

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:45 am October 19, 2025

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



*Pray always. Do not lose heart.
This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your
baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every
encounter with the divine will be blessed.*



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

PRELUDE

*"A Time for Joy" by Cynthia Dobrinski
Redeemer Bell Choir*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand.

Based on Psalm 121

Pastor We lift up our eyes to the hills; from where is our help to come?
All **Our help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor The Lord will not let us be moved nor will the one who watches over us fall asleep.
All **Behold,
the Lord will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Pastor The Lord watches over us; the Lord is our shade at our right hand.
All **Because of the Lord the sun
will not strike us by day
nor the moon by night.**

Pastor The Lord will preserve us from all evil from this time forth forevermore.
All **Amen. Alleluia.**

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 four sharps: F#, C#, G#, D#), and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as 116-124 beats per minute. The lyrics are written below the notes, and various chords are indicated above the staff. The score consists of ten staves of music. The first staff begins with a tempo marking. The lyrics are: '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. All cre - a - tion sings; hear the o - cean roar. Let the earth pro - claim that Christ is Lord.' The score ends with a 'D.C. al Fine' instruction.

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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 Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our
cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your
enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.

All Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ THE WORD +

Reading: Jeremiah 31:27-34

After uttering many oracles of judgment, Jeremiah announces a day of hope when God will make a new covenant with Israel and Judah, a covenant written upon their hearts and sealed with God's forgiveness.

²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. ²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say:

“The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge.”

³⁰ But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of the one who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 (B-flat). 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 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of a hateful judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

SERMON

"Getting It On the Calendar"
Pastor Sharon Core

Please stand and sing.

Open Our Eyes

Bob Cull

D Dsus/E D/F# G2(#4) G G/A

O - pen our eyes, Lord, we

A Bm7 A7/C# G/D D A/C# Bm

want to see Je - sus, to

D/A Gmaj9 Em A7

reach out and touch Him, and

Bm7 A7/C# G/D D Dmaj7

say that we love Him.

D Dsus/E D/F# G2(#4) G Em7

O - pen our ears, Lord, and

A Bm7 A7/C# G/D D A/C# Bm

help us to lis - ten.

D/A Gmaj9 Em A7

O - pen our eyes, Lord, we

G2/B A7/C# Em/D D

want to see Je - sus.

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

"How Deep The Father's Love For Us" by Stuart Townend

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing.

We are an offering

Text and music: Dwight Liles

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G C² Dm⁷ C²/E C/E

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

F C/E Dm⁷ Dm⁷/G C

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

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.*

*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.

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.

Give Thanks

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One, give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One, give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, 'I am strong,' let the poor say, 'I am rich,' be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, 'I am strong,' let the poor say, 'I am rich,' be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!"

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Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE**Prayerful Perseverance**

How should we pray? What should we pray for? We might sometimes treat prayer like putting coins in a divine vending machine, and some rely on the story of the persistent widow to claim that God will indeed shower us with blessing if only we pray “enough.” Yet, despite fervent prayer, we don’t always get that job, the illness comes anyway, the doubts continue. If we take literally the claims of those who promise prosperity for God’s people, the condition of humanity suggests none of us has been persistent enough. Because, after all, life happens to all of us.

In Jesus’ parable, the woman is not praying strictly for herself; rather, she is praying for justice. A better word may be “vengeance.” The persistent widow is coming to the judge and crying out, “Avenge me! Avenge me against my adversaries!” Her focus is laser-sharp, and she does not give in to distractions. She waits with fervent hope that there will come a day when the judge brings balance, restores what has been lost, and humbles those who have done wrong. The widow is asking for something much larger than her daily needs. She is pleading on behalf of the world.

Like Jacob in Genesis 32, sometimes we wrestle with God, pleading for our own blessing. Our striving can feel overwhelming or even pointless. But Jesus invites us to focus and be persistent, to cry out to him day and night.

Though our prayers are not always answered in the way we want or expect, we can count on God to keep promises. We can count on a day when we are all restored. We can count on a time when God will avenge all of us against the crushing force of death. We can hang our hope on the fact that God receives our persistence with love, patience, and grace.

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

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Sunday Services:

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

Next Sunday's Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

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