

+ Contemporary Worship +  
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

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9:45 am November 26, 2023

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



*On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*

# + WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

## PRELUDE

## GATHERING SONG

### Majesty

Jude 25

$\text{♩} = 96-104$

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty. Un - to

Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise.

Maj - es - ty, king - dom au - thor - i - ty

flows from his throne un - to his own; his an - them

raise. So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of

Je - sus. Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri -

fy Christ Je - sus, the king.

WORDS and MUSIC: Jack Hayford

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Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty,

Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied, king of all

kings. kings, Je - sus who

died, now glo - ri - fied, king of all kings.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Based on Psalm 95*

Seminarian Come, let us sing to the Lord.

**All Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Seminarian For our Lord is a great God.

**All In his hands are the caverns of the earth.**

Seminarian Come, let us worship and bow down.

**All Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

Seminarian For the Lord is our God.

**All And we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Please stand and sing.*

## Thy Word

Text: Psalm 119:105  
Music: THY WORD, Richard Webb

Thy word, thy word is a lamp un-to my feet.

Thy word, oh, thy word is a lamp un-to my

feet; and a light un-to my path, and a light un-to my

path. path, and a light un-to my path.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Seminarian Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I will be among them." Christ is here, in our hearts and souls as we gather for worship. Christ is here, to heal and redeem. Let us open our hearts and minds for God's healing ministry!

## Silence and reflection

Seminarian Most merciful God,  
**All come into our lives,  
come and heal what is broken,  
correct what is against your will,  
bless what is small and tender, uncertain and in need of growth.  
Come into our lives and anoint our community  
that we may serve you with an open heart.**

Pastor The God of truth who renews us in body, mind and soul, grant us insight, foresight and a desire to follow the path of Christ whose compassion is beyond compare. In Christ, God is always making a new way for us. In the name of our Triune God – the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit – your sins are forgiven.

**All Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.  
O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All Amen.**

## TEMPLE TALK

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### + THE WORD +

##### **Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

*Since Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.*

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

##### **Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23**

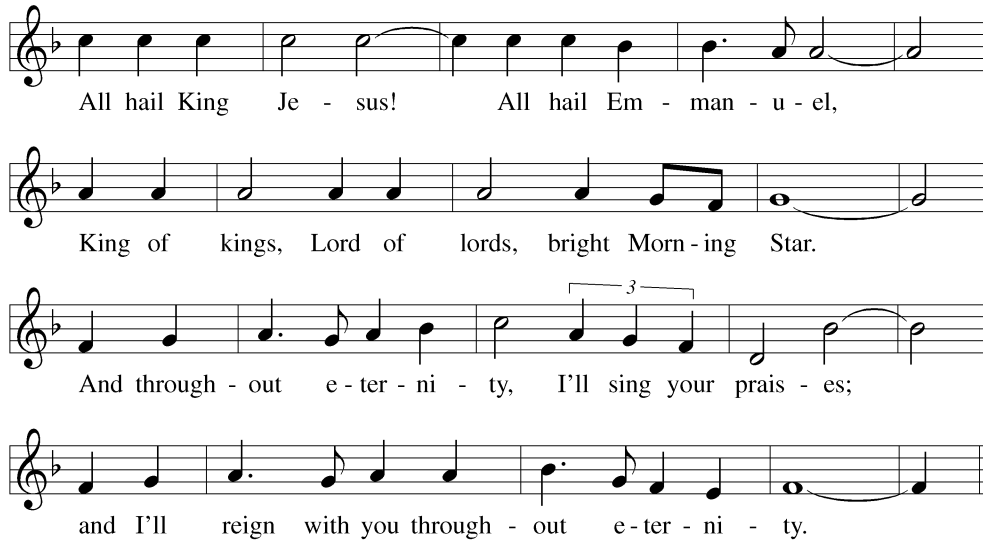
*In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord both of the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

*Please stand and sing.*

## All Hail King Jesus!



Text: Dave Moody  
Music: KING JESUS, Dave Moody

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

### **Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

*Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

## SERMON

*Seminarian Jessica Zurcher*

## SONG OF THE DAY

*Please stand and sing three times.*

### Jesus, Remember Me

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the treble staff carrying the main melody and the bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system repeats the melody and accompaniment.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community  
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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## **NICENE CREED**

Asst. Min. With the whole church, let us confess our faith.  
All

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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.                      Hear us, O God.  
**All                                Your mercy is great.**

*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 the Lord be with you always.  
**All                                And also with you.**

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

**Sit**

### **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please give as you are able. We appreciate those who give in-person and those who give electronically.*

