

**REDEEMER**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Welcome

Welcome to Redeemer Presbyterian Church! We are glad that you have joined with us to worship God. Please stay after the service and get to know others in our community who are calling Redeemer Presbyterian Church “home.” If you have any questions about our church, feel free to contact us using the information on the back of the bulletin.

When you arrive for worship, please observe silence as you prepare to enter into God’s Divine Service. Silence your cell phone, listen to the prelude, read the Words of Preparation and the Scripture lessons in the back of the bulletin, and join others in prayer and meditation.

## Our Worship

Our service is intentionally structured to reflect our belief that worship is God’s service to us, his people. By design, there are three parts to our worship: the Service of Entrance, the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Table.

The **Service of Entrance** begins when the choir sings the Introit, followed by our Hymn of Invocation, Call to Worship, and Prayer of Adoration. We will then join in a Corporate Confession of Sin, hear God’s Declaration of Absolution, and respond with the Gloria and Hymn of Gratitude or Psalm.

The **Service of the Word** will include readings from the Lectionary (a calendar-based system for reading through the Bible) along with corporate responses of song and prayer. The sermon is God’s Word to us and we ask that you listen attentively, asking the Holy Spirit to apply his Word to you in a particular way.

The **Service of the Table** begins with a Corporate Confession of Faith, followed by the Passing of the Peace, and the Collection of Tithes and Offerings. Our service concludes with the Lord’s Supper and Benediction. Our church partakes of the Lord’s Supper every week. We welcome to the table all baptized Christians who are trusting in Christ alone for their salvation, have made public profession of their faith, and are part of a local church. We offer both wine and grape juice (located in the center rings) in the communion tray. If you have any questions, please speak with a pastor.

## Your Children

We love kids! And we try to make them feel welcome during our worship service. You can help your children profit from the service by working through the bulletin with them. If your child needs a break from the service, please feel free to sit in the Narthex where you can still hear the service. You can also take young children to the Nursery. A private space is provided in the Nursery for nursing mothers.

## Between Services

Please join us in the courtyard for a time of fellowship with coffee and breakfast snacks. At 10:15 a.m., we offer School of Discipleship classes for all ages in Calvin Hall, with nursery through Kindergarten downstairs, and first grade through adults meeting on the second floor.

Liturgical Color: Green – symbolizes our growth in Christ.

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# THE DIVINE SERVICE

September 22, 2024

*The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Day*

*In Preparation*



*Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.*

**PRELUDE**

Stephen Burnaman

*Partita on 'O Gott Du Frommer Gott', BWV 767 — Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

Oh God, you righteous God, you wellspring of all gifts,  
Without whom nothing is that is, from whom we have everything,  
Grant me a healthy body, and grant that in that body  
An unvexed soul and clean conscience might abide.

**WORDS OF PREPARATION**

Jeremiah 11:18-20

The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith, that we may please you in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# The Service of Entrance



## CHORAL INTROIT

*Lead Me, Lord* — Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,  
Make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,  
That makest me dwell in safety.

## ❖ HYMN OF ENTRANCE

Francis of Assisi, c. 1225

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623



1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and  
2. *Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in*  
3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy  
4. *And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,*  
5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in



with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with  
*heav'n a - long, O — praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in*  
Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter -  
*take your part, O — sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and*  
hum - ble - ness, O — praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther,



gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,  
*praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,*  
ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light, O praise him,  
*sor - row bear; praise God and on him cast your care,*  
praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one.



O praise him, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Minister: Bless the LORD O my soul,  
**People: And all that is within me bless his holy name!**  
 Minister: Bless the LORD O my soul,  
**People: And forget not all his benefits.**  
 Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**People: Amen.**  
 Minister: Let us pray.

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. **Amen.**

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Nikolaus Decius, 1531

O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG

German chorale, 1540

Pure and sin-less Lamb of God, who on the cross did suf-fer. Pa-tient, still, and  
 low-ly, thy-self to scorn did of-fer. Our sins by thee were ta-ken, or  
 hope had us for-sak-en: have mer-cy on us, O Je-sus!

