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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 11, 2026

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

VISITORS AND MEMBERS

Good morning and welcome! Attendance cards and offerings will be collected at the door as you enter or leave, or you can do both electronically using the QR code on the back cover of this bulletin. We are glad you're here and look forward to meeting you. If you wish, you may also send an email to pastor@redeemerchurch.org.

AS WE GATHER

There is often a worldly misunderstanding that Christianity promises a life of ease and freedom from suffering. The Scriptures reveal that disciples of Christ will face trials in this fallen world but point us to our faithful Savior who promises to never leave or forsake His dear children.

A THOUGHT FOR DISCIPLES

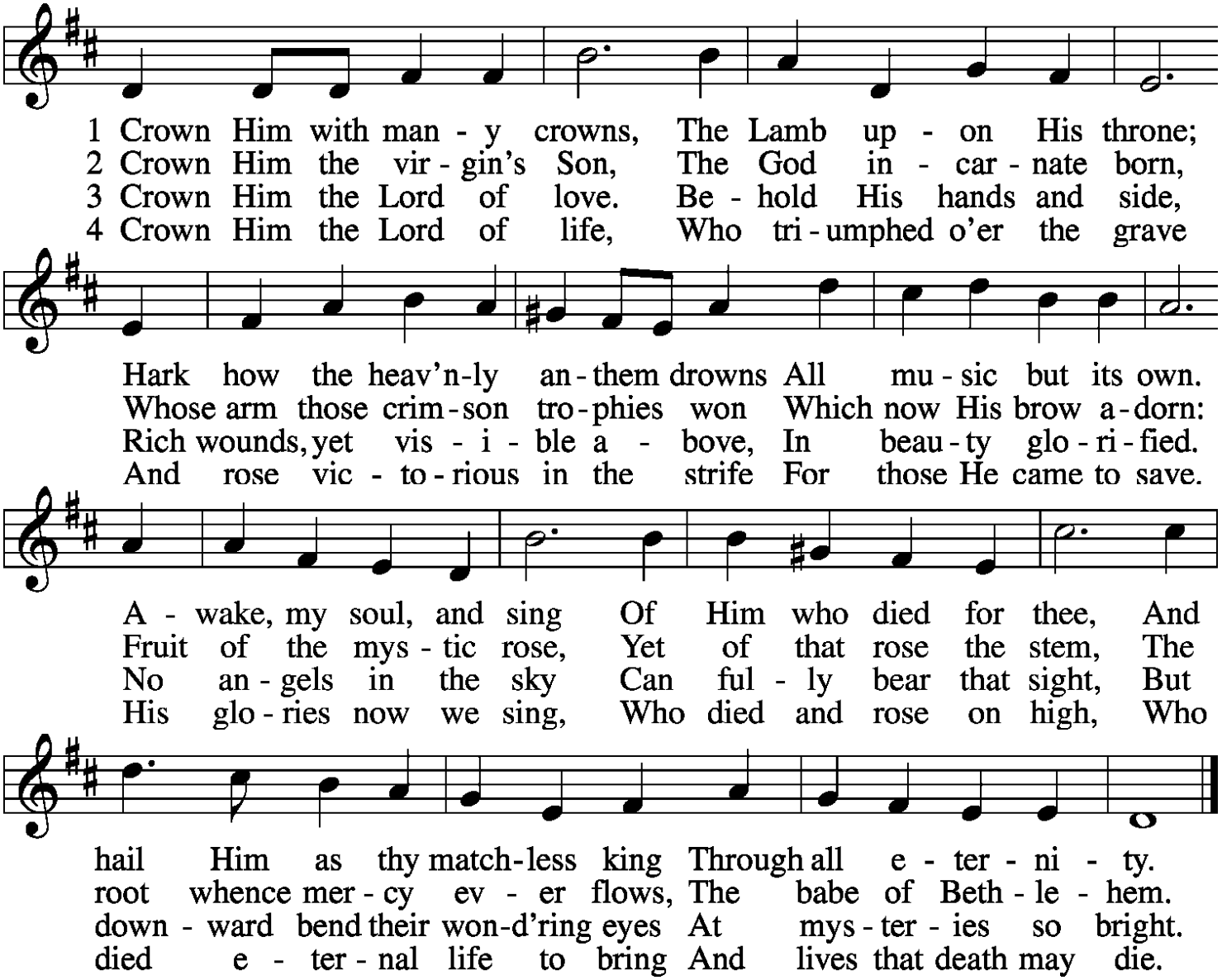
Jesus has removed our sins and swallowed up death. Difficulty and even suffering remain as remnants of the fall of humanity into sin. We rejoice in the hope of Christ Crucified, living in contentment for He will protect and provide for our every need until He welcomes us into our heavenly citizenship.

