

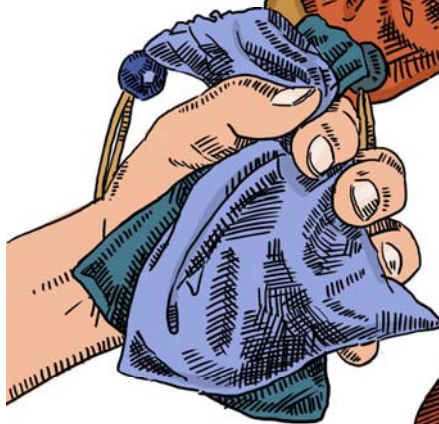
SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

NOVEMBER 19, 2023
SEASON OF PENTECOST

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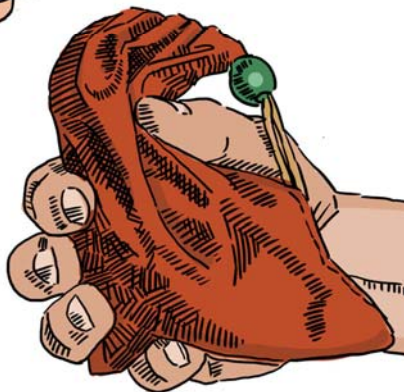


to
another
TWO,



to *another*
ONE,
to each
according to
his ability.

Matthew 25:15



OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES

5:30pm, Saturday

9:00 and 11:00am, Sunday (11:00am livestreamed)

An area is available in the narthex for parents and young children.

The service is broadcast to the narthex. The volume may be adjusted by turning the knob on the wall near the left sanctuary doors.

Online services are available through
facebook.com/ORLutheran, YouTube and the church's website.

GROWING IN GOD (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

September 24 - May 5, 10:00 AM, Age 3-Adults

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MISSION STATEMENT

"As Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is a community of people believing in Jesus Christ, our overall purpose is to worship, teach, serve, evangelize and witness to that belief."

Welcome to worship! Please pass the fellowship pads down your row at this time. If you are a visitor and would like more information about our church, please include your address and phone number.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

C **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One,
C **we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation.
Amen.**

P Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through + Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.
C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG, *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*, #632



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE, *This is the Feast*, Page #140

Refrain



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 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 (Pew Bible page 765)

- P A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

⁷Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 90:1-8, 12

A We read Psalm 90 responsively.

A ¹Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

C ²**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**

A ³You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."

C ⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;**

A ⁵you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

C ⁶**in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

A ⁷For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.

C ⁸**Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

A ¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Pew Bible page 960)

A A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30 (Pew Bible page 807)

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing,

even what they have will be taken away.³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

P The gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

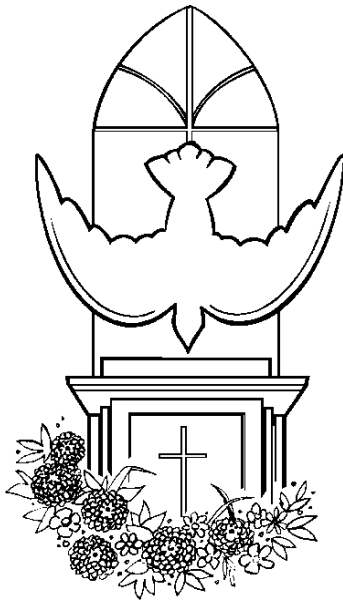
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CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY, next page, *O Christ the Same*



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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 OF INTERCESSION

A Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

- A You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you especially the family and friends of Ella Spagnolo, Brian, Clint, Carol, Lori, Chris, Jen, Gary, Randy, Mandy, and those we name out loud and in our hearts. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith we praise your goodness. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- P We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Sit

MEAL

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

Our monetary offerings are part of our worship of God. Because so many of our people give their offerings through Simply Giving, the offering plate is not passed, but located in the back of the sanctuary for your use as you enter or leave the sanctuary. One plate is brought forward at the time of the Offertory, and one remains in the back.

SPECIAL MUSIC/ANTHEM (11:00) *To Everything There Is a Season*

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Stand

OFFERING SONG, *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*, #182



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.

OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
- C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God,
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

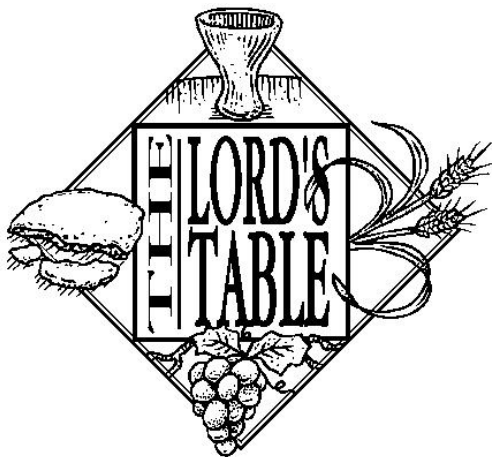
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

Sit

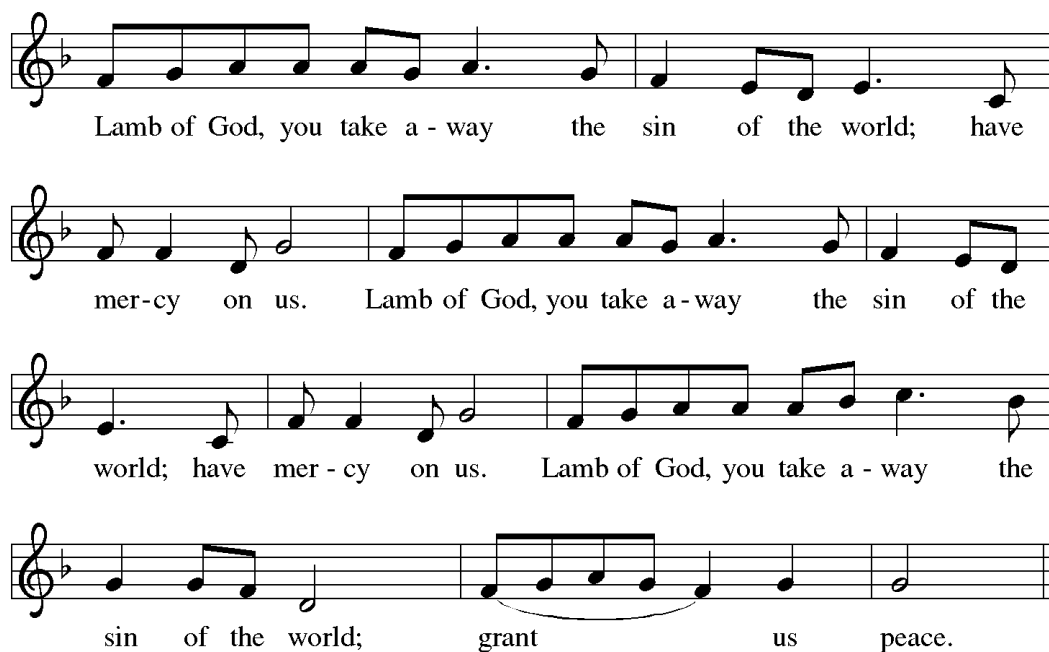


SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

As Lutherans, we believe that Christ is really present in the bread and wine we share. All are welcome to commune here. Infants and others who do not commune are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.

Please take a communion glass from the ushers on your way forward. As the pastors and lay assistants give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: The body of Christ, given for you; the blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen. Wine is offered by Communion Assistants holding the silver chalices. Grape juice is offered by the third Communion Assistant on either side holding the potter's chalice. (The grape juice is purple.)

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastors. Let them know that you need one when you come forward to receive the bread.



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.

COMMUNION SONG, *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*, #469



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Stand

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his
grace.
C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Let us pray.
 Lord Jesus,
 in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
 Sustain us on the journey,
 strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
 and give us glad and generous hearts
 as we meet you on the way.
- C **Amen.**

SENDING

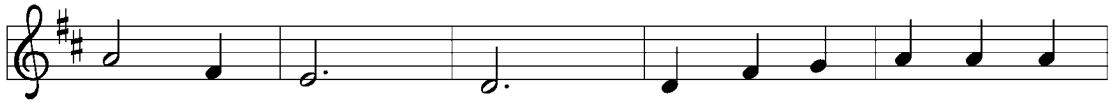
BLESSING

- P May the God of all creation,
 in whose image we are made,
 who claims us and calls us beloved,
 who strengthens us for service,
 give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
 The blessing of God,
 Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,
 be with you today and always.
- C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN, next page, *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*, #815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

