24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 + 9:30am



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Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.
A brief silence.

Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Gathering Song ***"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*** *ELW #810*



Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise





Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God of justice and love,

you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

In the Near East, covenant means "agreement" or "alliance." It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. 2And Joshua said to

all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor— lived beyond the Euphrates and served other deities. 3a Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

14 "Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve the Lord in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the deities that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the deities your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the deities of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." 16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other deities, 17 for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. The Lord protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, 18 and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for the Lord is our God."

19 But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for the Lord is a holy God and is a jealous God, and will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. 20 If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign deities, then the Lord will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good." 21 And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" 22 Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord." And they said, "We are witnesses." 23 He said, "Then put away the foreign deities that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." 24 The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and our God we will obey." 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

At the conclusion of the reading, the Assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction. (Ws. 6:17)

17 The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire | for instruction,
and concern for instruction is | love of wisdom,
18 **and love of wisdom is the keeping | of wise laws,**
and giving heed to wise laws is assurance of | immortality,
19 and immortality brings one | near to God; 20 so the desire for wisdom leads | to a kingdom.

Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

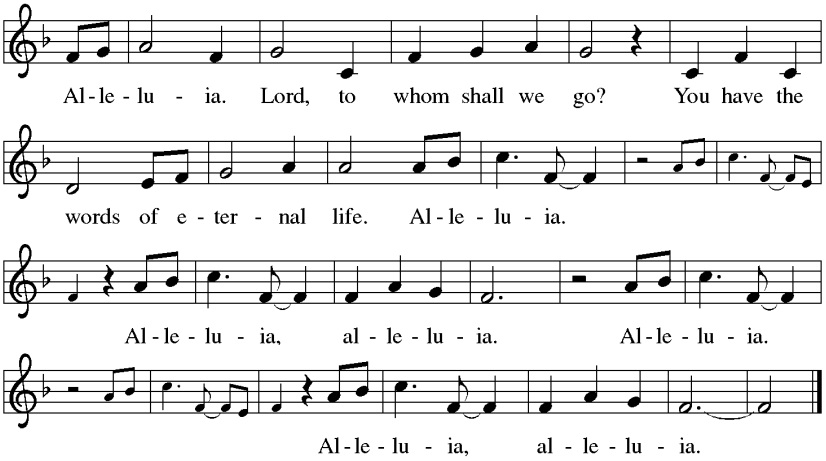
Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

We do not want you to be uninformed, dear family, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by

no means precede those who have died. 16For that very Lord, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

┌Jesus said to the disciples:┐ 1"The dominion of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Sir, sir, open to us.' 12But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ***"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"*** *ELW #452*



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808

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.

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

Prayers of Intercession

The Assisting Minister leads the prayers of the people for the church, the world, and all people in need. At the end of each petition the Assembly responds: **your mercy is great.**

We remember our homebound members and all who have asked for our prayers: Erna Joswig, Joyce Owens, Dorothy Popadic, Pat Quale, Marty, Pat Fair, Nancy Nelson, William Schultz Jr., John Falk, Carmen Falk, Lynn Hooper, Randy Weit, Aimee and Mark Hooper.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Your offering helps us carry on God's mission in our community! You may place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed, you may mail your offering to the church office, you can even text to give by texting the amount you wish to give to 262.592.5757, then follow the prompts. You may also scan the code to the right with your smartphone's camera to give on our website (www.racinelcredeemer.com). You can also sign up for automatic giving on our website as well! ***Thank you for your generosity!***

Stewardship Moment

Offering Song





Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of creation,

you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

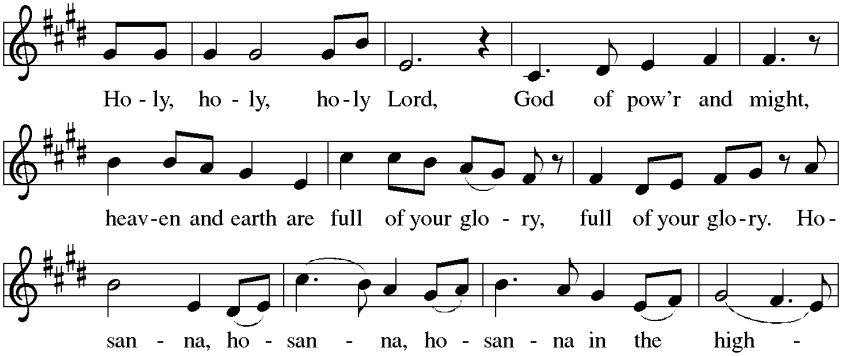
Lift up your hearts.

