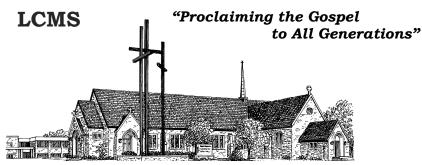
Redeemer Lutheran Church



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ALL SAINTS' OBSERVANCE

THE 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, November 2, and Sunday, November 3, 2024

<u>WELCOME!</u> We ask that all worshipers sign an attendance card. Members may hand their cards to an usher. Guests, please hand your card to the Pastor as he greets you by the door. If you are interested in membership at Redeemer, please speak to one of the Pastors.

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS: Here at Redeemer, we strive to help parents as they accompany their children's walk with Christ. We encourage families of all ages to worship with us. We understand that there are times when children's attention spans falter. To assist parents, we have activity bags located in each narthex. We have a nursery with an audio-video feed located in the southeast corner of the lower level of the church. A diaper changing station is in the nursery as well as in the main narthex bathroom and the women's bathroom on the lower level. If you have any questions, please ask an usher to assist you. At 9:45AM on Sunday, we also provide Sunday School in the Family Education Center for children from preschool through high school.

Today's liturgy is Divine Service, Setting Four, from <u>Lutheran Service Book</u> (*LSB*), © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Hymns are from *LSB* using Lutheran Service Builder © 2018 Concordia Publishing House. Reprinted/used by permission. Scripture quotations are from the *ESV® Bible* (*The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®*), Copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS WITH HYMNS are available in the main narthex.

<u>LISTENING DEVICES</u> are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak to the Elder on duty (main narthex) if you need one.

<u>PLEASE RESPECT</u> the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask you to turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you!

<u>**DID YOU FORGET**</u> your offering envelope? Extra envelopes are located in the pew pockets and in the tract rack of each narthex.

<u>PRAYER REQUESTS</u>: If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office (402-477-1710 or valerie.coleman@redeemerlincoln.org) or write it on your attendance card.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated at all services this weekend. All communicants should sign the Communion registration side of an attendance card. A common participation in the Altar of Christ assumes a common unity of faith and doctrine. We therefore ask that all guests who are not in fellowship with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod contact one of the pastors prior to the Divine Service before presenting themselves at the altar for the Holy Communion. If you are not communing this day but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the communion rail. Thank you!

PREPARE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER! As St. Paul admonishes us, we should always prepare ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:28-29). A helpful thing we can do in our preparation is...

• read the Christian Questions with Their Answers. (see <u>LSB</u>, pages 329-330)

THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: From generation to generation, You are God, O Lord. Today we celebrate the lives of those who lived in generations now past, and who now live in heaven with You. By their witness, many came to faith. And by their example, we learned what it means to serve You with our heart, soul, and mind. May looking at the ways You worked through the lives of all the saints give us confidence in our day as we seek to follow Your will and put our trust in You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(<u>LSB</u>, pp. 203-212)

THE PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION



5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

- The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- △ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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(Please stand for the last stanza)

THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P (Pastor): In the name of the Father and of the

Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (Congregation): Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

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

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.

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.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Almighty God,

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

P: 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 therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \$\mathbb{A}\$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE KYRIE (Sung; LSB, p. 204)

(Organist introduces tune)

All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Gloria in Excelsis" (Sung; LSB, p. 204)

All: To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Good-will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing— Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry, Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

THE SALUTATION (Spoken)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

P: The First Reading for our All Saints' Observance is from the 7th chapter of Revelation.

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL (Spoken)

P: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P: Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,

C: in whose heart are the highways to Zion. Rev. 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

THE EPISTLE: 1 John 3:1-3

P: The Epistle is from the 3rd chapter of 1 John.

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

THE VERSE (Sung; LSB, p. 205)

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: (Spoken) Glory to You, O Lord.

- ¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (Spoken) Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)





THE SERMON

Title: "Open the Gates of Heaven"

Text: Revelation 7:9-17

(Please stand)

THE LITANY: "Gathered Above"

(Spoken and sung; Tune: <u>LSB</u> 725 – "Children of the Heavenly Father")

P: O Risen Christ, we remember with fondness those who have been called to your eternal home:

❖ All those members of our congregation who died on or before last year's All Saints' Observance;

(Bell is rung)

All those members of our congregation who died during the past twelve months:

Lillian Maschman
Kenneth Kritner
Ginni Haase
Shirley Bokelmann
Marian Maier
Sharon Heim
Christine Irvin
Ron Garman
Willa Kritner
Felix Felicity Bloch
Julie Kreizel
Rudy Evers
Keith Milem
Matthew Cassel

(Bell is rung)

❖ And all other Christian family members, relatives, and friends who have entered eternal glory.

(Bell is rung)

C: (Sung; Organist introduces tune)

Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather; Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given. P: We still can see how You worked in their lives, O God. They truly were imitators of Your Son. And their faith in You was evident in their actions.

C: Our memories of their faces and their love are etched into our minds forever.

P: You blessed them with fruitful lives.

C: And our lives were blessed through them.

P: They now live with You, surrounded by Your presence and caressed by Your care.

C: (Sung)

God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish. From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.

P: Though we can't see them now, we know our loved ones will greet us in heaven.

C: Give us comfort and strength as we await a happy reunion.

P: Though we are separated from them now, we know we won't be separated forever.

C: Assure us again of Your promise that we will be with You and all Your saints in just a little while.

P: For nothing in all creation will be able to keep us away from Your love.

C: (*Sung*)

Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever; Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(At the conclusion of each petition, the Pastor will say, "Lord, in your mercy." The congregation should then respond, "Hear Our Prayer.")

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE OFFERING

(Please stand)

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Almighty God, like the saints and martyrs before us, we have but one thing to offer – our lives, Lord.

C: Take us. Use us. And call us at last to our heavenly rest.

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PREFACE (Spoken; LSB, p. 208)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS (Sung; LSB, p. 208)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My & body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My & blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (Sung; LSB, p. 210)

All: O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

> O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION AND THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(Distribution will be in continuous style)

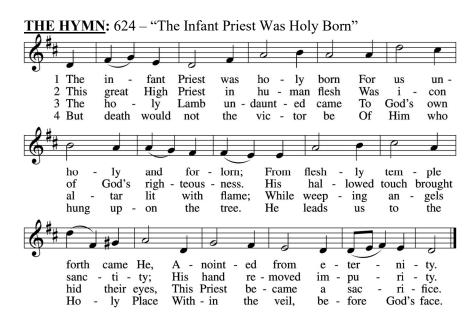
A Prayer before receiving the Sacrament

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer after receiving the Sacrament

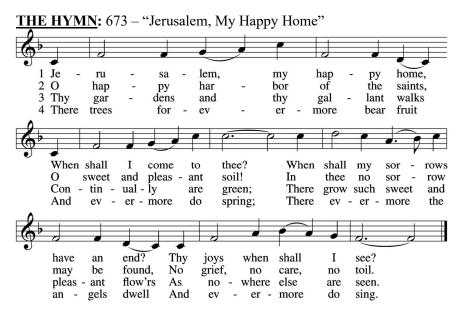
Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.





- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat; On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim
 Our voices join the endless hymn,
 And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
 To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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- Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
 Around my Savior stand;
 And soon my friends in Christ below
 Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
 For that bright home of love
 That I may see Thee and adore
 With all Thy saints above.

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- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,Soon bears us all away;We fly forgotten as a dreamDies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

THE GENERAL DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ♣ in peace.

C: Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (Sung; LSB, p. 211)

All: O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION (Spoken; LSB, p.212)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: 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.

