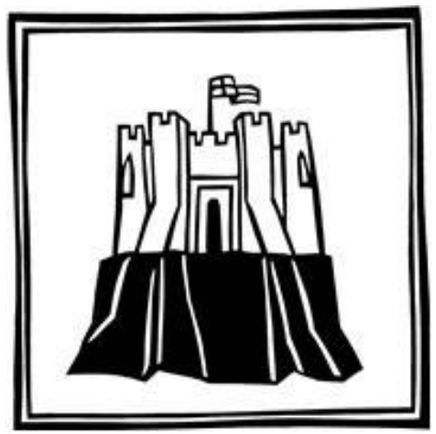

Reformation Sunday
October 25th, 2026
Redemption Lutheran Church
8001 Bustleton Ave.
Philadelphia PA 19152
www.redemptionphiladelphia.org

Pastor	- Rev. Dr. John Hoffmeyer
Music Director	- Reese Revak
Reader	- Marie Franke
Comm. Assist.	- Christine Arocho

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,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

C: 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.

P: 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.
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN – Thou Fount of Every Blessing - *ELW 807*

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.

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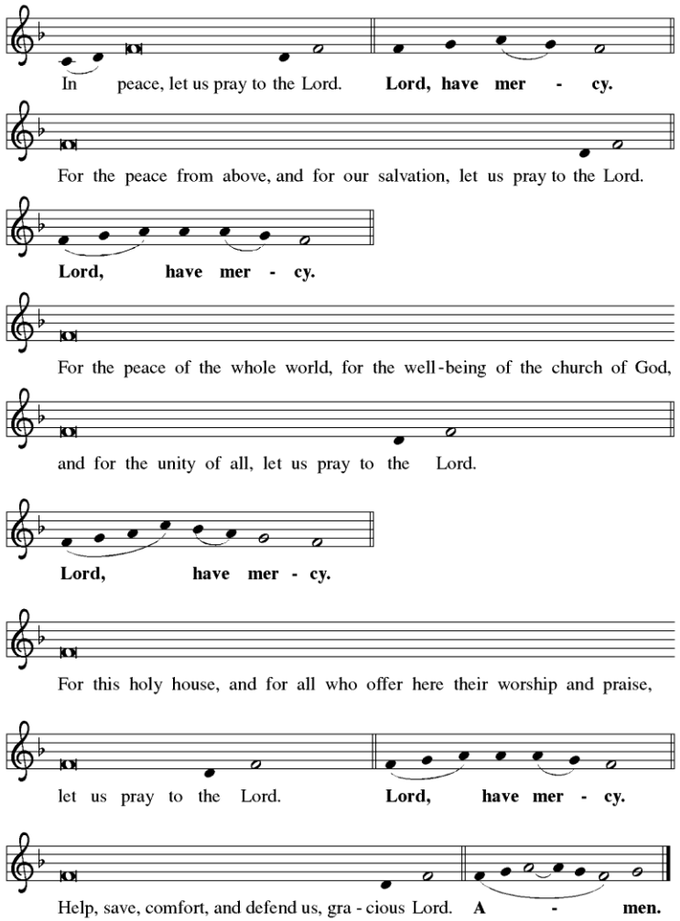

