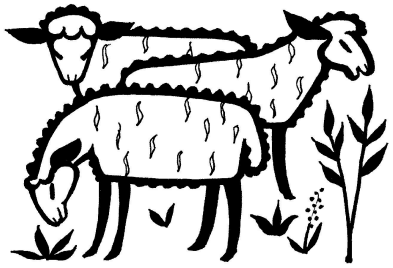
REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH
"Sharing Christ's Welcome"

# Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



**November 22nd, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.**
***Holy Communion, Setting Three***

***INTRODUCTION***

*On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*

## GATHERING

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(ELW p. 94)***

*The assembly stands as able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

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

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

*The assembly stands as they are able. Silence is kept for reflection.*

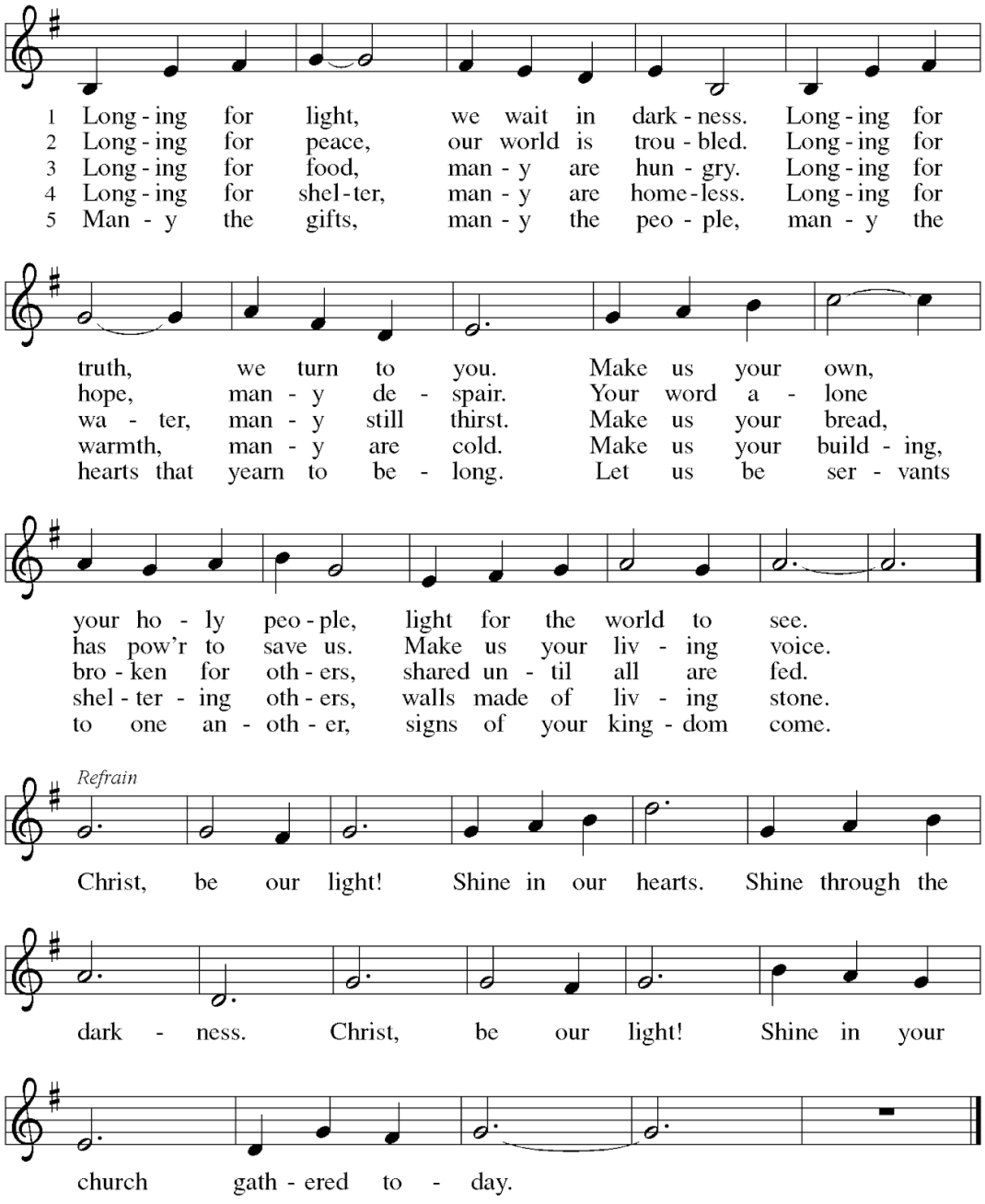
Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

*The assembly stands as able. The service continues with a gathering song*

## GATHERING SONG: *Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)*




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**GREETING**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray.

