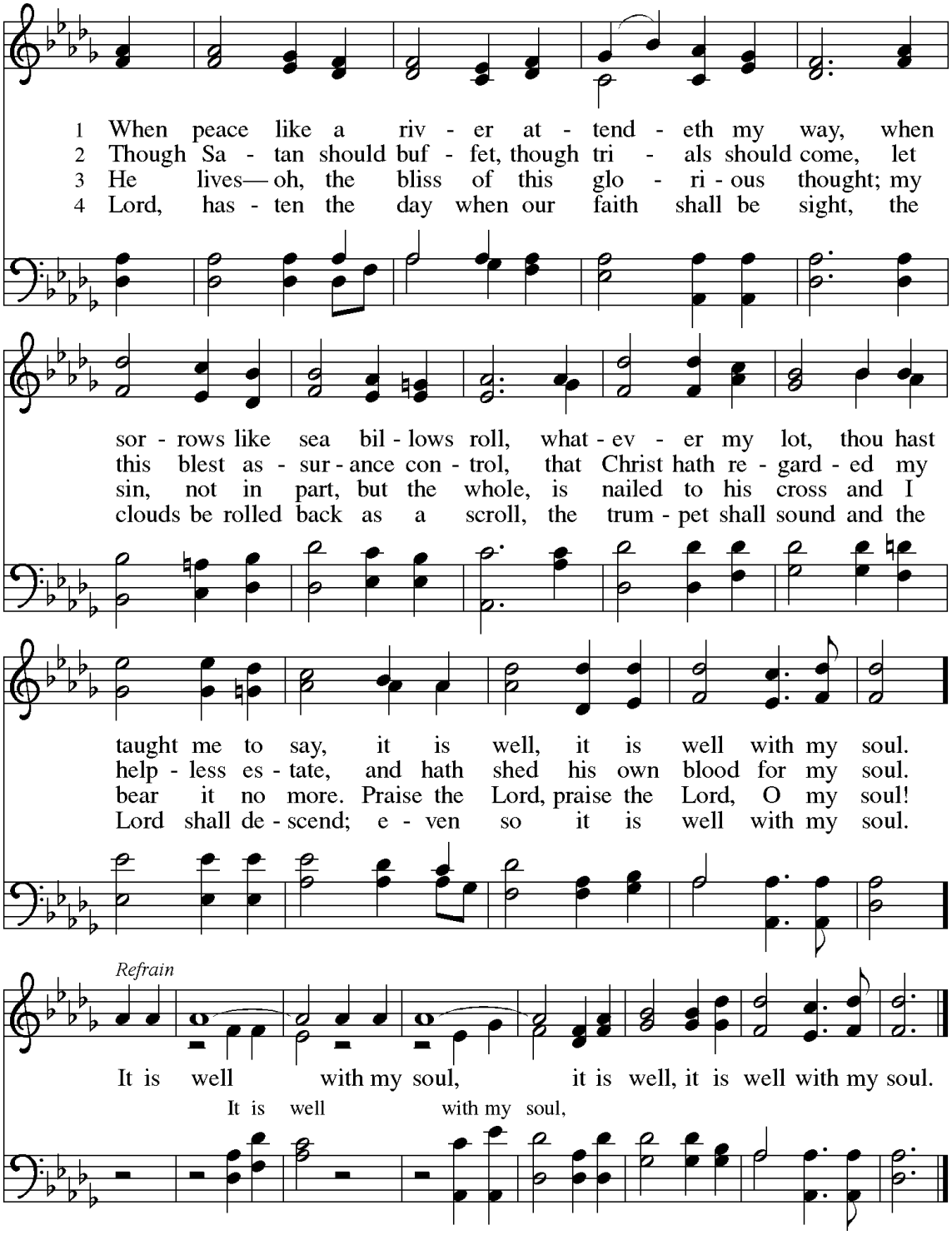
Hymn Light Dawns on a Weary World



Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951
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Hymn When Peace Like a River



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

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 **Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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Blessing