PRESERVICE MUSIC *"To God Be the Glory"*
(with Moonlight Sonata, 2nd Movement) by Doane & Beethoven, arr. Kendall R. Lord

Today's service uses portions of Divine Service IV

✝ Preparation ✝

OPENING HYMN *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* *(LSB 525 1-4)*



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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✞ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God

and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

Pastor: Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

All: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I announce God's grace to you. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✞ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PSALM *from Psalm 23*

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

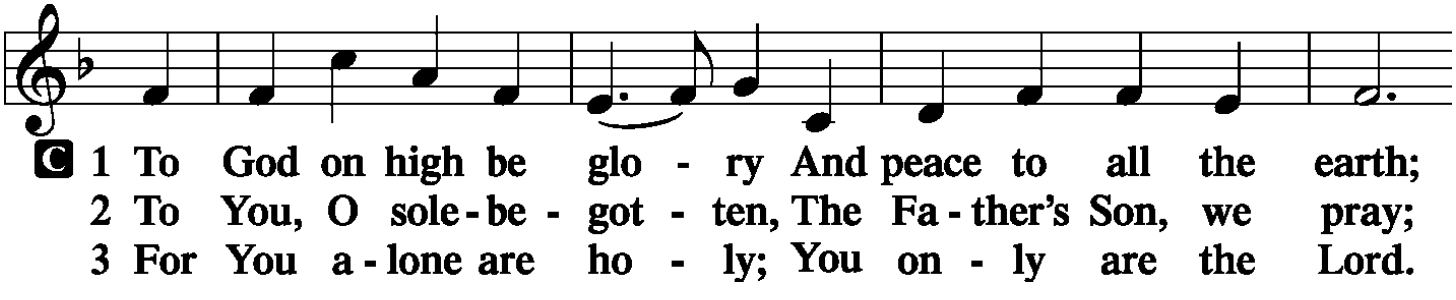
Pastor: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Glory to God in the Highest"* *(LSB 204)*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

✠ WORD ✠

(readings from the English Standard Version Bible (ESV))

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
7 And He will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
8 He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for Him;
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *Philippians 4:4-13*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. [5] Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; [6] do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8] Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

[10] I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. [11] Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. [12] I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. [13] I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 22:1-14*

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, [2] "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, [3] and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. [4] Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."' [5] But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, [6] while the rest seized his servants,