C: (Spoken) Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE THREE CHIMES

(Please be seated)

THE POSTLUDE

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist & Celebrant: Pastor James E. Fandrey

Preacher: Pastor Joel A. C. Dietrich

Organist: Joe Herl

Acolytes: 6:00PM – Matthew Bradley

8:30AM – Joel Peterson & Joaquim Tapimo 11:00AM – Emma Gottberg & Sean Guess

Chancel Guild: Gayle Bartels & Lori Lane

Barb Bedke

Sharon Crosier & Betsy Peterson

Elder on Duty: 6:00PM – Rick Hargreaves

8:30AM – Jeremy Bloch 11:00AM – Matt Wiegert

Greeters: Main West

6:00PM Rick & Anne Hargreaves

8:30AM John & Joyce Wolff Jennifer Brown
11:00AM Jim Otte Karen Nuttleman

Head Usher: 6:00PM – Ronna Hill

8:30AM – Jeff Bedke 11:00AM – David Wiltshire

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NEWS & NOTES

ALL SAINTS' OBSERVANCE

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

"A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages" cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9–10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and countless saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND, November 9 & 10:

• Daniel 12:1–3 • Hebrews 10:11–25 • Mark 13:1–13 Prepare to worship by reading and meditating on these sections of Scripture.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Marcia Benner in loving memory of her parents, Otto & Katherine Benner.

THE BULLETIN today is given to the glory of God by the Redeemer Lutheran Foundation.



Chancel Flower Sponsorship: Open dates and number of bouquets available are November Thanksgiving Eve/Day-2, Dec. 1-2, 8-2, 22-2; Jan. 12-1, 19-2, 26-2. The cost of each bouquet is \$30. To reserve a date, please contact the church office. Please return the black liner pot to the church office within a week.

Bulletin Sponsorship: Open dates are Nov. 10, 17; Dec. 1, 15, 22, 31; Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26. The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$25. To reserve a date, please contact the church office.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE REDEEMER LAST WEEKEND

Worship Attendance: 255 (41-121-93) Bible Classes Attendance: 78 (23-55) Online Service Stream: 115

Ahead (Behind) **Unified Budget Receipts Budget Needs** \$18,202.35 10/27/24 \$11,699.15 (\$6,503.20) YTD \$738,341.04 \$782,700.88 (\$44,359.84)



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REHABILITATION: Pat & Nancy Akins (Southlake Village)



BAPTISMS



Melody Lynn Malan, infant daughter of Samuel & Jaden Malan, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Saturday morning, November 2nd. Melody's sponsors are Tyler Reinke and Haleigh Rexroth (witness).

May the Lord keep Melody in her baptismal grace!



Charlotte Victoria Von Fryda (14) & Baron Joseph Von Fryda (12), children of Kim & Sarah Fryda, will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism after the 11:00AM service this Sunday. May the Lord keep them in their baptismal grace!

Esther/Circle 4 Schedule Changes

- November meeting is **Tuesday, Nov. 19**, FEC Rm 200 at 10:30am.
- December meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 17, FEC Rm 200 at 10:30am. Please bring a Christmas devotion or story along with a potluck item.

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FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE

Annual Stewardship Empasis 2024

Next weekend, we will begin a threeweek stewardship emphasis titled Faithful Stewards of God's Grace. This program will primarily focus on 1 Peter 4:10: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."



The weekly themes are:

Week 1: "Receiving and Using God's Gifts"

Week 2: "Serve One Another"

Week 3: "Good Stewards of God's Grace"

Through faith, we understand that all that comes to us by grace is a gift from God. By grace we respond to God's call to be stewards of His creation (Genesis 2:15). God's grace not only gives us the privilege and honor to be stewards; we are empowered as stewards to use our gifts in service to others. Through faith we know that we are not to rely on our own power to do all that God asks of us. The Apostle Paul heard the Lord say, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). Sufficiency in God means not being self-reliant. Only God is sufficient for us. He lavishes His grace on us, equipping us for every good work, so that we can be His hands, feet, and mouth to the world.



PAINTBALL!

Redeemers Middle and High School Youth Group will go paintballing on Sunday, November 10, from 12:30 – 5:30PM. The cost is \$25 per youth. We invite Redeemer parents, moms, or dads to

play for free and join us for a co-ed paintball event. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to bond with their children in a fun and exciting way. Rod is looking for at least two parents. We will play at CJ's Paintball Park, located by Sprague / Martel. CJ's requires everyone playing to complete a waiver. Please go to www.cjspaintballpark.com. We are amateur-level players, and we just want to have fun. **Feel free to invite friends!**



Poinsettias

We are taking orders for Poinsettias to decorate the Church for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You can purchase one red poinsettia plant with foil wrap for \$9.00 each.