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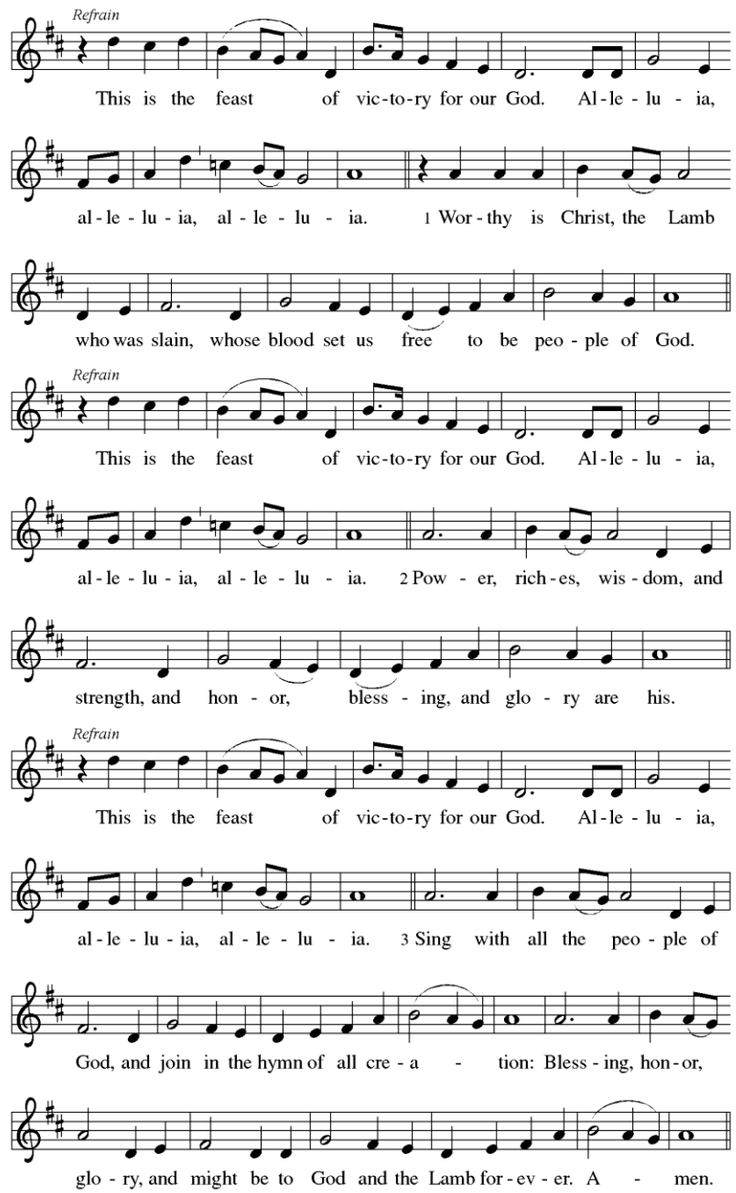
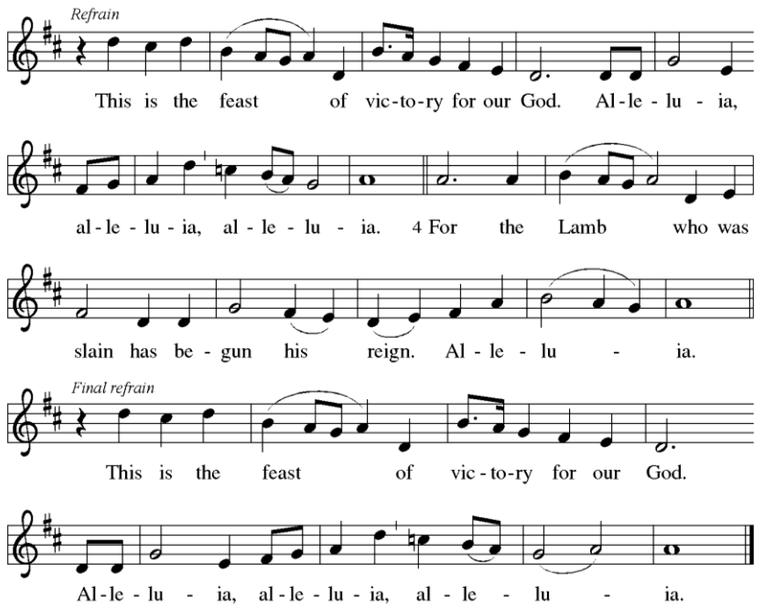

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

P: 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

R: A reading from Jeremiah

31 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. 32 It 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. 33 But 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. 34 No 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

The Psalm is read responsively.

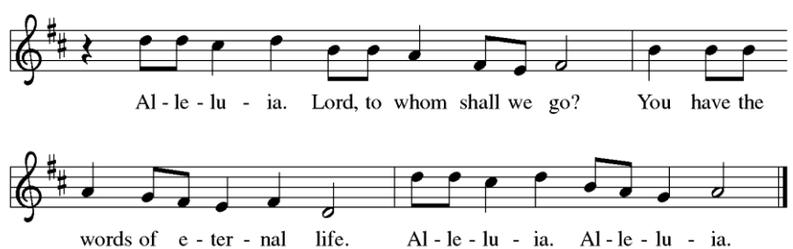
[1] God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
[2] **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,**
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
[3] though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
[4] **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,**
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
[5] God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
[6] **The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;**
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R
[7] The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
[8] **Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,**
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
[9] behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
[10] **"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
[11] The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

R: 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.
R: 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." 33 They 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'?"
34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is
a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household;
the son has a place there forever. 36 So 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 Rev. Dr. John Hoffmeyer
The assembly remains seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY- The Church of Christ, in Every Age – *ELW 729*

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 worshipped 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
Each prayer ends with the words, "Hear us, O God." and the congregation responds, **"Your mercy is great."**

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 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.
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.

