

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VETERANS DAY
+ November 9, 2025 +
10:00 am



Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Director of Music Ministries

The People of Redeemer
The Rev. Elise T. Stringer
Mrs. Jackie Pitts
Mrs. Donna Cotter

**Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church in the name of Christ our Lord.
Thank you Kaci Cotter for playing piano in Donna's absence today.**

Hearing Assistance is available NOW!

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WE WARMLY WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US on this Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost! It is our hope and prayer that the God who destroyed death and made new life possible on this day will touch and transform your life for all the days to come. If you are a guest today, please sign our Guest Register by the Front Doors. If you have any questions please reach out to Pastor Elise or Jackie Pitts at the Church Office, (864) 877-5876.

IF YOU ARE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME, we invite you to consider making Redeemer that home. For more information about Redeemer Lutheran Church, becoming a member, and sharing your gifts in ministry, please speak with Pastor Elise or contact Jackie Pitts in the Church Office at (864) 877-5876.

WE WORSHIP ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK BECAUSE JESUS WAS RAISED ON THAT DAY. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the Resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

WE ENTER THIS SANCTUARY WITH REVERENCE FOR GOD

AND RESPECT FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE IN PRAYER.

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

LET'S TALK RESURRECTION

When the Sadducees encounter Jesus with a technical question, he responds by humanizing and placing divine value upon each character in the Sadducees' hypothetical scenario. Jesus' response is about Resurrection and about naming people as children of God and of light. The answer Jesus gives the Sadducees is about God, whose presence means life. This is about God's promise of Resurrection in the face of death, and about life in the face of and in spite of death.

Like Job, who was surrounded by the remnants of his lost life and still proclaimed hope, Jesus is in the midst of palpable tension that very soon will lead him to his own death, and yet he proclaims life. The author of this hope is God, whose very naming of a person brings that one to life. These texts proclaim hope in the face of hopelessness, and urge us to do the same.

The Prelude is a time for QUIET reflection and prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the People of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

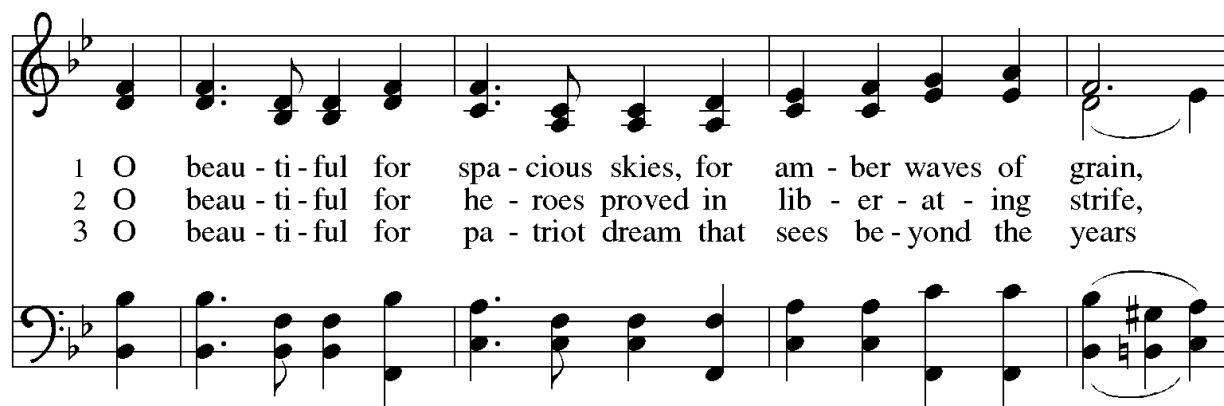
Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

