

Last Sunday of the Church Year

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Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church! Welcome to all and we extend a special welcome to our guests. Please sign a Guest Card available in the pew in front of you. Introduce yourself to the Pastor, and please, come and worship with us again.

Worship is a time when our Lord speaks and gives and we listen and receive his gifts of mercy, presence and forgiveness. We respond in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Enter, please, in silence for prayer and meditation.

Please keep a time before worship begins for silence and prayer and meditation. You may use this prayer to prepare for worship:

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord.

Here is prayer for use before taking Holy Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

+ PRELUDE +

Divine Service One (LSB, Page 151)

Stand

Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, #549

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.** (Matthew 28: 19b)

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1: 8-9)

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

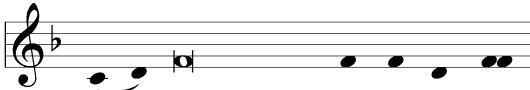
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

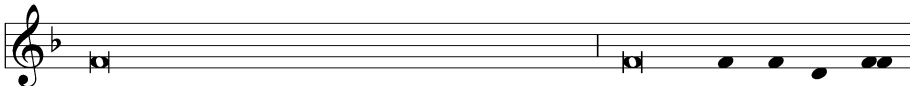
Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy) (Mark 10: 47)



[A] In peace let us pray to the Lord.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.



[A] For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

This is the Feast (Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



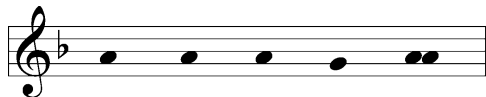
Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so with you.

P *Let us pray.* Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Isaiah 51:4-6

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93 (chanted responsively by Cantor (R) and Congregation (C) as printed)



R Your throne is established | from of old;* you are from ever- | lasting.

R The LORD reigns; he is robed in | majesty;* the LORD is robed; he has put on strength | as his belt.

C **Yes, the world is es- | tablished;* it shall nev- | er be moved.**

R Your throne is established | from of old;* you are from ever- | lasting.

C **The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted | up their voice;* the floods lift up their | roaring.**

R Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves | of the sea,* the LORD on high is | mighty!

C **Your decrees are very | trustworthy;* holiness befits your house, O LORD, for- | evermore.**

All Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be | ginning, *is now, and will be forever. | Amen*

R Your throne is established | from of old;* you are from ever- | lasting.

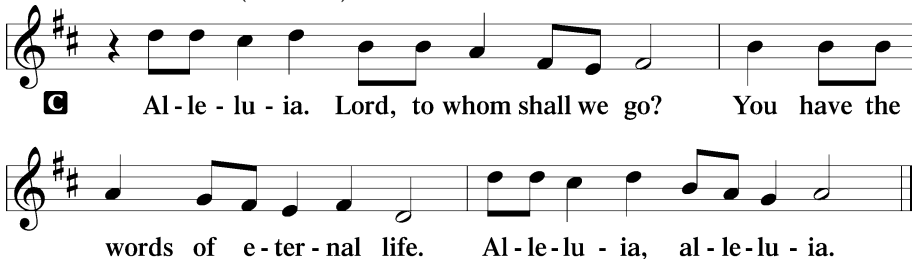
Second Reading: Jude 20-25

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (John 6:68)



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying, #516

Sermon

Nicene Creed (Spoken by All)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church (1 Timothy 2: 1-4)

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

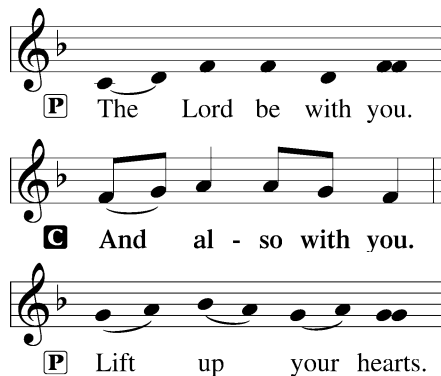


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface



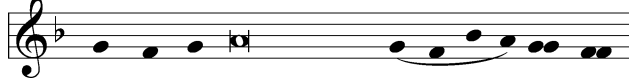
P The Lord be with you.
G And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.

2 Timothy 4:22

Colossians 3:22



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 136



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve

us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord (Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14: 22-24, Luke 22: 19-20, 1 Corinthians 11: 23-25)

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

(1 Corinthians 11:26)

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. (Revelation 22:20)

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer (Spoken by 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. Matthew 6:9-13

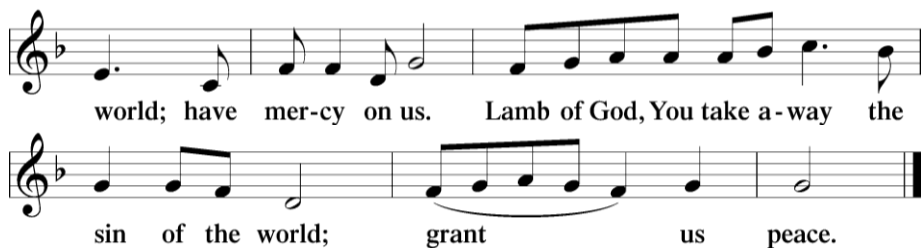
Pax Domini (Peace of the Lord) (John 20: 19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you. (*We greet one another, saying, "The Peace of the Lord."*)