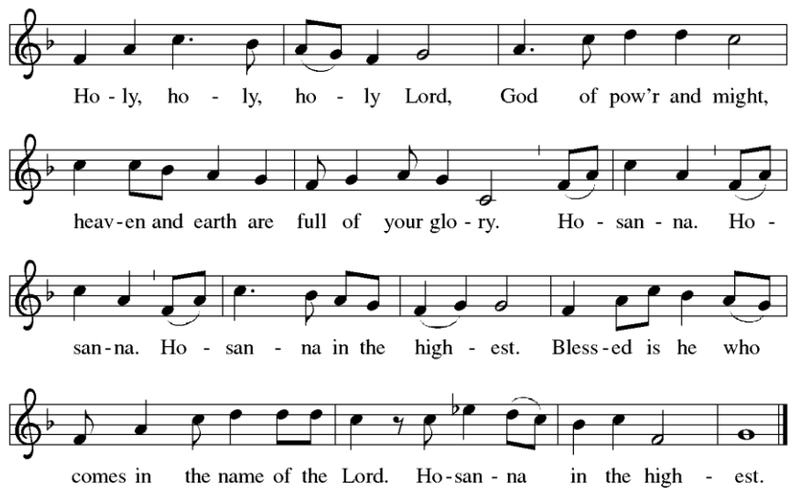
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

P: 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.

P: 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.
C: Amen.

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

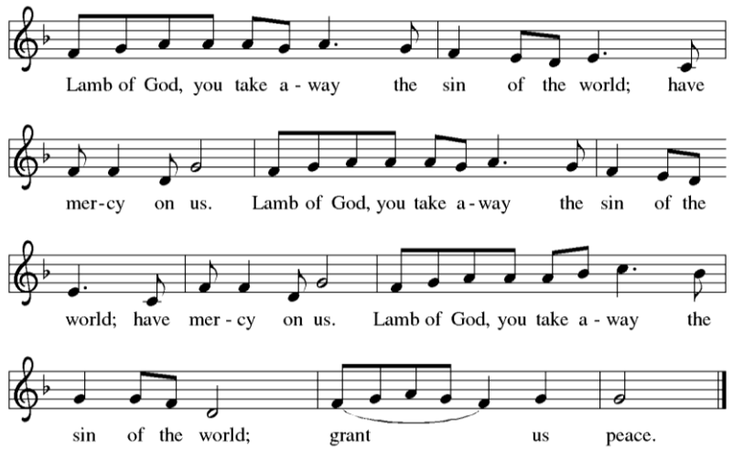
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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

COMMUNION
You are welcome to come to the rail to receive communion. The bread is gluten free, and you may dip it in the wine or grape juice. If you can t come to the rail, communion will be brought to you.

LAMB OF GOD



The assembly stands.
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P: Let us pray.
P: 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.
C: Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING
P: The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
C: Amen.

P: The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: The God of grace
✢ bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - *ELW 631*

DISMISSAL
P: Go out in joy. Be let forth in peace.
C: Thanks be to God.

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Our Prayer List

Our Members: Bob Conn, Mabel Turner, Ethel Metz, Doris LaMar, Joan Nagel
Our Community: Joe Wolf (uncle of Lynn), Kathy Schultz (cousin of Karen), Dave Speece (friend of John & Diane), Paul & Lea Ressler (friends of Arlene), Gail Rose (friend of Steve & Rita), Alaine Pepper Agnew (cousin of Karen), Chip Hand (friend of John & Diane).

Please complete a prayer request form.

Announcements

The budgeted offering for October is $6,300, and to date we have received $4,699.

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

St. John's Lutheran Church is holding a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 14 from 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Redemption will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in January 2029. If you are interested in serving on the Anniversary Committee, please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the Sanctuary. Our "Kick Off" meeting will be on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 6:30p.m.

Sunday, November 1st – All Saint's Worship Service with special music from Harpist, Daniel Benedict.

Save the Date

Sunday, November 22nd – Thanksgiving Service and Lunch in the **Upper Room at 11:00a.m.**

Saturday, December 5th – Our Annual Christmas Tea in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00p.m.

Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Worship Service at **3:00p.m**.