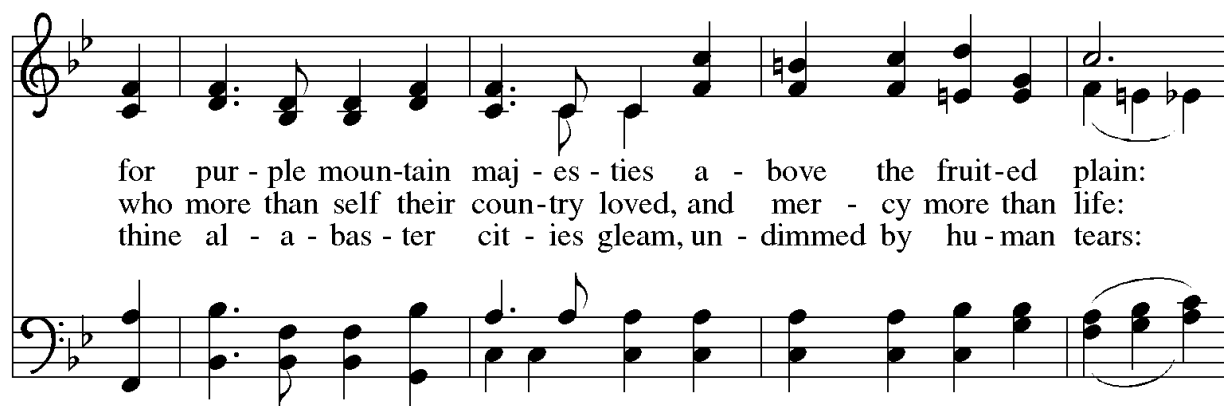
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

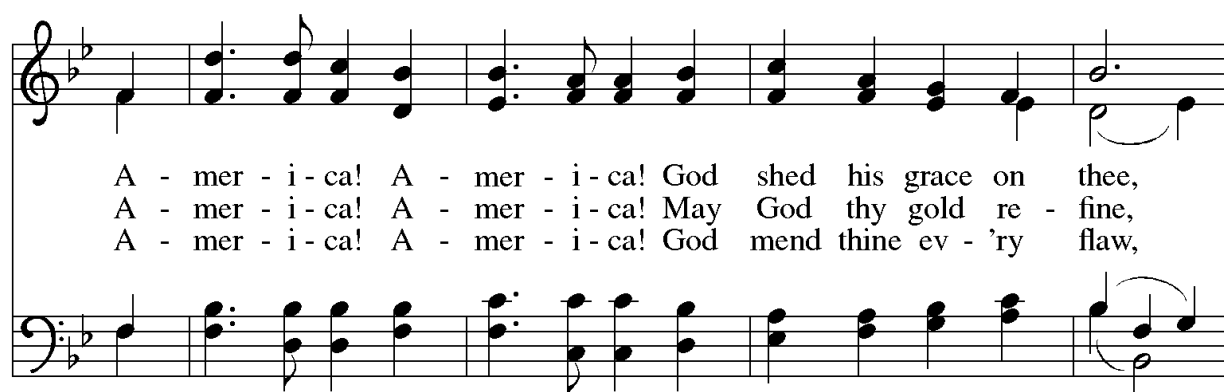
Amen.



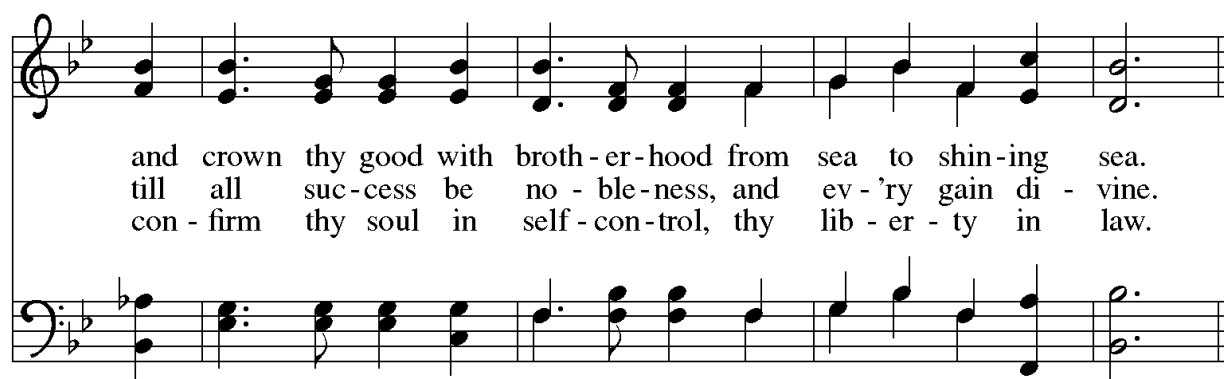
1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit-ed plain:
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