DISMISSAL

A Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

THIS WEEK AT “OUR REDEEMER”

SUNDAY, November 19, 2023, Season of Pentecost

9:00am Worship

10:00am Growing in God

10:00am Adult Class

11:00am Worship

MONDAY, November 20, 2023, Newsletter Deadline

9:00am Noah’s Ark Preschool

TUESDAY, November 21, 2023

9:00am Noah’s Ark Preschool

WEDNESDAY, November 22, 2023

THURSDAY, November 23, 2023, Church office closed

FRIDAY, November 24, 2023, Church office closed

SATURDAY, November 25, 2023

5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, November 26, 2023, Christ the King Sunday

9:00am Worship

10:00am Advent Adventures

11:00am Worship



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The family and friends of Ella Spagnolo, Brian Casper, Clint Langley, Carol Brandyberry, Lori Gajdowski, Chris Decker, Jen Barbati, Gary McGaffic, Randy Stonemark, Mandy Jarosh, and those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers: Kayden Spencer, Marcy Raeford, Nancy Lyons, Nancy Adams, Robert Ruppel, Kevin Ruppel, Lydia Damoose, Lisa Kilgore, Liliana Milovic, Laura Norton, Anthony Santaguida, Margaret “Peggy” Stopko, Judy Concannon, Ray Keisling, Dan Stimmel, Tamara Brister, Wendy Brosky, Heidi Garner, Janice Poole, Nester Miskow, and Betty Rively.

The most recently added names appear at the beginning of the lists and will remain for 3 months. You may remove a name sooner or ask for renewal if a person is still in need of prayer after the three months. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please submit your request in writing and place in the offering plate, drop off in the church office, or submit by email to orlc@comcast.net.

Altar Flowers - This weekend’s altar flowers have been given by John and Nancy Till in memory of their parents.

Last evening, we welcomed through the Sacrament of Baptism Holly Elise Rutkowski, daughter of Michael and Kelly Rutkowski and granddaughter of Dave and Tina Borra. *Welcome child of God.*

Forms for donations for Christmas decorations can be found on the bulletin board.

The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving holiday.

Adult Learning – The Adult Class normally meets on Sundays in the Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. The class is continuing to discuss the ELCA Social Statement, “For Peace in God’s World.” All adults are welcome to join in the conversation. The class will not meet on Sunday, November 26.

Pub Theology - All adults are welcome to join in great fellowship and lively conversation around topics of interest in our daily lives each month at the Voodoo Brewing Company in Houston, PA. We’ll meet in November on **Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00pm**. In December, we’ll meet on **Thursday, December 28**.

Advent Soup Supper - Mark your calendars. This annual event will be held on **Saturday, December 2 at 6:15pm**. The event will include games and activities for everyone. Please sign up to attend as well as to bring a soup, bread or dessert if you are able.

Dining Divas Holiday Lunch - Tuesday, December 5, 12:30pm at Atria's

The next Dining Divas gathering will take place on a special day for a special event! We will meet once between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Signing up as soon as possible will be helpful in getting reservations at a busy time of year. If possible, please sign up by the weekend before Thanksgiving. The Dining Divas is a wonderful opportunity for women to get to know one another better and to enjoy a relaxed time together.

Faithful Filmgoers - Mark your calendars for **Friday evening, December 15** for our next film outing. Movie, theater, and time to be determined. Email Steve D'Addieco at stevendaddieco@gmail.com to be put on his email list.

Donations for City Mission & Blessings in a Backpack – The Service and Outreach Committee continues to collect everyday items that are needed by families in our area.

The City Mission reports needing all kinds of food, but particularly spaghetti sauce, noodles, cereal, canned meats, peanut butter and jelly, Ramen noodles, and diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6). The City Mission also is happy to receive gloves, mittens, and hats throughout the winter.

Blessings in a Backpack serving Ringgold Elementary School North is in need of microwavable cups of Chef Boyardee mac and cheese style pastas, applesauce or fruit cups/squeeze pouches, and snack size boxes of raisins.

Interest in Joining Our Redeemer?

Maybe you would just like to learn more about the congregation?

