

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:45 am November 9, 2025

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



*We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day.
Every Sunday is a little Easter.
This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of
the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.*



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand.

Based on Psalm 17

Pastor Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

**All Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

Pastor Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

**All I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

Pastor My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.

**All I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

Pastor Show me your marvelous loving kindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise against them.

**All Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

Pastor from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

GATHERING SONG
All sing.

Celebrate the Lord of Love

WORDS and MUSIC: Paul Baloche, Ed Kerr

$\text{♩} = 116-124$

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of E major (indicated by three sharps: F#, C#, G#), and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as 116-124 beats per minute. The score consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols (E, A2, B) are placed above the staff at various points. The final staff includes the chords C#/E#, F#m7, B7sus, and the instruction 'D.C. al Fine'.

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

cel - e - brate what God has done.

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

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

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

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

cel - e - brate the Lord of Love. *Fine*

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

Let the earth pro - claim that Christ is Lord. *D.C. al Fine*



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, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct
our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of
judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the
resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ THE WORD +

Reading: Haggai 1:15b—2:9

Haggai called on the exiles who had returned from Babylon to rebuild the temple. The rebuilt temple, however, pales in comparison with the first temple, built by Solomon. Haggai's message of encouragement and promise of future splendor gives hope to the people and to their leaders.

^{15b} In the second year of King Darius, ^{2:1} in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ² “Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say: ³ Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴ Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, ⁵ according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶ For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, ⁷ and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. ⁹ The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.”

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

Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time, with a tempo marking of 108. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship you, O my soul re - joice. Take joy, O God, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear." The chords are: F, Gm7/F, F, Bb, F/A, Gm7, F/A, C7sus, C, Bb/D C/E, F, Gm7/F, F, F7, Bb, F/A, Fsus/G, C7, Bb/F, F.

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

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

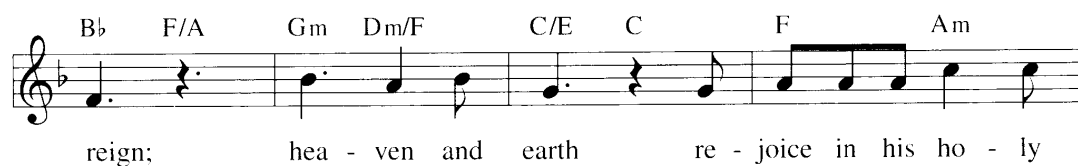
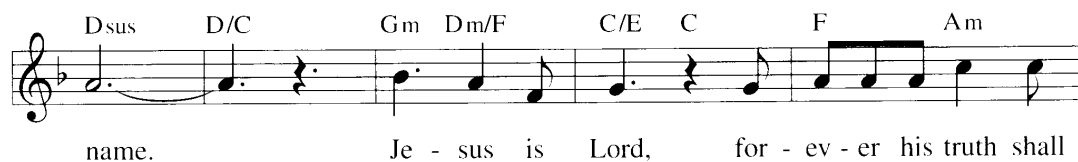
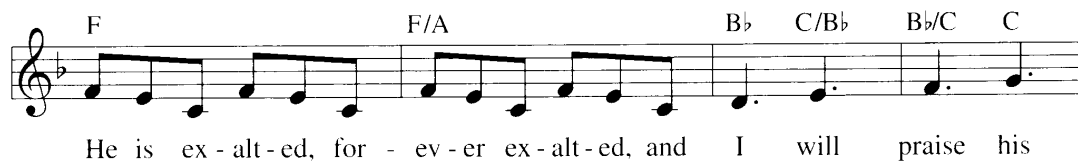
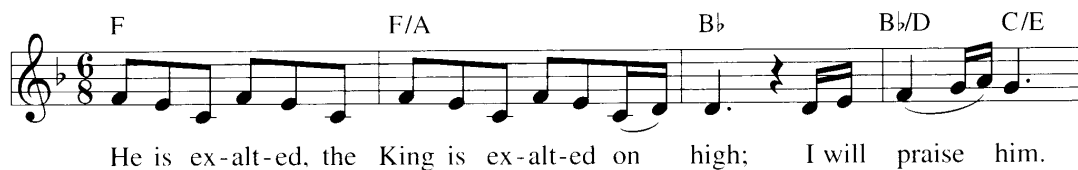
Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Abundant Hope, Abundant Generosity” Pastor Sharon Core

Please stand and sing.

He is exalted



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

At the end of the prayer:

Pastor

All

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

Pastor

All

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

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +

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

“Better is One Day” by Matt Redman

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing.

We are an offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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
All sing.

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Ephesians 1:18

$\text{♩} = 116$ *Easy acoustic feel*

mp Op-en the eyes of my heart, Lord, op-en the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you, I want to

see you. To see you

mf high and lift - ed up, shin - ing in the light of your glo -

- ry; Lord, pour out your pow'r and love as we sing,

"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

dim. grad. to end CODA *rit. grad.*

"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly." "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

- ly." Op - en the eyes of my heart, Lord.

slowly and freely

WORDS and MUSIC: Paul Baloche

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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.

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS



+ THE SENDING +

BENEDICTION

Pastor

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

All

Amen.

SENDING SONG
All sing.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes a chorus-like section. The fourth system concludes the piece with a final line of lyrics and a double bar line.

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929
Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

DISMISSAL

Asst. Min. Go in peace. Share the good news.
All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE**Something Different**

Sometimes the gospels give us the impression that Jesus would make a great lawyer. The Sadducees seem to ask him a pretty straightforward question, but Jesus answers it as though he is deliberately sidestepping the point. Indeed, he answers a lot of questions this way, apparently talking about something totally unrelated to the conversation at hand. If we pay close attention, though, we see that Jesus is directing us to an important point, even if it seems altogether different from the original track.

The Sadducees are challenging the validity of the resurrection with a hyperbolic question about ancient Hebrew marriage customs. But Jesus basically says, “Look, God came to Moses in the burning bush and said, ‘I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob here and now, in the present. And I am the God of the living, not the dead.’ Therefore, God’s chosen ones are alive and well after death!”

Jesus knows that the reality of the resurrection is too hard for them to understand. It’s too hard for any of us to understand. So instead of responding to their literal question, he offers some comfort. He says, “Listen, Moses already showed us that these saints are alive and well with God. It’s okay. Don’t worry about what comes next. God’s got this.”

Death is scary, so Jesus is giving us a word of assurance to help us face it. That word is this: “You will be resurrected. It’s okay to be afraid. It’s okay to not know what the resurrection will look like or who is going to be sitting where. Just remember that you are a beloved child of God and will be made alive together with all the saints.”

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@redeemermclean.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: Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19

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