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

### **+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +**

### **ANTHEM**

*'Here Is Our King' by David Crowder*

**SONG OF OFFERING**  
*Please stand and sing.*

**Seed Scattered And Sown**

(as published by International Liturgy Publications)

Words and Music by  
**Dan Feiten**

**REFRAIN**

$\text{♩} = 107$  C G/B Am Am/G F G C2 F G

Seed, scat - tered and sown, wheat gath - ered and grown, bread, bro - ken and

6 C G/B Am Dm7 Gsus G C G/B Am Am/G F G

shared as one, the Liv - ing Bread of God. Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our

12 C2 F G C G/B Am Dm7 C/E F G C

hands, one cup that is shared by all; the Liv - ing Cup, the Liv - ing Bread of God.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Pastor Let us pray.  
**All God of field and forest,  
 sea and sky,  
 you are the giver of all good things.  
 Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
 and multiply your grace in us,  
 that the world may be fed with your love,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
 Amen.**

**+ THE MEAL +**

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.**

Pastor 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.

Pastor In Israel's ancient codes and prophetic oracles,  
in stories of women and men,  
of 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 in rejection and disdain  
you have made yourself known.

Therefore we join our praises  
with countless men and women before us,  
disciples and apostles,  
saints and martyrs,  
acclaiming your power in goodness  
and your might in compassion,  
as we say:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **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.  
***Please sit.***

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**


***All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.***

*Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine are invited to come forward for a blessing. You are an important part of our faith community. For those taking Holy Communion: Pastor will give verbal instructions on how Holy Communion will be distributed.*


**COMMUNION SONG**  
*All sing.*

**Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup**


*Refrain*



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.




Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;  
2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.  
3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.  
4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.

*Refrain*



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!  
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.  
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth-ing; taste, and have your fill.  
Rise to tell God's great-ness for - ev - er, won-drous deeds pro - claim!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34  
Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young  
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**TABLE BLESSING**  
*Please stand.*

Pastor Through Christ all God's people are made whole: may Christ's body and blood  
strengthen you and fill your life with the joy and peace that only Christ can offer.  
All Amen.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Asst. Min. Let us pray.  
We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
All Amen.



**+ THE SENDING +**

**BLESSING**

Pastor

The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age  
in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**All**

**SENDING SONG**  
*All sing.*

# Shine, Jesus, shine

*Refrain*

A E/A D A/C# Bm B<sup>7</sup>

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 B<sup>7</sup> E A E/A

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

D A/C# Bm E<sup>7</sup> 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,

D E/D C#m F#m

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 Christ's love.  
All **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Please join the Redeemer family outside the Crossroads foyer area  
for fellowship and refreshments.*

### The Coming Kingdom

Jesus' vision of glory is really a humble one. His kingly activity is not concerned with parading around royally, or associating with the powerful or wealthy, or affiliating himself with military might and authority. The pronouncements made from his throne are not ones issued for the sake of protecting his own power. Instead, he is concerned with one question in particular: How do the vulnerable fare?

As we celebrate Christ the King at the end of another church year, we are challenged to see an expression of political power that is far different from that which makes our governments tick. Jesus welcomes his followers into an alternative way of life, one that puts love of neighbor at the center of our daily actions.

To get a sense of how the vulnerable have fared on our watch, we could look at our national and local budgets, government policies, advocacy efforts, social interactions, even our charitable contributions. At the heart of Jesus' teaching is an invitation to see one's neighbor with renewed vision. There is an expectation when honoring Jesus' sovereignty that our attention turn outward, away from ourselves. Similarly, the celebration of the Lord's supper redirects our attention toward Christ and our neighbor.

When we receive the meal, we are not coming forward for a private snack. Instead, we come as people who are shaped by this gift of God. In this gift Christ himself reminds us of the common need we have, and as we partake in the meal, we are invited to see it as a central expression of Christ's reign. In so doing, our idea of neighbor expands and we rehearse an economy that God desires, one in which vulnerable people matter. We share this meal with God's family throughout history and around the world. And this is how the kingdom comes.

## Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship.

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***Redeemer's Sunday worship schedule is:  
8:30 and 11 am - Traditional Services 9:45 am - Contemporary Service***

*Next Sunday's Scripture:*

*Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37*

Today we, the Redeemer Congregation, welcome into baptized membership:  
Griffin Stephen Badgley Roberts; his parents are Tyler Badgley and Chuck Roberts,  
and sponsors are Emilyn Badgley and Joseph Thomas Roberts.

We pray God's richest blessings on Griffin Stephen Badgley Roberts  
as he and his parents continue to grow in faith.

*The flowers are given to the glory of God.*

Creed written by Andreas Wagner Eucharistic Prayer written by Samuel Wells

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