There will be a new members class held on January 28 from 1 to 3 PM. The class will also be available for people who would simply like to know more about the congregation. Please let us know if you would like to participate in this class. New members will be received on February 3 or 4. To let us know of your interest please contact the church office at orlc@comcast.net or talk with one of the pastors.

Christmas Gifts That Make a Difference – Thank you!! The Service and Outreach Committee thanks everyone who took tags to purchase gifts for children, youth and families in need through Glade Run and Washington County Children and Youth Services. Please return your gifts (unwrapped) to Our Redeemer no later than Sunday, December 3. Place them on the table in the Narthex (Lobby) with the tag attached. If you would like to give a gift but did not get a tag, Children and Youth Services reports that they can always use wrapping paper, large gift bags, large canvas bags such as you can buy at TJ Maxx, Lego sets, and hair and nail products. You are welcome to add these and other appropriate gifts to the table!

Money for the ELCA Good Gifts should be paid to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Please indicate on the check ELCA Good Gifts and the animal(s) that you are purchasing.



Thank you for your generosity in helping our neighbors near and far.

Possible Refugee Resettlement

Some of the pastors in Conference 6 (includes the South Hills, Airport area, and Washington County) of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod have been looking into the possibility of Participating in the resettlement of a refugee/family in our area. This might happen through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services or Jewish Family and Community Services which has an office at St. John's Lutheran Church in Carnegie. In either case, we need to do some planning before we would be able to answer the who, when and where questions! Important matters like housing transportation, and job opportunities need to be looked into. A financial commitment of somewhere between \$12,000 and \$20,000 in the first six months of the resettlement is required.

At this point we are trying to identify people who are interested in helping with this process either by getting personally involved and/or by making a financial commitment. This is a big project which is best undertaken by multiple congregations. If you are interested in participating in at least the exploration of this possible ministry, please let either Pastor Martha (clementsonmartha@gmail.com) or Martha Rhone (mrhone28@hotmail.com), chair of Service and Outreach, know of your interest. You also can direct your questions to either of them.

THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (NOVEMBER 19, 2023)

9:00am

ACOLYTE - Sam Scher
LAY ASSISTANT - Mark Harris
LECTOR - Tim Prex
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Kim
Chupinka, Laura Culp, Karen Glass,
Linda Nickles, Phyllis Permar, Trudy
Wagner
GREETER - Kim Chupinka
USHERS - Drew and Karla Lance
GIFT BEARERS - Eliza and Norah Prex
ALTAR GUILD - Susan Loeser and
Laura Culp
POWERPOINT - Dan and Sam Scher

11:00am

ACOLYTE - Jack Binotto
LAY ASSISTANT - Gary Milavec
LECTOR - Jen Milavec
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Brenda
Binotto, Maegan Bregenser, Sarah
Dagnal, Sue Lambert, Kim Maize,
Nancy Till
GREETER - Paula Reese
USHERS - Joe Maize and Eric Reese
GIFT BEARER - Henry Binotto
ALTAR GUILD - Susan Lambert and
Volunteer
POWERPOINT - Rolf Otterness
CAMERA - Sam Mizia
TELLERS (Sunday) - Barb Schumacher
and Dan Scher

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (NOVEMBER 26, 2023)

9:00am

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*
LAY ASSISTANT - John Yocca
LECTOR - Olivia Yocca
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Missy
Bookhammer, Ruth Ann Lowery,
Linda Nickles, Phyllis Permar,
Mohylyn and Olivia Yocca
GREETER - Karla Lance
USHERS - Drew Lance and Gary
Milavec
GIFT BEARER - *Child volunteer
requested*
ALTAR GUILD - Volunteers needed
POWERPOINT - Ryan Hettinger

11:00am

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*
LAY ASSISTANT - Jackie Beck
LECTOR - Mary Helen Barr
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Eliana
Beck, Kim Maize, Carl and Sally
Ruppel, Nancy Till, volunteer
GREETER - Heather Morelli
USHERS - Simon Beck and Joe Maize
GIFT BEARER - *Child volunteer
requested*
ALTAR GUILD - Heather Morelli and
Sally Ruppel
POWERPOINT - Gary Milavec
CAMERA - Sam Mizia
TELLERS (Monday) - Susan Loeser and
John Yocca

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