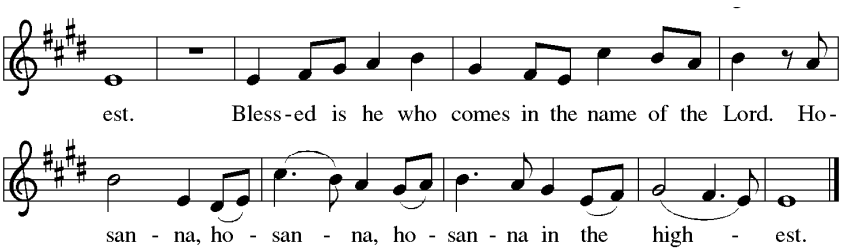
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed, right our duty and our joy….
…. we praise your name and join their unending hymn:.





The Presiding Minister prays giving thanks to God, for God's saving work throughout history.

The Assembly responds when prompted:

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. *…*

… all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *…*

… sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. *…*

At the conclusion of the prayer, the assembly responds: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

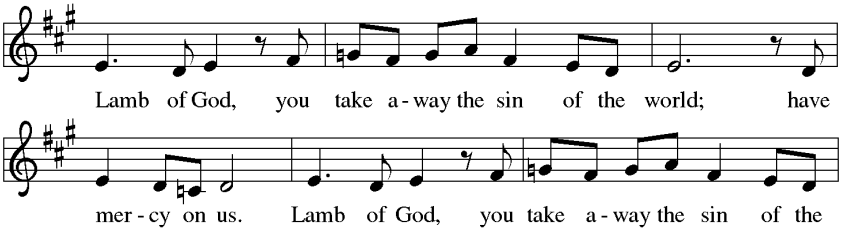
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

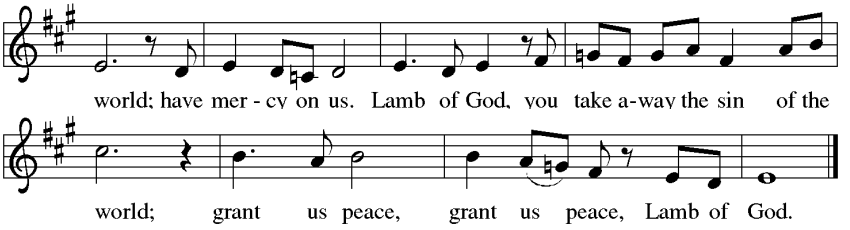
Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, come, all who are hungry, come.