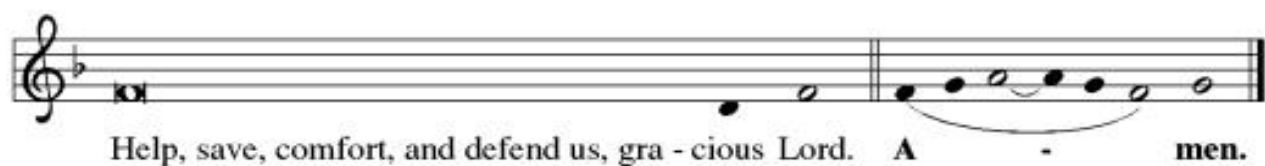
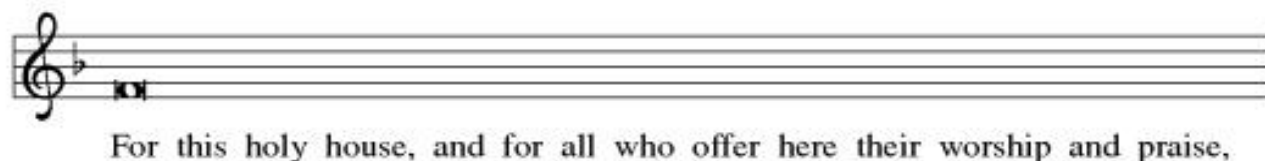
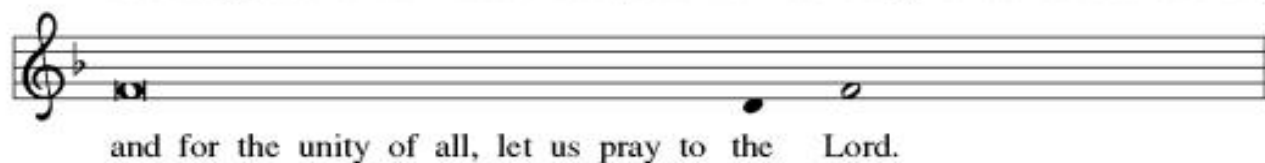
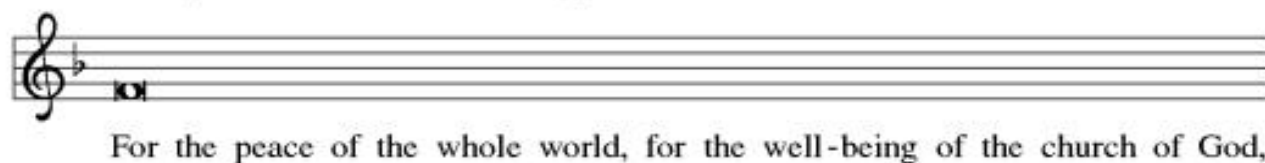
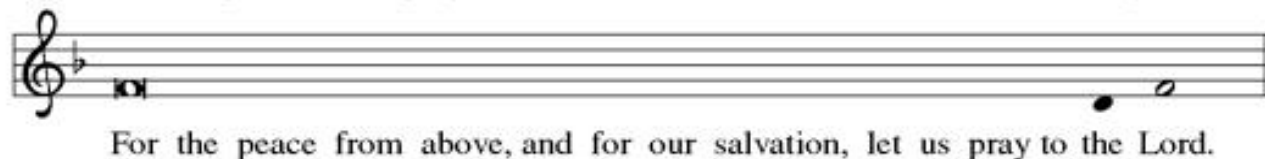
and crown thy good with broth - er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
till all suc-cess be no - ble-ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
con - firm thy soul in self - con-trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