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) (John 1: 29)

L Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



Sit

Distribution Hymns

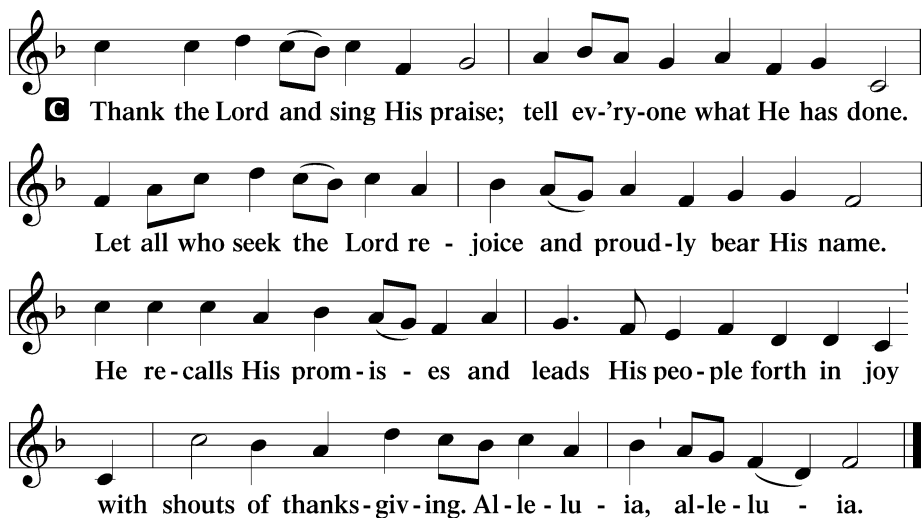
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns, #348

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise, #680

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word, #655

Stand

Post Communion Cantic: Thank the Lord

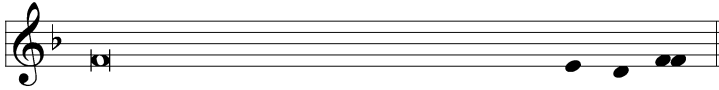


Post-Communion Collect

P *Let us pray ...* We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns, #525

+ **POSTLUDE** +

TAKING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT REDEEMER ... The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Redeemer in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, and any denial of His Holy Words, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Please fill out a Communion Registration Card (located in pew racks). If you are in any doubt about our confession of faith, are communing for the first time or are a member of another denomination, please speak to the Pastor before communing in person. Thank you.

WE THANK AND WELCOME Pastor Arthur Yunker to Redeemer this morning as he shares God's Word and Sacraments with us. Pastor Yunker is originally from New Orleans, Louisiana and a former professor at Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota. He now resides in Catawba County and is a member of Augustana Lutheran Church Hickory.

SERVING REDEEMER: Landon Bumgarner, Luke Burkett, Acolytes; Redeemer Senior Choir; Barbara Sigmon, Director and Organist; Stephan Raddatz, Cantor; The Reverend Arthur Yunker, Guest Preacher; Kelly Matthews and Johnny Sigmon, Elder-Servers; Mr. & Mrs. David Kidwell, Greeters; Mr. & Mrs. Jack Wagner, Offertory Processors; Will Burkett, Devin Houston, Donny Houston, Jack Wagner, Ushers.

PASTOR ALMS and Suzanne will be returning late this evening from their family Thanksgiving in Chicago with their new granddaughter, Marian. For pastoral assistance, please contact JT Rufty 828/612-1638 or Robert Benfield 828/310-7804.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE TODAY AT 2:00 P.M.

DECEMBER UPDATES are available this morning from Lynn Westray with upcoming events and the December calendar. Please request Updates for family members and neighbors who are unable to worship with us this morning.

+ GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY +

Prayers for the sick and suffering: Mark Bell (Gout); Bobby Matthews (Conover Rehab); Brooks & Davis Laney (premature twins of Taylor & Kat Laney); Jackie Sherrill (Recovering Hand Surgery); Kelsie Lael (Recovering Back Surgery); Rita Isenhour; Avis Matthews; Carol Pelto (Mother of Steve Pelton); Mark Herbert; Tom Hurley (friend of Carroll Yount); Betty Matthews; Sharon Abernathy (co-worker Maria Bratton); Bert Sigmon; Travis Smith (grandson of Georgia Lyda); Penny Sundell (friend of Amanda Eury); Brian Sullivan (friend of Angela Isenhour); Jeannie Sigmon; Dan & Carol Pelto (parents of Steve Pelto); Rick Talledira (friend of Mark Herbert); Jerry Kanipe (brother of Betty Matthews); J.R. Littlejohn; Marilyn Fertig; Shirley Stewart; Jerry Clontz (friend of Trent & Tina Cloninger); Shirley Grindstaff (friend of Ken & Nancy Edwards); Wilma Hoke, (friend of Janice Ervin); Virginia Winecoff, (Friend of Janice Ervin); Erin Sipe (daughter of Gary & Susan Witherspoon); James Hedrick (friend of Avis and Bobby Matthews); Jerry Tibbs (Jackie Sherrill's Pops); Linda Richards (friend of Fran Little); Guy Lee (friend of Rodney Yount); Joshua Bokaguard.

