

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:45 am November 16, 2025

Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.





+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

PRELUDE

*“Almighty” by Wayne Watson, arranged by Kevin McChesney
Bell Choir*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand.

Based on Psalm 98

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| Pastor | Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory. |
| All | O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness
in the sight of the nations |
| Pastor | You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. |
| All | Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. |
| Pastor | Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song. |
| All | With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the Lord. |
| Pastor | Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein. |
| All | Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who comes to judge the earth. |
| Pastor | The Lord will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity. |

GATHERING SONG
All sing.

Celebrate the Lord of Love

WORDS and MUSIC: Paul Baloche, Ed Kerr

$\text{♩} = 116-124$

E A2 B E

Trade your heav - y heart for a heart of joy;

A2 B

cel - e - brate what God has done.

E A2 B E

Join the song of praise as we gath - er here;

A2 B E A2 B

cel - e - brate the Lord of Love. Je - sus is our Lord;

E A2 B

he is reign - ing here. We de - clare, "His king -

E A2 B E

dom's come." Dark - ness has to flee in his ho - ly light;

A2 B E *Fine*

cel - e - brate the Lord of Love.

A B E A B E

All cre - a - tion sings; hear the o - cean roar.

C# / E# F#m7 B7sus *D.C. al Fine*

Let the earth pro - claim that Christ is Lord.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All Amen.

Pastor God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us
from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we
may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

Pastor Gracious God,

All have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Pastor God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us
alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus
Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through
the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong,
nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and
guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



+ THE WORD +

Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Addressing the exiles who had returned to Jerusalem from Babylon, the prophet proclaims a vision of a future time of peace and prosperity. Though the returned exiles are experiencing hard times, God is about to do a new thing.

- ¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
- ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating,
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy
and its people as a delight.
- ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it
or the cry of distress.
- ²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
- ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- ²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat,
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- ²³ They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.
- ²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

Reader
All

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader Word of God, word of life.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and sing.

I Love You, Lord

WORDS and MUSIC: Laurie Klein

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F Gm7/F F

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to

B $\flat$ F/A Gm7 F/A C7sus C B $\flat$ /D C/E

wor - ship you, O my soul re - joice. Take

F Gm7/F F F7

joy, O God, in what you hear, may it be a

B $\flat$ F/A Fsus/G C7 B $\flat$ /F F

sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

SERMON

Planting Trees
Pastor Sharon Core



Please stand and sing.

Lord, My Strength

1 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;
2 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.

Be my eyes, be my ears, be the on -
Ev-'ry step that I make, be the road

- ly voice I hear; guide my soul, give me sight,
I will take; be the thoughts that I keep

help me walk with - in your light.
and in ev - 'ry word I speak.

3 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.

Text: Dean Krippaehne

Music: LORD, MY STRENGTH, Dean Krippaehne

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APOSTLES' CREED

Asst. Min.

All

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**



PRAYERS

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. After each portion of the prayers:

Asst. Min.

All

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayer:

Pastor

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All

Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

Pastor

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

All

And also with you.

Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."

Sit

+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +

TEMPLE TALK

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offerings to God are first of all just that—offerings of thanksgiving to God. As you are able please continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts.

Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.

OFFERTORY SONG

“Trust in God”

*by Fanny Jane Crosby, Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Mitch Wong and Steve Furtick
Youth Choir*

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing.

We are an offering

The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our'. Above the staff are the chords G, C², Dm⁷, C²/E, and C/E. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing'. Above the staff are the chords F, C/E, Dm⁷, Dm⁷/G, and C. The notation includes various musical symbols such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, as well as triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes.

Text and music: Dwight Liles
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OFFERING PRAYER

Asst. Min.

Let us pray.

All

Creator God,

**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good,
and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table
with these gifts of the earth
that we may work for the good of all,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

+ COME TO THE TABLE +

Pastor The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Pastor Come, for all is now ready.



COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be offered by intinction.

For those not comfortable receiving from the pastor's hands, a separate tray with preset elements is available. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

*Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine is invited to come forward for a blessing. To receive a blessing, please cross your arms.
You are an important part of our faith community.*

In Holy Communion we receive the true body and blood of Christ.

COMMUNION SONG

Amazing love

Text and music: Graham Kendrick
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C Dm⁷ Gsus G

1 My Lord, what love is this that pays so
2 And so they watched him die, de - spised, re -
3 And now this love of Christ shall flow like

Csus C G C Dm⁷ F/G G C

dear - ly, that I, the guilt - y one, may go free?
ject - ed; but, oh, the blood he shed flowed for me.
riv - ers; come, wash your guilt a - way, live a - gain.

Refrain Gm⁷ C Eb

A - maz - ing love, oh, what sac - ri - fice, the Son of God giv'n for

G Gm⁷ C

me; my debt he pays and my death he dies, that

Gm⁷ C Gm⁷ C

I might live, that I might live.

Please stand.

Pastor

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood,
strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

All

Amen.

PRAYER

Asst. Min.

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now
send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your
redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus
Christ, our Lord.

All

Amen.



+ THE SENDING +

BENEDICTION

Pastor

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

All

Amen.

SENDING SONG
All sing.

Shine, Jesus, shine

Refrain

A E/A D A/C# Bm B⁷

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the

E A E/A D A

Fa - ther's glo - ry; blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our

Bm Bm/A G E A E/A D A/C#

hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the

Bm B⁷ E A E/A

na - tions with grace and mer - cy; send forth your Word,

D A/C# Bm E⁷ A D

Lord, and let there be light!

To stanzas
E/A D/A

Last time
A

A D/A A E/A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing,
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

A D/A A E/A

in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;
so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness,



Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on on me, shine on on me:
 Shine on on me, shine on on me:

DISMISSAL

Asst. Min. Go in peace. Share the good news.

All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship. There is a children's worship bulletin for them. If you prefer, a nursery and/or childcare is available for children up to age 3 during all worship services.

Email: church@redeermclemclean.org

Hearing help available: We have personal hearing amplification units available for your use. Please speak with the person at the sound board.

Church Phone: 703-356-3346

Sunday Services:

8:30 and 11 am for the traditional services and 9:45 am for the contemporary service

Next Sunday's Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

Honoring Creators of Justice

This week's gospel reading is a part of an apocalyptic speech Jesus gives in the temple. Jesus' talk of war can be alarming to our ears. We want to hear him speak about peace and love and mercy. However, there is much in this world that is scary and violent. Jesus would not be doing his pastoral due diligence if he did not talk about these things. Jesus reminds us that, yes, things are going to get bad. But he calls us to cling to our faith and respond to God's charge that we love and serve our neighbor. And by this, he assures us, we bring about the kingdom.

November 11 is honored as Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Canada. Originally it was called Armistice Day to commemorate the ending of World War I and the signing of a ceasefire. It signaled the end of the violence.

An "armistice" is an agreement to stop fighting, to bring about peace. But as Martin Luther King Jr. famously observed, "Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of justice." Jesus tells us that violence will happen, but our calling as baptized Christians is to live in the promise of his grace and to go out into the world to be creators of justice and peace.

This week, as we honor and remember those who have served and experienced the violence Jesus speaks of, we must heed Jesus' pastoral words of hope: "Do not be afraid." In the midst of chaos and fear, Jesus gives us his strength and the wisdom to follow him. Blessed are all who work toward armistice in service of peace and justice.

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Vernon Henkel, brother of Joyce Clarke.*

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