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.**

KYRIE

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Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

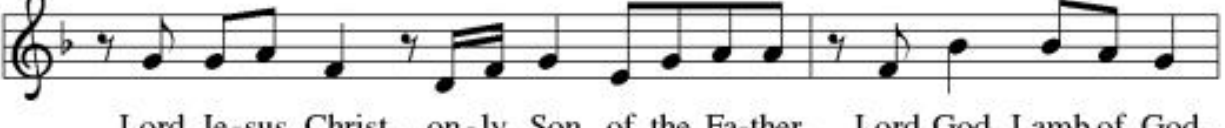
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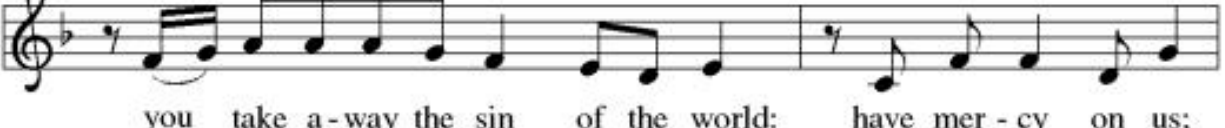
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



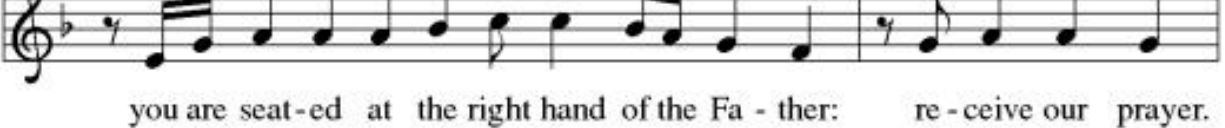
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



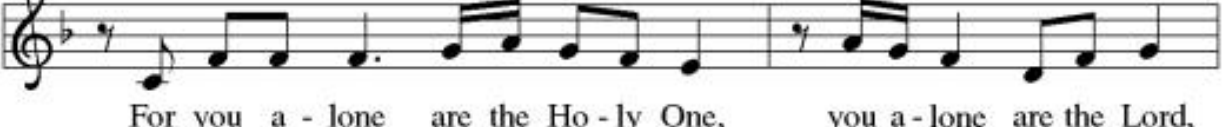
Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



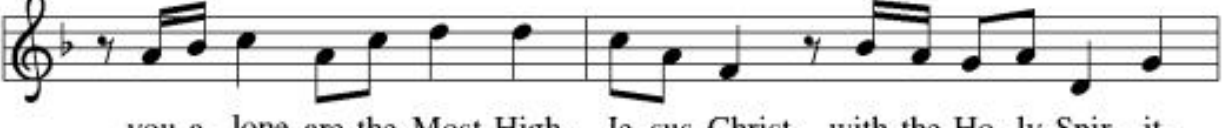
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the Resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Elise Stringer

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

A reading from Job Chapter 19:

²³ “O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 17:1-9

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 17:8)

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed | to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.
² **Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;**
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.
³ Examine my heart, visit | me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.
⁴ **I have not regarded what | others do;**
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent.
⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;
and my feet | do not slip.

⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.**

⁷ Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise
against them.