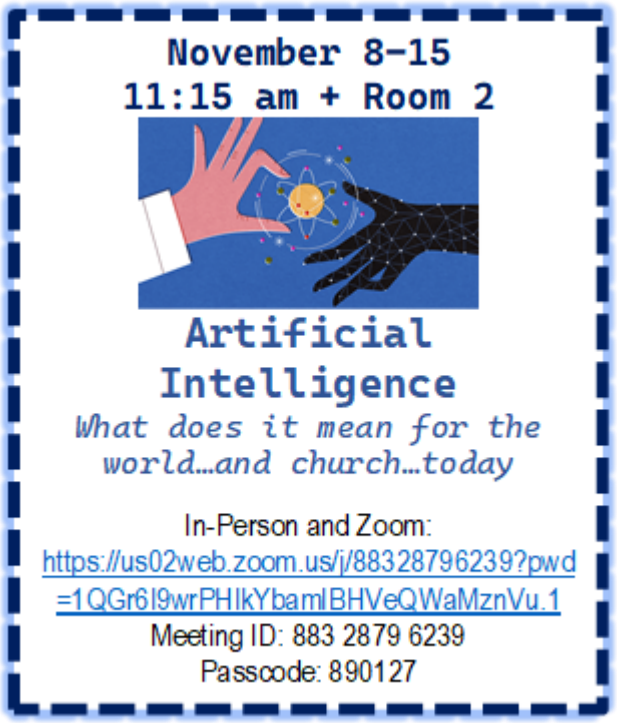
The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Postlude ***Fugue***, William Selby

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







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

LSS FOOD PANTRIES

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*.



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

B·R·E·A·D
Building Responsibility Equality And Dignity

Annual Assembly
November 16 = 7:00 pm
St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic Church
6077 Sharon Woods Blvd



Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday, November 18
10:00 AM-11:30 AM – Narthex
Honest exploration of questions about faith and life

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

LSS Food Pantry

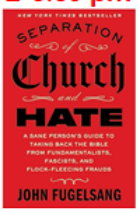
Thursday, November 19
12:30-4:00 pm

Contact Kathleen Zwanziger to volunteer

Social Justice Conversations

Third Wednesdays

2-3:30 pm



John Fugelsang

The Separation of Church and Hate: A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists, and Flock-Fleecing Frauds

Continuing conversation on topics raised in our summer book study, and beyond.

Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88936382605?pwd=qD9ZNCX6gcHB4Q478Xj00YFG8UzvIg.1
Meeting ID: **889 3638 2605**== Passcode: **721097**
Phone only: **312 626 6799**



Now more than ever, we want our elected officials, and Americans all over the country, to remember the contributions of immigrants to this country and learn how to support them and continue to advocate for them.

By participating in Hope for the Holidays, you are making your voice heard to those whose job it is to represent your voice to the government. During a time of uncertainty, your generosity and kindness assures our newest neighbors that they are still welcome. Your messages of hope remind our friends that they are not forgotten.

See Hope for the Holidays Global Refuge flyer in the narthex.



Poinsettia orders due November 22

Pick up an order envelope from the hallway bulletin board



Sunday, November 22
following worship
Congregation Council Election.



Birthdays this week:
20 – Zak Hinkle Moore
21 – Andy Jacobs

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Kayla Hopgood, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Karen Rider
Reader	Georgene Slagle
Cantor	Mary Benis
Organist & Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Kathleen Zwanziger
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Becky Fisher, Kelley Frank, Trina Thornton, Karen Rider
Producers	Michele Disbro, Miles Smith
Hospitality	Judith & Ashley Bird

*Flowers are given by **Sue Yehling** in memory of **Don**.*
The Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER NOVEMBER 15 – 22

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
	5:30 pm	Movie Night: *The Holiday*
Monday	7:00 pm	Congregation Council
	7:00 pm	BREAD Annual Assembly - St. Josephine Bakhita Parish
Tuesday	11:00 am	Fellowship Team
	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
	2:00 pm	Social Justice Conversations
Thursday	12:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Congregation Council Election

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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