**O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

*The reading may be announced:* A reading from ____.

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my
sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from
the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of
Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with
good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie
down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.
15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord
GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured,
and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with
justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep
and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak
animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and
they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he
shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant
David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

*The reading may be concluded:* The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

**A:** We join in reading our Psalm of the day in unison

**PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a**

**[1] Come, let us sing | to the LORD;**
**let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.**
**[2] Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving**
**and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**
**[3] For you, LORD, | are a great God,**
**and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.**
**[4] In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;**
**the heights of the hills are | also yours. R**
**[5] The sea is yours, | for you made it,**
**and your hands have molded | the dry land.**
**[6] Come, let us worship | and bow down,**
**let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**
**[7a] For the LORD | is our God,**
**and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. R**

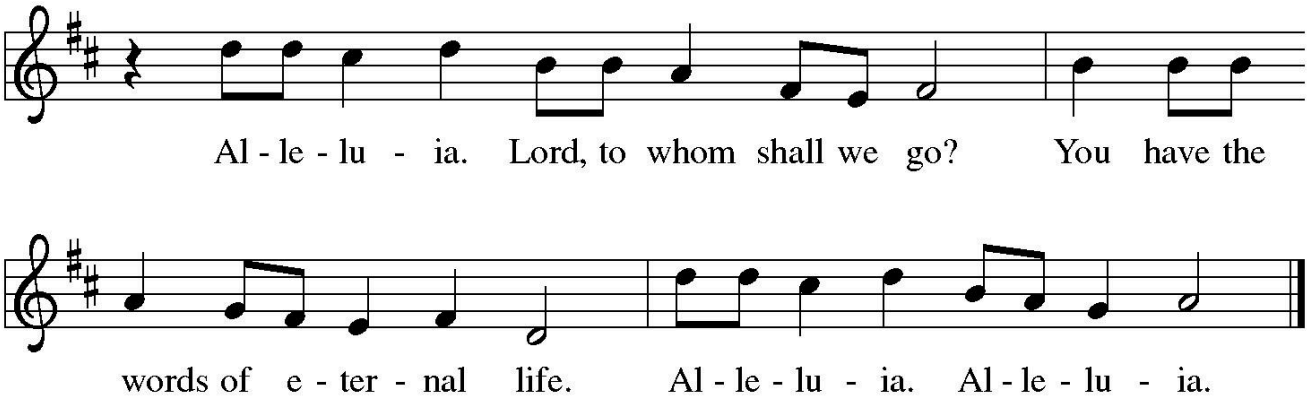
**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23**

*The reading may be announced:* A reading from ____.

[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*The reading concludes:* The word of the Lord.
*The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Setting Three)*
*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*




**GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46**
*The presiding minister announces the gospel.*
The holy gospel according to _____. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels
with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before
him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from
the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the
king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit
the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you
gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you
welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was
it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?
38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you
clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the
king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand,
'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his
angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing
to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me
clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord,
when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and
did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not
do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into
eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

*The gospel concludes:* The gospel of the Lord**. Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**A:** We stand as we are able, confessing the Christian faith with the words of the Apostle's Creed.

## APOSTLE'S CREED *(ELW p. 105)*

*The assembly stands as they are able. The assistant minister leads the Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
**creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**
**born of the virgin Mary,**
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**
**was crucified, died, and was buried;**
**he descended to the dead.***
**On the third day he rose again;**
**he ascended into heaven,**
**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**
**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**the holy catholic church,**
**the communion of saints,**
**the forgiveness of sins,**
**the resurrection of the body,**
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**A**: The response for our prayer today is: _____.