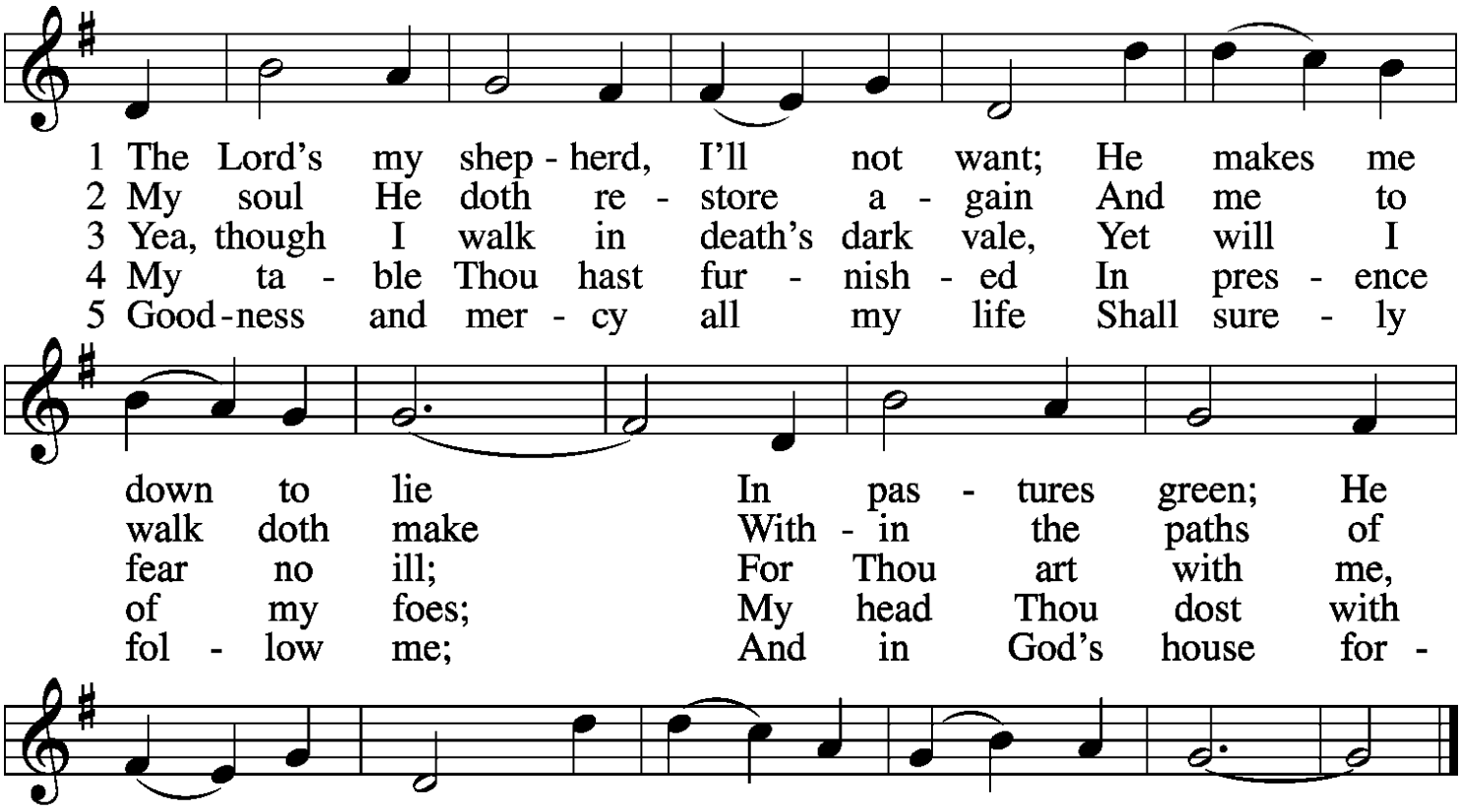
treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' 10 And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. 12 And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN *"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"* *(LSB 710)*



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SERMON

"Rejoicing in the Easter Gift"
Philippians 4:4-14

I. Rejoice in the Lord Always
- *A. The seemingly impossible in this life*
- *B. Conflict, suffering, death*
- *C. Uncertain and unpredictable*

II. The Lord is at Hand
- *A. When anxiety controls or rules*
  1. *Pray*
  2. *Vulnerable before the Lord*
  3. *Speak your need to Him*
- *B. It's too difficult to do this with thanksgiving*
- *C. A Peace & Protection*

III. Always Top of Mind
- *A. Think positive*
- *B. Honorable, Just, Pure, Lovely Commendable, Anything Excellent, Praiseworthy*
- *C. Contentment because your strength is in the Lord*

IV. Death Swallowed Up
- *A. Lifted the veil and revealed Himself*
- *B. Removed reproach*
- *C. Overcame death and wiped away sadness*
- *D. The Blessed Easter Gift*

RESPONSE OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

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REDEEMER GIVING & ATTENDANCE ONLINE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *"Jesus and the Little Children"*

OFFERTORY *"We Praise You, O God"* *(LSB 785 v.1,3)*

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✞ SACRAMENT ✞

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:
All: 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.