⁸ **Keep me as the apple | of your eye;
hide me under the shadow | of your wings,**

⁹ from the wicked | who assault me,
from my deadly enemies | who surround me.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

A reading from 2 Thessalonians Chapter 2:

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38**

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 20th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Elise Stringer

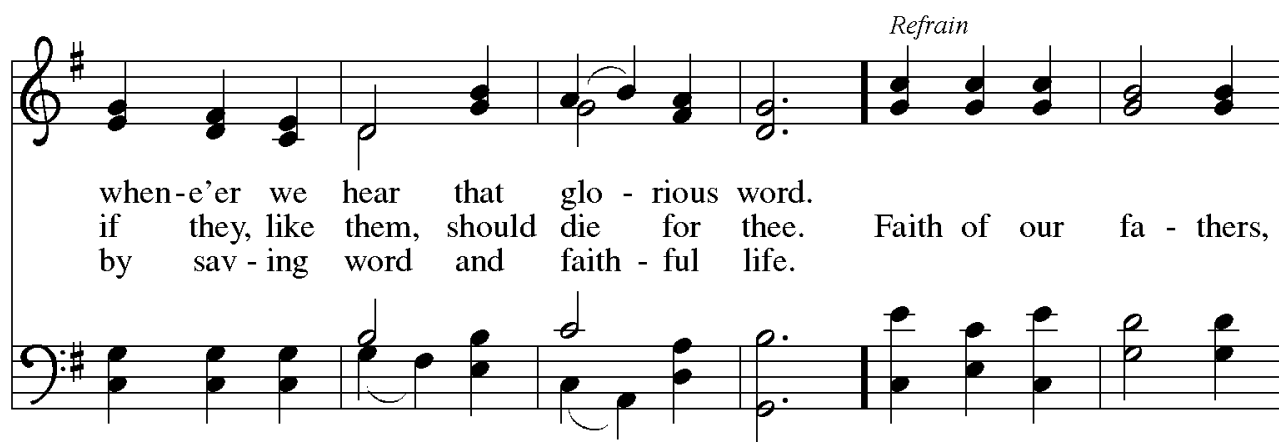


1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

APOSTLES' CREED

The assisting minister may introduce the Creed.

Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the 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

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body especially those on our prayer board and those we name before you now. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



2025 Confirmands

Aurie Dill, Harper Meloon, Tyndall Stringer, Kingston Finley,
Rose Lanning, Ava Johnson, Maxwell Howell, Dillon Howell,
and Ethan Smith

VETERAN'S DAY REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING

PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship Prayer Book for the Armed Services (Augsburg Fortress, 2013), p. 66.

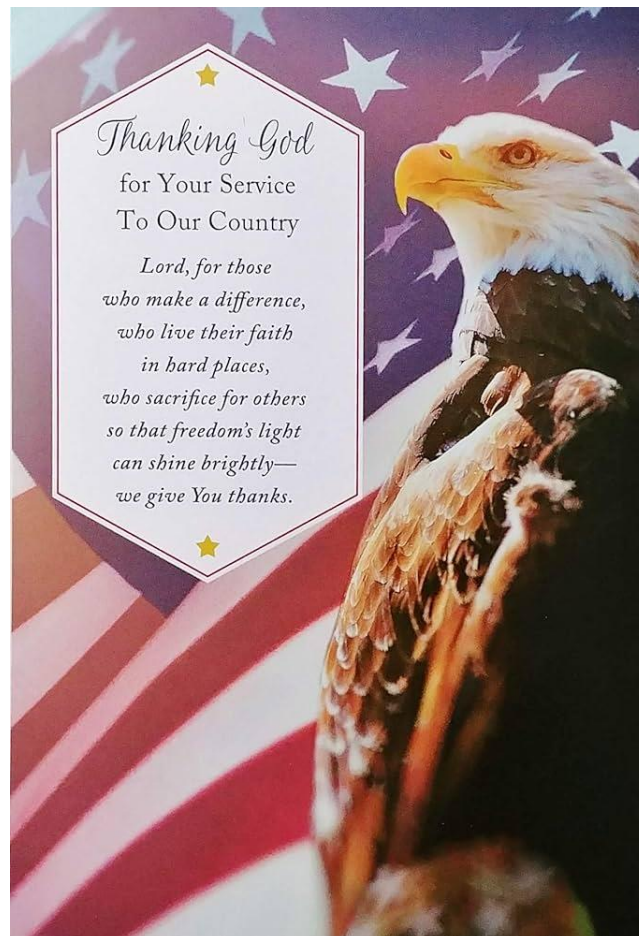
A Blessing for Veterans

The presiding minister addresses veterans who may be assembled at the baptismal font or in front of the assembly. This blessing can be preceded by brief remarks on the nature of military service and/or a scripture reading.