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DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

To order a plant:

- 1. Fill out the order form.
- 2. Enclose form with your check (payable to the Church).
- 3. Place your order and payment in the offering plate. Please mark it "POINSETTIA ORDERS".

OR

Mail your check and form to:

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 510 South 33rd St, Lincoln, NE 68510

| Name: | |
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| Phone #: | |
| No. Plants Ordering | Enclosed is: Cash Check |
| In Loving Memory of: | |
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| In Honor of: | |
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Please remember to pick up your poinsettia after the service on December 25th.

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Thanksgiving Baskets

For Hartley Elementary

To again help families at Hartley this Thanksgiving, please consider making a gift. Place the amount you are going to give in your envelope, mark it *Thanksgiving Baskets*, and place it in the offering. Another great way to donate is through the electronic giving option on our website. (Go to Redeemer's website: redeemerlincoln.org. On the top right of the homepage is an icon labeled *Giving*. Click that, then click donate. Then just fill in the option to give to Thanksgiving baskets.) Please prayerfully consider helping again this year.

For 2024 our goal is to provide a total of 90 Thanksgiving Baskets: 75 for Hartley and 15 for community members in need.

Fundraising Goal: \$4,400 --- Donated so far: \$1,515.65

Thank you for helping the Board for Human Care to serve others in this way year after year!

REDEEMER'S BELIZE MISSION SOCIETY

The Belize Mission Society is a multi-generational, growing network of Christians that step into parts of Belize that others have not so that they get introduced to Jesus.

Redeemer's arm of the society is going to Belize in early spring of 2025. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, November 17, at 12:15PM in FEC Room 200**. The society invites you and others to share your love of the mission. This meeting is of utmost importance as it provides a platform to share our love for the mission, discuss our plans, and provide an opportunity to ask any questions. We will do our best to keep the meeting under 45 minutes.

More importantly, it will serve as a time for everyone to confirm their commitment to moving forward with the application process and budgeting personal and group financial responsibilities. If you have any questions before the meeting, please contact Chris Bolte or DCE Rod Lane. (Info about the Society is at belizemissionsociety.net.)

Give Hands-On Thanksgiving Basket Help!

Donate your time & hands to help assemble and distribute Redeemer's Thanksgiving baskets & quilts to Hartley families from our neighborhood.



There are two opportunities to help out:

- **1. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 6:45-8:00PM:** A large truck will arrive from Super Saver and bulk dry goods will be unloaded and distributed in meal containers. Volunteers will also assist in bringing quilts over from the church to the FEC for distribution the following morning.
- **2. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, 8:30-10:30AM:** A large truck will arrive from Super Saver and bulk frozen/chilled goods will be unloaded into the FEC. Volunteers will also help distribute food to families.

If you are interested in helping on these days, please sign up in the church narthex!

New Freezer Meal Ministry

The Board for Human Care is beginning a freezer meal ministry to provide meals for any member of our local and Redeemer communities. Starting



November 10th, if you or a family or friend you know could benefit from a meal, please stop by the freezer at the bottom of the main stairs in the FEC and choose one! (Church Office Hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00AM-4:00PM.) The meals will be made using a standardized recipe which will be affixed to the pan with baking instructions. All are welcome to partake in this by not only taking meals, but by volunteering to make meals if you are so able. Those wanting to volunteer or learn more about this opportunity may call or text Alexandra Branding at 402-580-5034.

Christmas at Concordia Concerts

Christmas at Concordia is a cherished annual tradition of hymns, scripture readings and original music from Concordia students and faculty. More than 3,000 attendees travel from all over the country to attend the concert series, which features the A Cappella Choir, Symphonic Band, Male Chorus, Handbell Choir, Cantamus Women's Choir and University Brass Ensemble.