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination (*places or events may be named*). God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need (especially *Tim R, Judy, Jack, Lurleen, Sean, Taava*). God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

Pastor: *Here other intercessions may be offered:*

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION CONCLUSION**
Pastor: *The presiding minister concludes the intercessory prayers.*
Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## MEAL
## Great Thanksgiving *(ELW p. 106)*

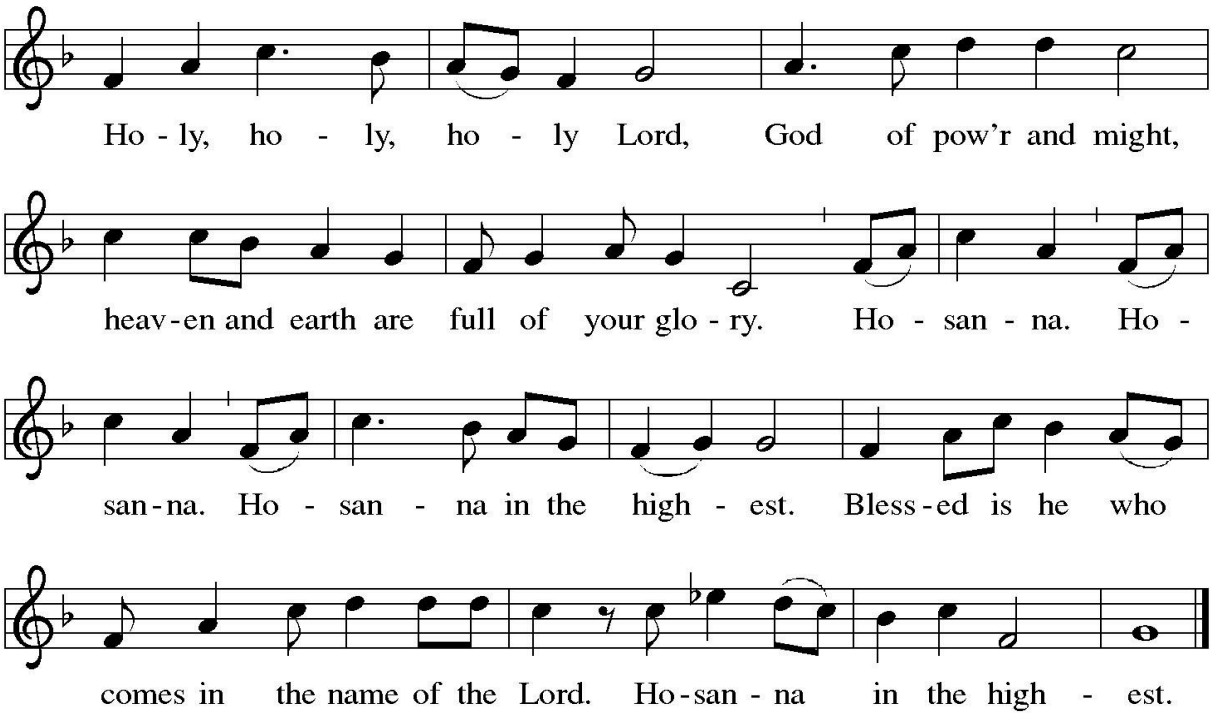
**DIALOGUE** ***(ELW p. 107)***
*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*
The Lord be with you.
**And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season:*

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.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
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:

**SANCTUS** *"Holy, Holy, Holy" (Setting Three)*



**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death,
resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
**Amen**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

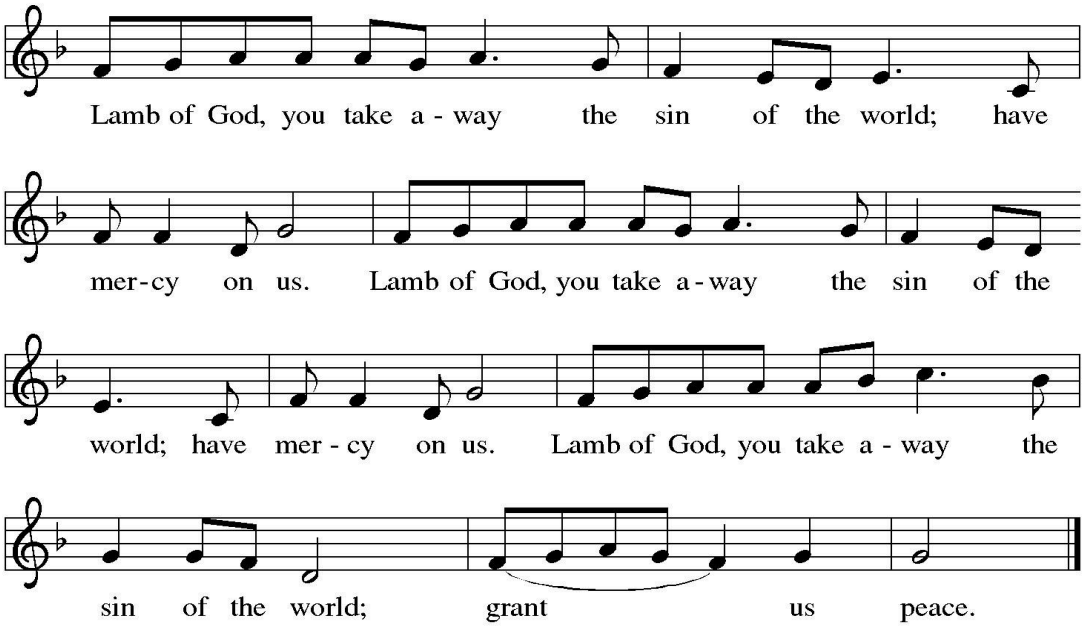
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**
**hallowed be thy name,**
**thy kingdom come,**
**thy will be done,**
**on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread;**
**and forgive us our trespasses,**
**as we forgive those**
**who trespass against us;**
**and lead us not into temptation,**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