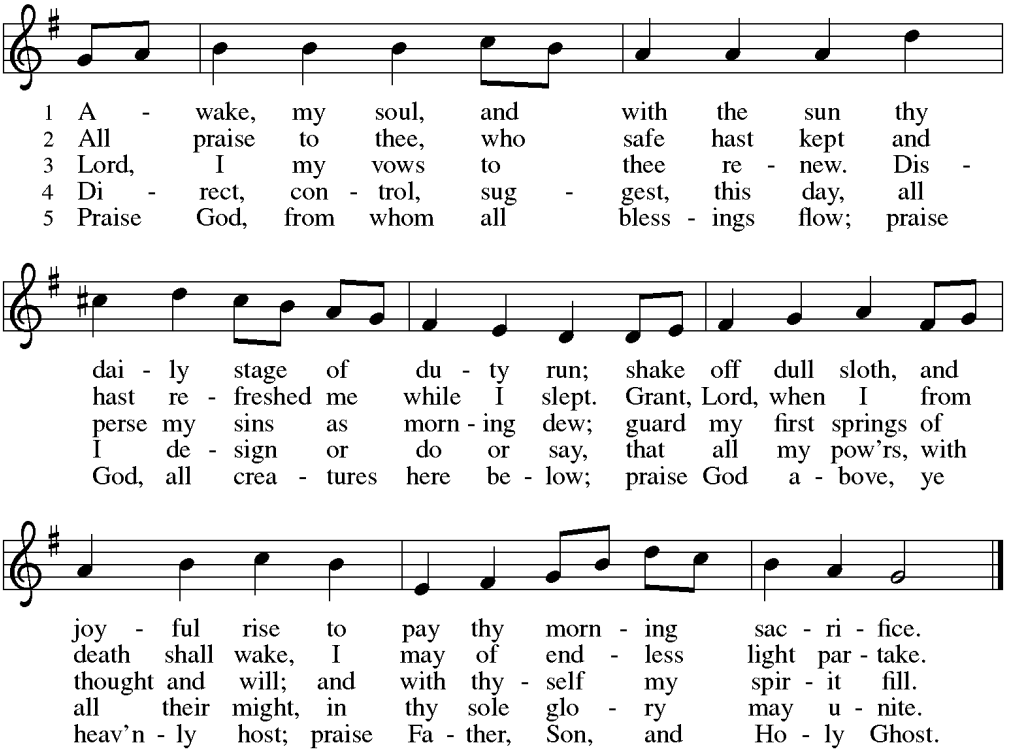
Distribution of Communion

We offer gluten-free bread and (red) wine or (white) grape juice. We also have pre-packaged cups if you wish to receive in that manner or to bring home to a loved one. If you wish to remain in your seat, please indicate to an usher & the worship leaders will come to you.





Communion Song ***"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"*** *ELW #625*



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808

Table Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Sustaining God,

with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

The holy Three, the holy One increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and ☩ grant you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ***"Come, We That Love the Lord"*** *ELW #625*



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

Announcements

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

We gather today on the ancestral lands of the Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówi, Kickapoo, and Peoria peoples. We honor and acknowledge the traditional stewards of this land, recognizing their enduring connection to this region. As we come together in worship, let us commit ourselves to respecting their history and culture, and work toward healing and justice for Indigenous communities. May we be mindful of our role in creating a more equitable future for all.



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Serving Today

Assisting Minister:	Susan Krikau Sorensen
Reader:	Jane Wilson
Usher:	John Wosyk
Altar Guild:	Lori Rennock & Susan Krikau Sorensen
Musician:	Alasdair Ladd
Pastor:	The Rev. Matt James

This Week @ Redeemer

Monday:	GriefShare – 10—11:30am
Saturday:	La Misa Mensual Inagural en Español/First Monthly Worship Service in Spanish – 6pm
Sunday:	Worship – 9:30am

Celebrations this Week

Birthdays:	Scott Hetchler (10/19)
Wedding Anniversary:	Katie & Adam Ritzman (10/11)

Upcoming Commemorations

Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397
Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855
Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

Texts for Next Sunday, November 15th, 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30



WEEK TWO — THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

THE JOY OF LIVING IN COMMUNITY

Why is Lutheran Church of the Redeemer important to you?
Can you think of specific reasons?

Is it the worship life of the congregation? Does the preaching feed you and send you into the week challenged and inspired? Does the choir or the congregational singing send you out of the sanctuary happily humming a tune? Is it Holy Communion — meeting Christ at the altar and knowing your sins are forgiven?

Is it the people you meet that are most important? Perhaps you have had times of joy or sorrow that would have been much less significant without the love and care you received from others in the church. Perhaps you have worked side by side with the same people over and over. You know each other. You care for each other. You have had fun, and you have done God's work together.

Do significant life events connect you to the congregation? A wedding, a baptism, a confirmation, a funeral?

Why is **Lutheran Church of the Redeemer** important to you? We each have a different "why." What is yours?
Whatever your "why," know that it is possible only because of the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure from you and all the people around you.



We will be collecting the following items now through November:

Socks (children and adult)
Acetaminophen/Tylenol
Dollar Store- readers and sunglasses
Hand Sanitizer (small bottles)
Benadryl/Antihistamines
Decongestants/antihistamines
Ibuprofen/Advil
Tylenol/Acetaminophen
Children's Tylenol/decongestant/antihistamine*
bandaids
Triple Antibiotic Ointment
Nail Clippers
2x2 dressings
Paper Tape
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste (travel size)
Pencils/Markers/Pens
Chapstick
Emory boards