Minister: Hear what the LORD our God says, “The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

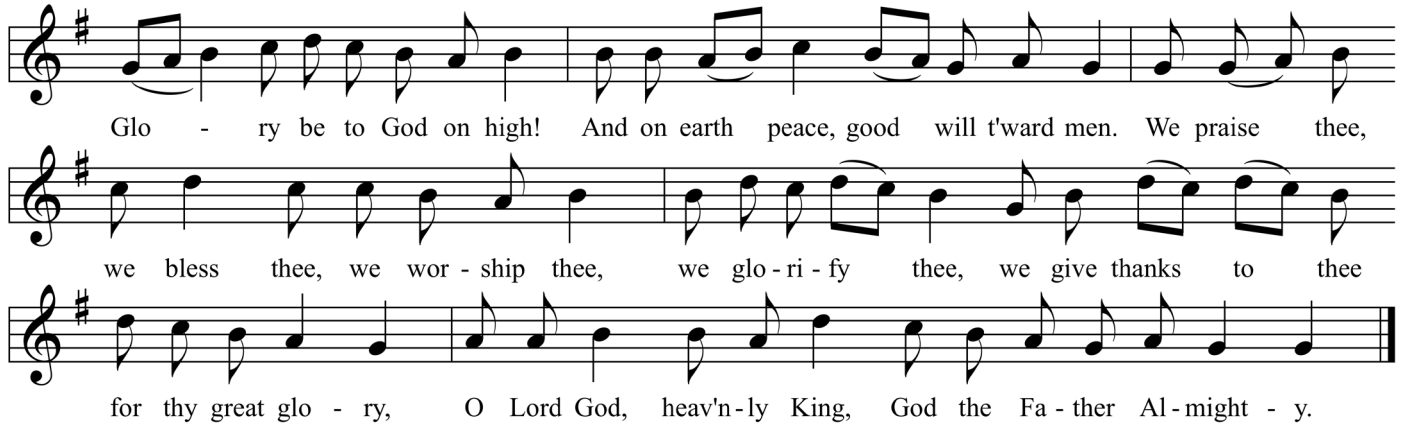
Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: “Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification.” All you who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

- ❖ Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**People: the Maker of heaven and earth.**  
 Minister: O Lord, open our lips,  
**People: and our mouth will declare your praise.**

Gloria in excelsis

Nikolaus Decius



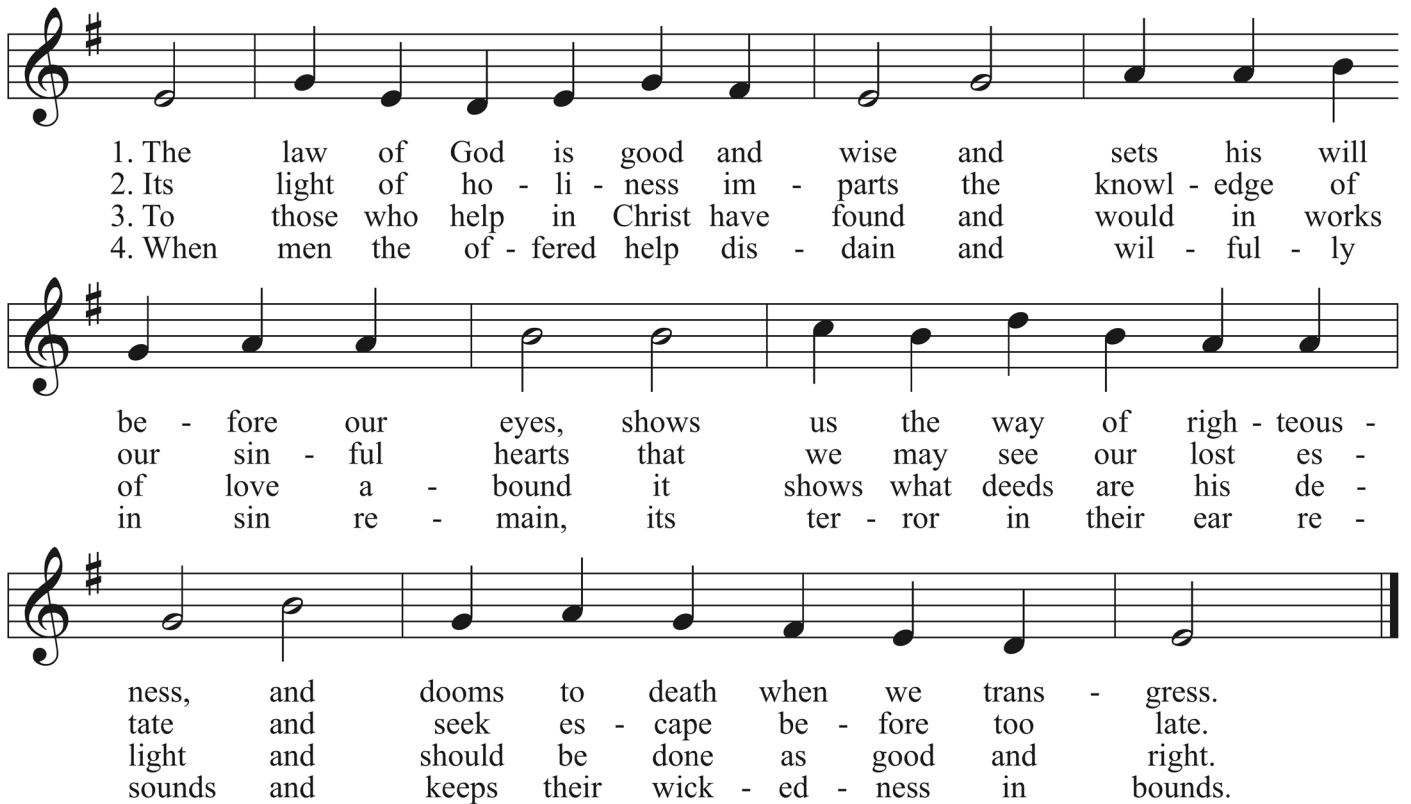
Glo - ry be to God on high! And on earth peace, good will t'ward men. We praise thee,  
we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee  
for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.