For everything there is a season.
A time for war and a time for peace.
A time for every activity under heaven.
For a season of life you gave up freedom to become a servant.
For a season of life you put the lives of others before your own.
For a season of life you sacrificed for the sake of others.
Your season of military service is complete,
yet your life in Christ knows no end.
In baptism Christ claimed you as his own
and grafted you into his servant body.
The burdens you carried in military service,
and those you carry now,
are not far from Christ but are taken by our Savior to the cross.
They are swallowed up in his death,
and you are raised with Christ to resurrection life.
We give thanks to God for your season of service
and for your life in Christ among us today.
May the One who gave you the will
to deny yourself, sacrifice, and serve,
bless you with faith, hope, and love all your days,
in the name of the Father, the ✠ Son,
and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us pray: Eternal God, we give thanks for all those who have shown the greatest love by laying down their lives for others. We especially thank you for those in our military throughout history who have sacrificed their lives for their fellow citizens and for us who came after. As we remember their service, keep us mindful of all those for whom this day is a burden, and send your spirit of comfort to them. Be present with all the women and men who are serving in the military today, let them live for the peace known only from you. Help us to be worthy of their legacy, and keep us mindful of their service, that in all things we may live our lives in praise and thanksgiving to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship Prayer Book for the Armed Services (Augsburg Fortress, 2013)



PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We share a sign of peace with others. We sit.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Redeemer Choir

OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



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

Offered by the Assisting minister.

Let us pray. God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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.

PREFACE

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

ELW p. 144

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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.

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal. **Amen.**

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 HYMNS

LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

ELW #712

BLESSED ASSURANCE

ELW #638

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Offered by Assisting minister.

Let us pray: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

MISSION

REDEEMER'S MISSION IS: A lifelong family ministry of God's love!

SENDING HYMN

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY

ELW #890

(printed on next page)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Kaci Cotter, Pianist

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
 with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on.
 while God is march - ing on.



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.



Serving Today

Ushers:	Gordon Johnson and Aaron Cornwell
Greeters:	Wade and Barbara Tate
Assisting Minister:	Nancy Stires
Lector 1:	Renee Phillips
Lector 2:	Elaine Finley
Acolyte:	Harper Meloon
Crucifer:	Tyndall Stringer
Cantor:	Chuck Pegram
Counters:	Aaron Cornwell, Sonny Lybrand, and Courtney Childers
Altar Guild:	Brenda Van Putten
Flowers:	Given by Arlene Biggers in memory of her father
Sheepdog:	Chris Felicia, Phil Rhoads, Beto Damian, Barbara Tate YY - Mike Miller LCY - Chris Felicia
Nursery:	Chrissy Bristow and Hannah Hester

Serving Next Week – November 16, 2025

Ushers:	Phil Rhoads and Tom Stires
Greeters:	Sonny Lybrand and Chuck Pegram
Assisting Minister:	Al Ludwigson
Lector 1:	Phil Rhoads
Lector 2:	Janet Thomas
Acolyte:	Aurie Dill
Crucifer:	Harper Meloon
Cantor:	Nancy Stires
Counters:	Del King and Harold Neel
Altar Guild:	Paula Ludwigson
Flowers:	Given by Alan Blake and Jeff McEuen in memory of Marcie Blake
Sheepdog:	Michael Lybrand, Brian Ginsberg, Tom Lewis, Wade Tate <i>Operation Christmas Child Packing Day 3-5 pm</i> Brian Ginsberg Phil Rhoads
Nursery:	Liz Miller and Lily Childers

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