

Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 24, 2019

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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. 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.

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.

Here is a 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)



C Lord, have mer - cy.



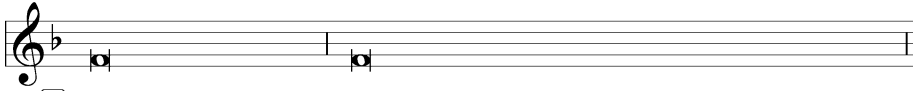
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



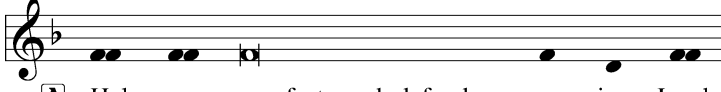
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading: Malachi 3:13-18

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46 (*spoken responsively as printed below*)

P The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

P though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

C **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

P God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

C **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

P The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

C **Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

P He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

C **“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

P The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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

P The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:13-20

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (John 6:68)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.


P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Luke 23:27-43

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: Jesus Remember Me, #767 (WILL BE SUNG 3 TIMES)

Sermon

Stand

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

Sit

RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION

Luke Burkett, Jocelyn Lael, Anna Lyda, Madeline Rose, Wyatt Wesson

(DURING THE OFFERING, WE WILL BRING FORWARD TO THE CHANCEL AREA OUR OFFERINGS OF CANNED GOODS FOR ECCCM AS WELL AS OUR REGULAR OFFERINGS. USHERS ARE AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY TO ASSIST WITH THE PROCESS.)

Thanksgiving Offering and ECCCM Canned Goods Drive

**Offering Hymns: Now Thank We All Our God, #895
For the Fruits of His Creation, #894
Sing to the Lord of Harvest, #893**

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.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

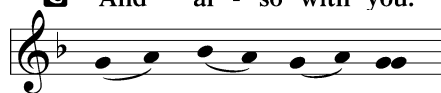


P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

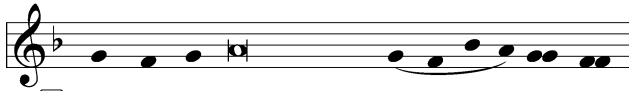


P Lift up your hearts.

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:

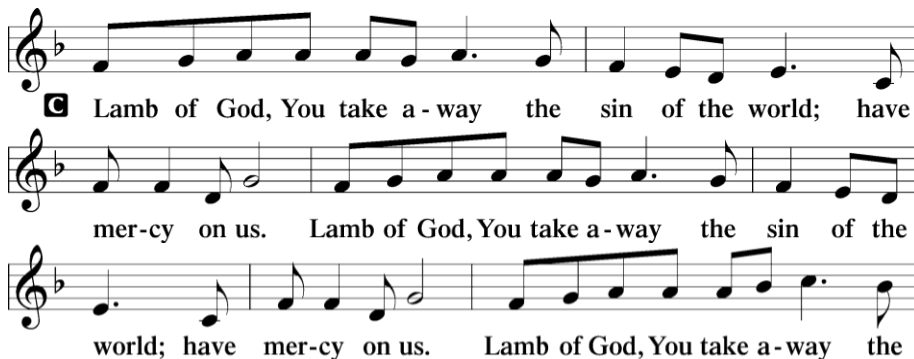
Lord's Prayer (Spoken by all)

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)



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

sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution Hymns

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me, #761

When Peace, Like a River, #763

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain, #435

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, #549

Stand

Post Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

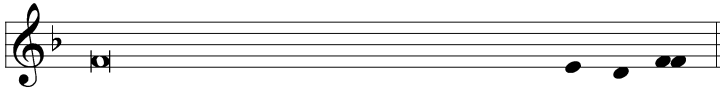
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come, #892

+ **POSTLUDE** +

SERVING REDEEMER: Landon Bumgarner, Luke Burkett, Acolytes; Redeemer Senior Choir; Barbara Sigmon, Director and Organist; The Reverend Greg Alms, Pastor; Stephan Raddatz, Phillip Davis, Elder-Servers; Mr. & Mrs. Will Burkett, Greeters; Bryce and Tyler Bratton, Offertory Processors; Robert Benfield, Bryce Bratton, Tyler Bratton, JT Rufty, Ushers.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory and Honor of God and to praise Him for the many blessings given to His children by Gary and Susan Witherspoon.

THE FAMILY OF MABEL MEDLIN invites you to join them TODAY between 4-6:00 p.m. to celebrate with Mabel her 90th Birthday at Abernathy Laurels in the Bristo. No gifts please.

ORDER A POINSETTIA to honor or remember a loved one at Christmas. Order envelopes are available in the Narthex. Complete the order info, place your payment of \$11 for each poinsettia in the envelope and drop in the offering plate **by December 1st**.

THE NOT SO YOUTH GROUP will depart from Redeemer at 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 7th for the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte. Those riding the bus need to be at Redeemer by 3:45 p.m. and the cost is \$15. If you have not already paid you can pay Lynn or Kelly on the 7th.

“HIS NAME IS JESUS!” ADVENT MEDITATIONS ON THE NAMES OF JESUS
Our Advent midweek services will focus on six of the Biblical names given to Jesus. Immanuel, Lamb of God, Christ, Word, Prince of Peace and Jesus. Wednesday Midweek services begin on December 4th at 7:00 p.m. with Soup and Supper at 6:00 p.m.

SOUP AND SANDWICH VOLUNTEERS needed to provide a pot of homemade soup or two loaves of sandwiches for one of three Advent Soup and Sandwich Suppers. Please sign up in the parish hall or speak with Lynn Westray.

DECEMBER UPDATES are available this morning from Bill and Fran. Please request the Update for family and neighbors unable to worship with us this morning.

PRAYERS

Has your friend returned to normal activities?
Please advise church office so prayers of thanksgiving may be made.

FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Members of Redeemer

Barbie Laney, (knee surgery 11-27); Ken Edwards; John Eagle; Ruby Overcash; Teresa Korn; Bert Sigmon; Jane Benfield; Francine Medlin; Dianne Wesson; Rodney Lowrance; Carolyn Galloway; Joanna Wilson; Dennis Hedrick; Doris Nagle; Mabel Medlin; Shirley Stewart; Bobby Matthews.

Friends of the Redeemer family

Melissa Keller (Auto accident CMC, friend of Fran Little); Geri Spears;; Christopher Thomas; Garry Sturgill; Ginger Lynch, Lee Durham; Edith Miller; Jack Lynn; Melanie Matthews; Debbie Bernard;; Travis Smith; Everett Biscoe; Chris Worley; Bradley Lyda; Chris Averitt; Carol Pelto; Tom Hurley, Travis Smith; Brian Sullivan; Jerry Kanipe; Wilma Hoke, Erin Sipe.

In thanksgiving for prayers answered on behalf of Michele Day, Bonnie Mullins, and Evan Owensby.

Happy Thanksgiving