❖ THE GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Matthias Loy, 1828-1915

ERHALT UNS HERR

Joseph Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543



1. The law of God is good and wise and sets his will  
2. Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts the knowl - edge of  
3. To those who help in Christ have found and would in works  
4. When men the of - fered help dis - dain and wil - ful - ly  
be - fore our eyes, shows us the way of righ - teous -  
our sin - ful hearts that we may see our lost es -  
of love a - bound it shows what deeds are his de -  
in sin re - main, its ter - ror in their ear re -  
ness, and dooms to death when we trans - gress.  
tate and seek es - cape be - fore too late.  
light and should be done as good and right.  
sounds and keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5. The law is good; but since the fall  
Its holiness condemns us all;  
It dooms us for our sin to die  
And has no pow'r to justify.

6. To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
Who from the curse has set us free,  
And humbly worship at his throne,  
Saved by his grace through faith alone.

# The Service of the Word



## THE EPISTLE LESSON

James 3:13—4:10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## THE PSALTER

**Antiphon:**

Psalm 54

Psalm 54: 4

*Organ:* *Everyone:*



God is my help-er; the Lord sus-tains my life.

Choir: Save me, O God, by your Name; in your might, defend my cause. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

**All: Antiphon**

Choir: For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God. Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

**All: Antiphon**

Choir: I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good. For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

**All: Antiphon**

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THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:30-37

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Carolina Sandell Berg, 1855

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

Traditional Swedish melody



1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly  
 2. *God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his*  
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the  
 4. *Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, your pro -*  
 5. Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his



in his bo - som gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in  
*ho - ly courts they flour - ish; from all e - vil things he*  
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he  
*tec - tor nev - er slum - bers; at the will of your de -*  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; his the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
*spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.*  
 show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
*fend - er ev - 'ry foe - man must sur - ren - der.*  
 sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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❖ OUR RESPONSE



## WELCOME

*At this time, please sign and pass the attendance pads down the row.*

## CHORAL PRAYER

*Lord, in Thy Mercy Grant Us Peace* – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Lord, in thy mercy grant us peace  
Throughout all generations;  
Thou art alone our sword and shield,  
Lord who dost guide the nations.  
Defend us, O God, we pray thee.

(Martin Luther, 1483-1546)

## PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Andrew Waller

**Unison: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## INTERLUDE

### ❖ THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 13:1-14

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### ❖ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## MORNING SERMON

Rev. Eric Landry

*Almost Faithful*

1 Samuel 13:1-14



## Redeemer's Worship: Why We Do What We Do

### "O sing praises unto the Lord."

The scriptures abound with references and admonitions for God's people to sing. The word "sing" occurs over 80 times in the Psalter. Here at Redeemer, we are blessed to have a 30-year practice of substantive congregational and choral singing. In today's service we will sing 14 times!

