

**Reformation Sunday
Sunday October 26th, 2025
Redemption Lutheran Church
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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

(The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God)

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart. God our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

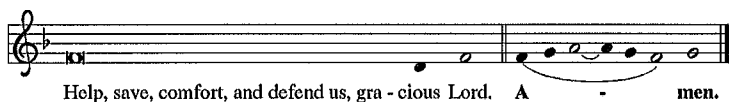
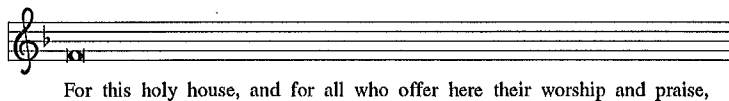
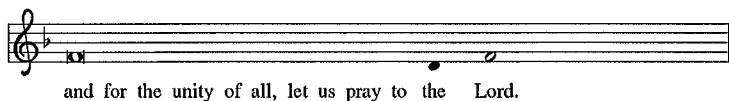
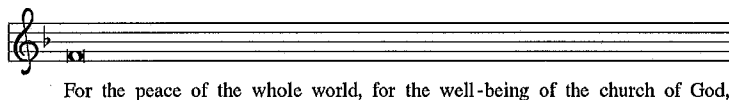
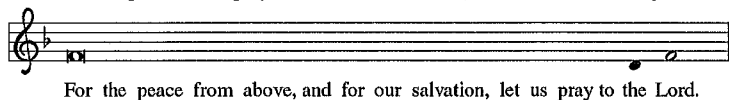
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN – *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* ELW - 588

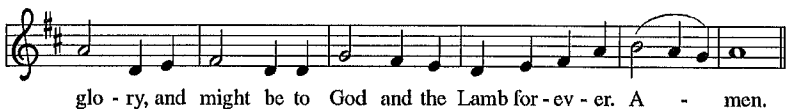
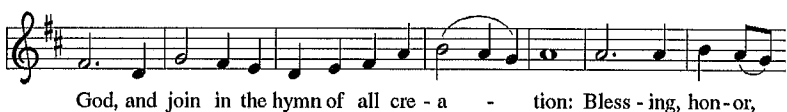
APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE



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.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A: A reading from Jeremiah

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. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

The Psalm is read responsively.

¹ God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present ¹help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the ¹earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths ¹of the sea;**

³ though its waters ¹rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble ¹with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,
the holy habitation of ¹the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall ¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it at the ¹ break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the ¹ kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth ¹ melts away. R**

⁷ The LORD of ¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹ is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works ¹ of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- ¹ on the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in ¹ all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the ¹ shields
with fire.

¹⁰ **"Be still, then, and know that ¹ I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted ¹ in the
earth."**

¹¹ The LORD of ¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹ is our stronghold. R

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

A: A reading from Romans

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in

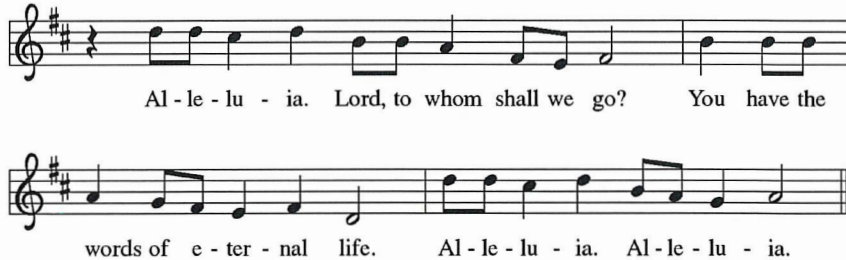
Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



GOSPEL: John 8: 31-36

P: The holy gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; 32 and you will know the truth, and the

truth will make you free." 33They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

34Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Seminarian Allison Overly-Stokes

The assembly remains seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY- *Take my Life, That I May Be ELW - 685*

The assembly stands.

CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers. Each prayer ends with the words, "God of grace," and the congregation responds, "Receive our Prayer."

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

MEAL

(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

P: God of Love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.

Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

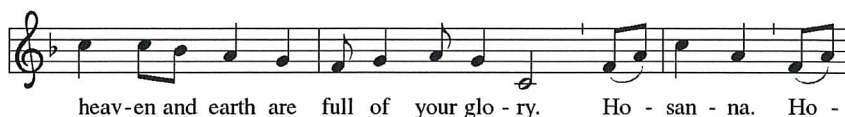
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

PREFACE

The presiding minister continues:

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. In the same way 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, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

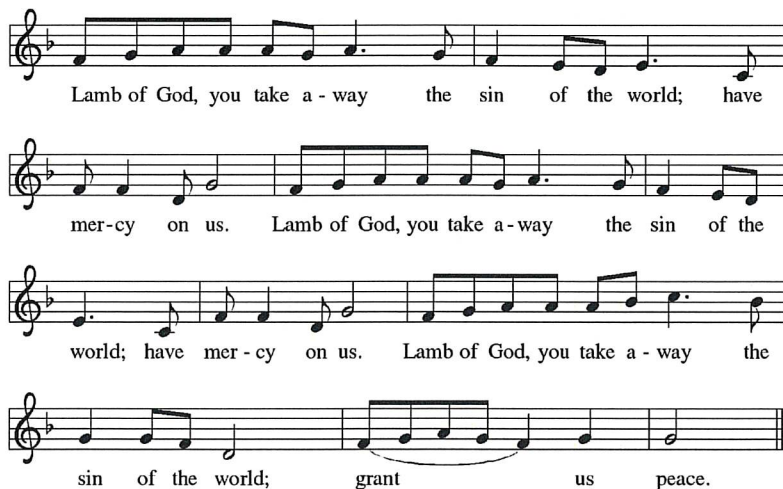
P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

The assembly may be seated. The bread is broken for communion.

COMMUNION

You are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive communion. You may receive the bread and then dip it in the wine or grape juice. The bread is gluten free. If you can't come to the rail for communion, communion can be brought to you.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

(God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.)

BLESSING

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING SONG – *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW* – 815

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Our Prayer List

Our Community: Bob Conn, Mabel Turner, Ethel Metz.

Our Friends: Terry Garf, Lea and Paul Ressler, Ruth Mann, Melissa Kuchler, Linda Moore, Robert Donnelly and Family, Patricia Weiser, Eileen Krygier, Kathy Schultz, Shannon Puitro, Josh, Sue & Dave Goldstein, Jack Horvath,

friend of Diane & John Graham, Joe Wolf, Mason Family, Nina Liptak, Barbara Laudenbacker, Jim Kellmer, Jill Edwards.

Announcements

During this time of pastoral transition, we want to share our financial status with the congregation by reporting the amount budgeted for monthly offering income, versus actual monthly offering income. Budgeted monthly offering income for October is \$4,200, and to date we have received \$3,518.

Feast of Justice Collection – Personal Care items are needed. Full-sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Soap, toothpaste, deodorant and especially feminine products would be greatly appreciated. You can place them in the box in the Narthex.

Audio Training – We are looking for volunteers to manage the Streaming of worship. If you are interested, please reach out to Cheryl Lafferty at: cae184@yahoo.com or 215-990-2111.

Save the Date

Sunday, November 2nd – All Saints Worship Service. This year there will be a special display of our loved one's photos and a Bagpiper performance. Starting October 5th, there will be an insert in the bulletin for the names and photos of passed family and friends to be prayed for.

Sunday, November 23rd – Thanksgiving Worship & Lunch. The Service will start at 11:00a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Leftovers will be packaged for the non-profit organization Caring for Friends. A sign-up sheet for food & beverage donations will be available in November.

Saturday, December 6th – Annual Christmas Tea at 2:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.