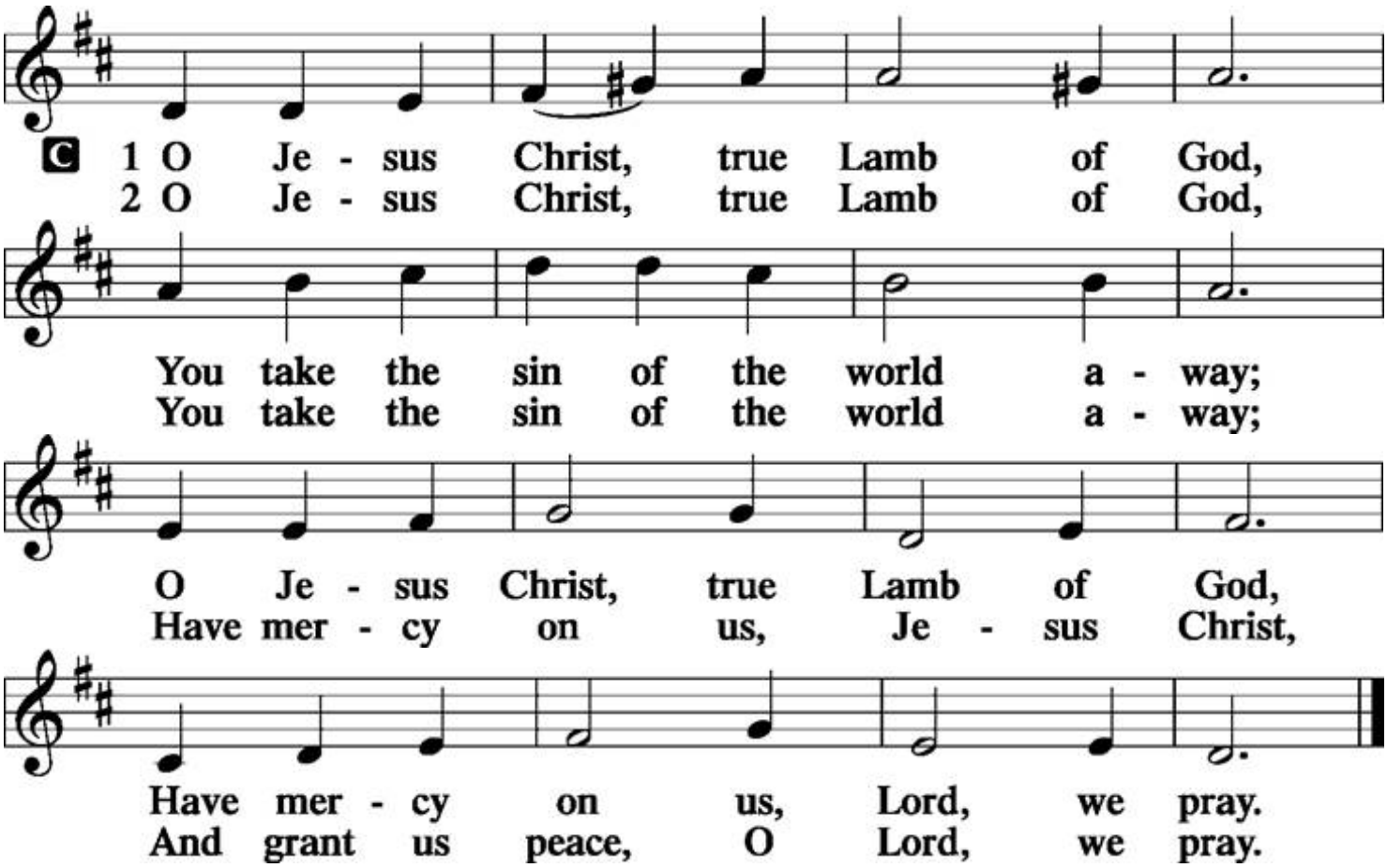
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI



DISTRIBUTION

PLEASE NOTE: Because the sacrament can be taken to one's spiritual harm if not properly understood, ***1 Corinthians 11:27***, we ask all visitors to refer to our statement of belief found inside the back cover of this service folder before communing. We are eager for you to participate fully in every aspect of this ministry, but we do not want to compromise any portion of God's Word among us.

Even if you are not partaking in this Sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest. Children are invited to come forward and receive a baptismal blessing.