One of the ways we learn biblical theology is to sing what we believe, singing to God and singing to one another as a testimony of our faith. In the act of singing, we are involving all our senses in making God's truth a part of our whole being.

This practice is beautifully borne out in Colossians 3:16-17, "Let the word of Christ **dwel in you richly** teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

The Redeemer Choir leads us in our worship, both in our musical and liturgical responses. They are strategically placed behind the congregation to lend their support, symbolically putting their encouraging arms around us. As we gather for the Divine Service, they will sing a short introit (short musical call to worship) leading to the Hymn of Invocation. Later in the service, the choir will sing an anthem. In the Redeemer Choir, we are blessed with an amazing group of people who have committed their time and gifts, for about eight hours a week, to serve us in this ministry. They rehearse on Wednesday evenings and sing in about 110 services per year!

Each Sunday as we gather, we may want to ask, "Did the music ministry today cause the word of Christ to dwell in us richly?" "Did we teach and admonish one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs?" "Did we sing with gratitude in our hearts to God for Christ's finished work on the cross?"

#### ◆ Psalms & Hymns

Our psalm singing will be selected from our own set of metrical settings or we will chant the designated psalm for the day.

At Redeemer we have carefully cultivated a corpus of approximately 180 hymns. Each week we sing about six of those hymns. They are selected for each service, often based on the scripture lessons. These include hymns that are seasonal and are utilized on specific days and seasons of the church year.

#### ◆ Hymn of Invocation

The opening hymn focuses on God and provides the opportunity to praise him in all of his glory and work on behalf of us his people.

#### ◆ Votum and Gloria

The votum (vow or prayer) is a confessional response to God's command to worship and is based on Psalm 124:6. It follows immediately after our corporate confession of sin and the pastor's absolution. Here the worshipers declare their total dependence on God.

#### ◆ Doxology

The Doxology is an expression of praise to God and concluding with praise to the Trinity. We sing this text each week during the presentation of our tithes and offerings. We sing this text to four familiar tunes.

#### ◆ Choral Anthem

Each week the choir will sing an anthem based on texts taken from the scriptures, hymns, or poetical verses. In the course of a year, these short pieces will be by composers spanning almost five centuries. The texts will always be printed in the bulletin to aid in your own understanding, prayer, and meditation of these texts.

#### ◆ Sanctus

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is sung at the conclusion of the Sursum Corda (It is very good and right...). This is the moment when our pastor invites us to the Lord's Table. The Sanctus is based on Isaiah's vision of the Lord in Isaiah 6:1-3.

# *The Service of the Table*



## ❖ CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**Unison:** 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead;**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## ❖ PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**People: And also with you!**

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."*

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: **the world, and they that dwell therein.**

## HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1739

GERMANY

William Gardiner, 1815



1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness my beau - ty  
 2. Bold shall I stand in that great day cleansed and re -  
 3. Lord, I be - lieve thy pre - cious blood, which at the  
 4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee, whose bound - less



are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst flam - ing worlds, in  
 deemed, no debt to pay; for by thy cross ab -  
 mer - cy seat of God pleads for the cap - tives'  
 mer - cy hath for me - for me a full a -



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.  
 solved I am from sin and guilt, from fear and shame.  
 lib - er - ty, was al - so shed in love for me.  
 tone - ment made, an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.

5. When from the dust of death I rise  
 To claim my mansion in the skies,  
 This then shall be my only plea:  
 Christ Jesus lived and died for me.

6. O let the dead now hear thy voice;  
 Now bid thy banished ones rejoice;  
 Their beauty this, their glorious dress,  
 Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

❖ Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty;  
 for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

DOXOLOGY

DUKE STREET

John C. Hatton, d. 1793



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all



crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## ❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Minister: Gracious God and Father, with grateful hearts we present to you these tithes and offerings, together with all that we are. Multiply these gifts and increase their usefulness. Set your blessing upon us all, supplying our every need according to your riches and glory in Christ Jesus, in whose mighty name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

## ❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

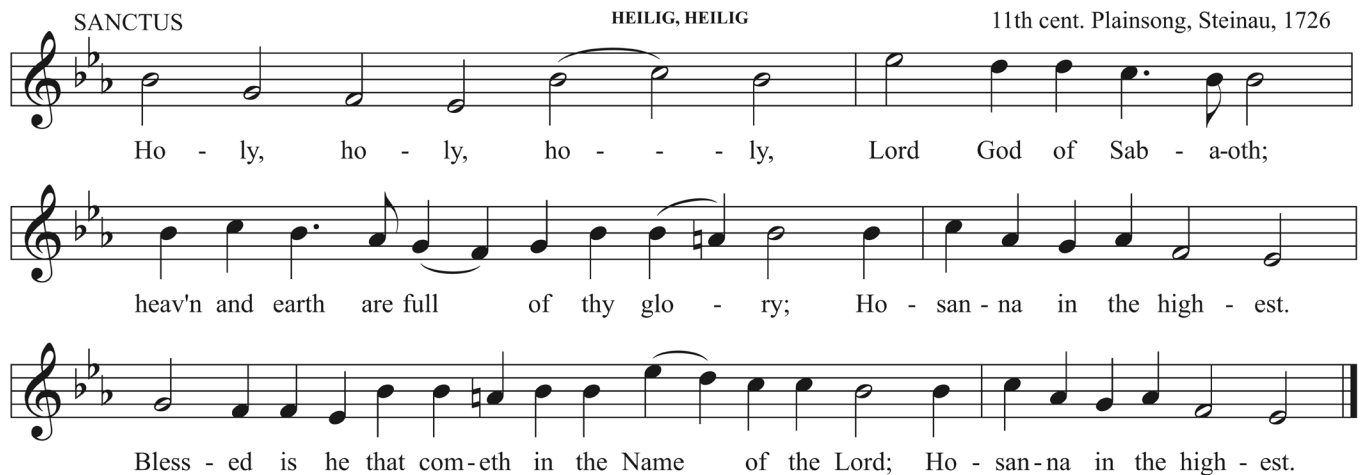
People: **It is good and right to do so!**

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

HEILIG, HEILIG

11th cent. Plainsong, Steinau, 1726



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Sab - a-oth;

heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord; Ho - san-na in the high - est.

# INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-24)

George Herbert, 1593-1633

THE CALL

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958



1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way, as gives us  
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light, as shows a  
3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy, as none can



breath: such a Truth as ends all strife: such a  
feast: such a Feast, as mends in length: such a  
move: such a Love, as none can part: such a



Life as kill - - - - - eth death.  
Strength, as makes his guest.  
Heart, as joys in love.

# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:25)

*Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695*

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Melchior Vulpius, 1609



1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
 2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
 3. The three sad days have quick - ly sped,  
 4. He broke the age - bound chains of hell;



now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won; now be the  
 but Christ their le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of  
 he ris - es glo - rious from the dead. All glo - ry  
 the bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell. Let hymns of



song of praise be - gun.  
 ho - ly joy out - burst.  
 to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise his tri - umph tell.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ DEPARTING HYMN

*Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695*

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Melchior Vulpius, 1609

5. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee,  
from death's dread sting thy ser - vants free, that we may  
live and sing to thee. Al - le - lu -  
ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



## LESSONS

### **Psalm 54**

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, for your Name's sake,  
and avenge me in your strength.

<sup>2</sup>Hear my prayer, O God,  
and hearken to the words of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup>For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and tyrants, who do not have God before their eyes, seek after my life.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, God is my helper;  
the Lord is he who upholds my life.

<sup>5</sup>He shall repay the evil of my enemies.  
O destroy them in your faithfulness.

<sup>6</sup>A freewill offering will I give you,  
and praise your Name, O Lord, because it is good.

<sup>7</sup>For he has delivered me out of all my trouble,  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my enemies.

### **James 3:13—4:10**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

<sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>4:1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

<sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

<sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

### **Mark 9:30-37**

<sup>30</sup>They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

### **1 Samuel 13:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Saul lived for one year and then became king, and when he had reigned for two years over Israel, <sup>2</sup>Saul chose three thousand men of Israel. Two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and the hill country of Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. The rest of the people he sent home, every man to his tent. <sup>3</sup>Jonathan defeated the garrison of the Philistines that was at Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, “Let the Hebrews hear.” <sup>4</sup>And all Israel heard it said that Saul had defeated the garrison of the Philistines, and also that Israel had become a stench to the Philistines. And the people were called out to join Saul at Gilgal. <sup>5</sup>And the Philistines mustered to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots and six thousand horsemen and troops like the sand on the seashore in multitude. They came up and encamped in Michmash, to the east of Beth-aven. <sup>6</sup>When the men of Israel saw that they were in trouble (for the people were hard pressed), the people hid themselves in caves and in holes and in rocks and in tombs and in cisterns, <sup>7</sup>and some Hebrews crossed the fords of the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul was still at Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling. <sup>8</sup>He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him. <sup>9</sup>So Saul said, “Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the peace offerings.” And he offered the burnt offering. <sup>10</sup>As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came. And Saul went out to meet him and greet him. <sup>11</sup>Samuel said, “What have you done?” And Saul said, “When I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines had mustered at Michmash, <sup>12</sup>I said, ‘Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the favor of the LORD.’ So I forced myself, and offered the burnt offering.” <sup>13</sup>And Samuel said to Saul, “You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the LORD your God, with which he commanded you. For then the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. <sup>14</sup>But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.”

# Redeemer Calendar

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

<b>Sun, Sep 22</b>	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.  10:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>The Divine Service</b> , Rev. Eric Landry preaching <b>Sanctuary model display open</b> , Room 100 <b>School of Discipleship classes</b> , For all ages in Calvin Hall, nursery care <b>Evening at Redeemer</b> , Youth Group, Children's Choirs, Adult Study, and nursery
<b>Wed, Sep 25</b>	— 6:00 p.m.	<b>40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil</b> , Contact Bret Mercer, see 40daysforlife.com <b>Capital Campaign Prayer Meeting</b> , Room 206
<b>Thu, Sep 26</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>Redeemer Theological Academy</b> , Room 206, contact Rev. Dr. Marcus Serven <b>Journey of Motherhood</b> , Library, child care provided
<b>Fri, Sep 27</b>	7:00 p.m.	<b>Men's Smoke 'N Choke</b> , Contact Rick Mealer
<b>Sat, Sep 28</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>Women's Pray For One Another Breakfast</b> , Contact Rebecca Loomis

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

<b>Sun, Sep 29</b>	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.  10:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>The Divine Service</b> , Rev. Eric Landry preaching <b>Sanctuary model display open</b> , Room 100 <b>School of Discipleship classes</b> , For all ages in Calvin Hall, nursery care <b>Evening at Redeemer</b> , Youth Group, Children's Choirs, Adult Study, and nursery
<b>Oct 4-6</b>	—	<b>Middle School Retreat</b> , Contact Nate Esbenshade
<b>Sat, Oct 5</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>Men's Workout</b> , Redeemer Parking Lot
<b>Sun, Oct 27</b>	1:00 p.m.	<b>Emergency Medical Training</b> , Room 206, Contact Heidi Abraham
<b>Nov 1-3</b>	—	<b>30th Anniversary Conference &amp; Fall Festival</b>

### 30th Anniversary & Fall Festival

Redeemer is turning 30! To help celebrate our 30th anniversary as a church, the Session has invited the Rev. Dr. W. Robert Godfrey to speak at our Anniversary Conference on the subject of the "Past, Present, and Future of Reformed Churches."

The conference will begin with one session on Friday evening, November 1, and conclude with two sessions the morning of Saturday, November 2. We hope you continue the celebration with our Fall Festival that Saturday afternoon and evening. Dr. Godfrey will preach both morning services on Sunday, November 3. More information coming soon!

### Building Committee

As we prayerfully consider the building of a new sanctuary, a new Building Committee has been assembled to oversee the proposed construction and project management process. The members of this committee include: Joel Pafford, Chairman, George Dupere, Barry McBee, Jess McCreery, Rick Mealer, Terry Patrick, Taylor Thompson, and Ken Kieley (ex officio).

Please be in prayer for this group that the Lord would provide them with the wisdom and discernment they would need to oversee such a large undertaking.

### September Missions Spotlight Texas StuMo

This month we are featuring and praying for Texas StuMo (Student Mobilization) and the work they are doing on the UT Campus. Please visit the web post or scan this code to learn more.



### Kitchen Volunteers

In addition to the tasty breakfast tacos each Sunday morning, our Kitchen Team also prepares and organizes the food for the numerous feasts we enjoy here at Redeemer. We are currently looking for additional hands to help with the various events we have coming up this fall. If you are interested in volunteering in the kitchen, please contact Teresa Hendrix at [thendrix@redeemerpres.org](mailto:thendrix@redeemerpres.org).

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