Concerts are at St. John's Lutheran Church - Seward, NE.

Friday, Dec. 6 at 7:00PM Saturday, Dec. 7 at 3:00 & 7:00PM Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3:00PM

Christmas Buffet: Saturday, Dec. 7, 4:30-6:45PM

Starting Nov. 4th, tickets will be available to the General Public online at www.cune.edu/christmas.

Tickets go fast—so plan ahead if you would like to go!

Lincoln Lutheran Choir Concerts

Sunday, November 17, 3:00PM Grace Lutheran Church in Lincoln

(Also in Beatrice on Nov. 10, 3:00PM, St. Paul's Lutheran)

The Lincoln Lutheran Choir, under the direction of Artistic Director Jon Marquez and Accompanist Kayla Wombacher, will be performing a concert of sacred music. The Choir is a 35-voice ensemble comprised of passionate singers from high schoolers to retirees. This year the Choir is observing its 45th Anniversary. The concert theme is 'Thy Word Was Made Flesh, and Mr. Marquez has chosen an impressive variety of beautifully interesting pieces, including arrangements of Mary Had a Baby, How Can I Keep From Singing, Beautiful Savior and I Know That My Redeemer Lives. Particularly intricate and inspiring are Sanctus by Randall Johnson and Lamentations of Jeremiah by Z. Randall Stroope. There is no admission charge for the concert, but a free-will offering will be gathered. All are welcome!

Sunday School Topic - Nov. 3

ASK YOUR CHILD WHAT THEY LEARNED TODAY!

The Matthew Matter: Jesus Calls Matthew, Matthew 9:9-13

"The Matthew Matter" is the title of today's lesson. Jesus encounters Matthew sitting at his tax booth. He tells Matthew to follow Him, and Matthew responds immediately, inviting Jesus to his home. There, Jesus and His disciples dine with other tax collectors and sinners despite the criticism of the Pharisees. When Jesus hears their comments, He reminds them that only those who recognize the sickness of their sin rejoice in the healing He alone can provide.



Women of Redeemer (LWML) are Collecting the following . . .



BEST CHOICE LABELS: PLEASE BRING IN YOUR BEST CHOICE LABELS BY NOV. 24th. WE NEED JUST 225 MORE TO NET \$150! Simply cut out the UPC labels from Best Choice products (available at Super Saver, Russ' Market, and Leons). Place your labels in the marked bin in the coat room. This is an easy way to contribute to this fundraiser for missions!

OLD EYE GLASSES: MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) and the LCMS are collecting old eyeglasses. So far over 157,000 glasses have been collected for 52 countries. Place your old eyeglasses in the marked tub in the coat room.

<u>BACK POCKET OF JEANS</u> (with the fabric that the pocket is sewn to) from adult sizes. This is for a servant event at the LWML National Convention. Place donations in the marked bin in the coat room.

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November 3 - 10

| Sun 3 8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services with Holy Communion | |
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| 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall) | |
| Mon 4 11:30AM-Staff Meeting (FEC Conference Room) | |
| 4:30PM-LWML Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall) | |
| 6:00PM-Men's Night Fellowship (FEC Room 200) | |
| 9:30-10:30AM—Weekday Communion | |
| 7:00PM-Redeemer Bells (Balcony) | |
| 7:00PM-Youth Board (Zoom) | |
| 9:30AM-Women's Bible Study (FEC Conference Room) | |
| 3:30-6:30PM-Confirmation (FEC) | |
| 7:00PM-Redeemer Choir (Sanctuary Choir Loft) | |
| 2:30PM-Care Giver Support Group (FEC Room 200) | |
| Pastor Dietrich's Day Off | |
| DCE Rod Lane's Day Off | |
| 8:15AM-Personnel Committee (FEC Room 200) | |
| 9:30AM-Chancil Guild (FEC Room 200) | |
| 6:00PM-Divine Service | |
| Sun 10 8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services | |
| 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall) | |
| 12:30-5:30PM-Paintball Activity (CJ's Paintball) | |
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