Gluten-free wafers are available if your health requires it. Please ask the Pastor for one when communing. For those who prefer not to have alcohol, there is white grape juice in the cups toward the center of the tray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"The Church's One Foundation" (LSB 644)

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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5) O blessèd heir of heaven,
You'll hear the song resound
Of endless jubilation
When you with life are crowned.
In your right hand your maker
Will place the victor's palm,
And you will thank Him gladly
With heaven's joyful psalm.

6) Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen;
With joy our spirits bless
Until we see the ending
Of all our life's distress.
And so throughout our lifetime
Keep us within Your care
And at our end then bring us
To heav'n to praise You there.

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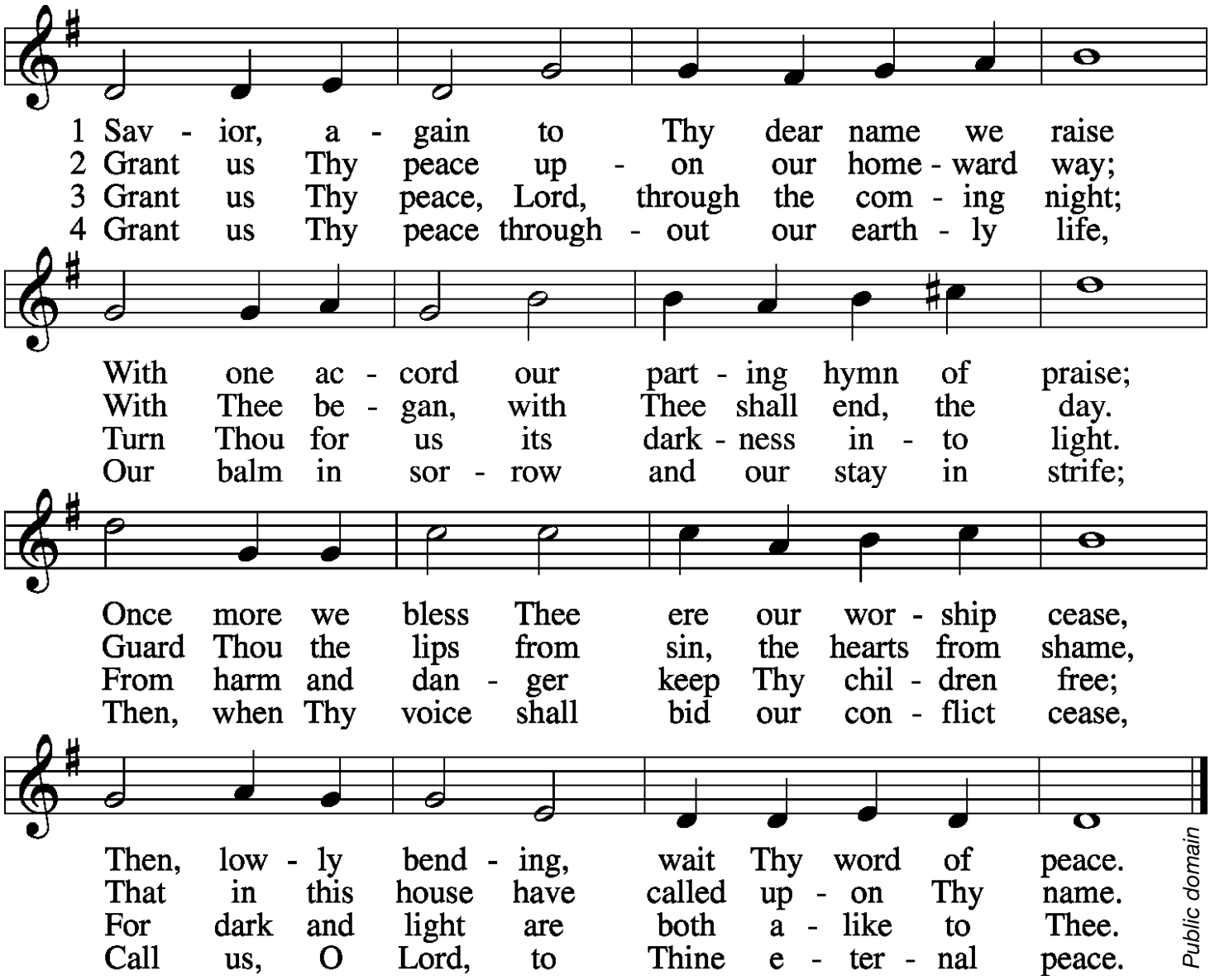
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✞ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"* *(LSB 917)*



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POSTLUDE *"A Joyous Acclamation"* *by Lani Smith*

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THE NURSERY is available for the care of your little ones. It is located in the southwest corner of the Education Wing/Preschool Hallway and is clearly marked. Please use the nursery at your convenience or when you find that the younger members of your family are disturbing your time of worship.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK @ 9:15 a.m. ADULT BIBLE STUDY:

- Galatians with Pastor Tom in the Fellowship Hall

WEEKLY 9:15AM SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES
FOR TODDLERS - HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday Morning Littles & Live! (2 yr olds - 4th Grade) meets in Room 201
Redeemer Roots - Middle School (5-8th) meets in Room 200
Redeemer Reach - High School (9-12th) meets in the Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is LWML Mite Collection Sunday

Sign Ups are out for Trunk and Treat - WE NEED YOUR TRUNKS! Trunk and Treat will be Saturday, October 24th at Newburgh from 10-12, and Evansville from 2-4. Lunch will be served at Evansville in between. Volunteers can do both sites or just one. People have also paired up and chosen to split the times as well (one works in the morning and one works in the afternoon). We also need LOTS of candy and other small treats to give away too! Contact Leanne Tharp with any questions. leanne@redeemerchurch.org

Roots & Reach t-shirts are in! If you ordered a shirt to help support our youth you can pick it up today! Please pay the $20 cost by cash or check. If you missed your chance to order and would still like one, we do have some extras. Contact Pastor Jeremy or Nicole.

Volunteers Needed Communion Setup & Cleanup, Piano Player @Newburgh, Ushers @Evansville and help with social media. If you are interested in serving, please contact Nicole in the church office.

LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) - All women interested in suggesting or planning future activities please contact Nicole in the church office at nicole@redeemerchurch.org.

2026 Life Together Conference - Concordia Lutheran in Evansville will again be hosting their annual Life Together Conference on Saturday October 17th. This will be a day for faith, fellowship, learning and encouragement as they explore "Rhythm vs Reaction: Maintaining a Christian Routine in a Chaotic World". Speakers include Rev. Dr. Richard Stuckwisch, Rev. Dr. Curtis Leins and Rev. David Wiist. Contact their office to reserve your spot! (812) 422-0384 or concordiaevansville@gmail.com. Cost is $15, pay at the door. Breakfast treats and lunch included.

✝ In Our Prayers ✝

Praise and Thanks

For Tim P's successful surgery

Grief

For the friends and family of Dolores Watkins

Illness/Recovery

Jean T Tom S Carole & Craig D

Intercession

For United Caring Services shelter, staff and residents

For dementia patients and their caregivers

For peace around the world and for persecuted Christians around the world

For our congregation and for our improvement plans beginning at Newburgh

For the success of Redeemer Preschool and Evansville Lutheran School

Wisdom for our country's leaders and all those in authority

For our military and their families; Kurt, Cason, Cody & Katy M

Redeemer Families

Mike and Delisa R

Mary C

Sandy B

Serving Today

October 11, 2026 — 8:00 am Traditional Worship:

Attending Elder & Coffee Maker: Scott Kempin — Organist: Molly Wuertz

Communion Care: Shauna Boom — Ushers: Tim Buente, Mike Buente

October 11, 2026 — 10:30 am Traditional Worship:

Attending Elder: Barry Hampton — Communion Care: Pam Keller

Usher: Joel Budke — Coffee Maker: Scott Kempin — Organist: Molly Wuertz

Serving Next Sunday

October 18, 2026 — 8:00 am Traditional Worship:

Worship Assistant: Erin Kieffner — Communion Care: Megan Kappler

Attending Elder: Chris Gamble — Coffee Makers: Bill & Michele Hosmon

Ushers: Tim Buente, Mike Buente — Organist: Molly Wuertz