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.*

**COMMUNION**
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**.

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**AGNUS DEI** *"Lamb of God" (Setting Three)*




*After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.*
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthens you and keep you in his grace.
**Amen**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
*The assisting minister leads the following prayer after communion.*
**A:** Let us pray.
**Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.**
**You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly.**
**Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.**
**Amen**

## SENDING

**BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

**PEACE**

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

## MISSION NOTES

**Today:** Please remember this is part of our FOOD AND HOUSING JUSTICE focus area and SUPPORTS FAMILY OF NEW PALTZ families in need! *It is also an event that supports our DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION focus area as it serves the women, mothers and daughters of our community, who are often underserved and overlooked:




**Resisterhood's 10th Annual Red Tent Drive | Nov 22nd, 2-4pm, Redeemer New Paltz**
Resisterhood Voice Ensemble of 26 voices, and Perennial Voice Ensemble of 7 voices will be performing!

The best and greatest raffle at the event will be a **DINNER & GROUNDS PASSES for TWO at MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE!** A box of pads or tampons gets you in the door, or a $10 donation.

Last year Resisterhood collected over $8000 in donations. **Let's get to 10K for their 10th annual drive!!! And if you don't know her yet, get to know Michele Zipp, Founder of Resisterhood and this Red Tent event that 100% supports Family of New Paltz, and their affiliates**.

Let's keep the support of Family of New Paltz going with Redeemer of New Paltz's Signature event: ***10th Annual Christmastime Benefit Concert - Friday Dec 11th, 7pm***

100% of the proceeds collected will go directly to the Family of New Paltz to spend on the needs they seem most pressing in our community at this time!

Please come ready to be enraptured by the voice of Kairos, clap along with Betty and the Baby Boomers, sing with Tobias and the Esteemed Gentlemen and dance to the beat of The Minorikeys!



Next up in the season of giving and support of local community groups, enjoy the songs of young theater kids, in this fundraiser for **90 Miles theater company!**

This is their **3rd Annual Frosty's Dessert Cabaret**, and its third year here at Redeemer New Paltz!

Come support young, enthusiastic and brave budding artists, in this 1-hour, holiday show!

Tickets can be purchased in advance, 90milestickets.com $20 online, $25 at the door




**American Red Cross Blood Drive | Dec 15th, 1-5pm**




**redcross.org to sign up**

Each donor will receive a $20 gift card. Don't need it? Donate it to Family of New Paltz so they may give it to families in crisis.

**Need inspiration?!:**

*Marquita was diagnosed with Sickle Cell Disease at birth. Every six weeks she receives red blood cell transfusions that help her feel pain free. Here she tells what these life-changing donations mean to her.*

*Brian lost 60% of his blood. He required 36 blood transfusions and 13 plasma treatments, which he received from Red Cross donors.*

*When Lisa Crowder's daughter Lindsey was 2 years old, she was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Red Cross blood donors helped save her life.*

*In 2001 Niki Taylor was critically injured in a car accident and received over 100 blood transfusions. In 2013, she reunited with some of the Red Cross blood donors who helped save her life.*

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## Advent & Christmas at Redeemer New Paltz

*All are welcome. Bring a Friend, Neighbor or Family Member!*

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| **SUN DEC. 6** | **BRUNCH CHURCH**<br>Blessing of Gifts for FAMILY of New Paltz & visit from Assistant to the Bishop, Nicole Schwalbe |
| **FRI DEC. 11** | **CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT**<br>7:00 PM<br>To Benefit FAMILY of New Paltz |
| **SUN DEC. 20** | **GREENING OF THE SANCTUARY**<br>Immediately after worship with Carol Singing, Coffee and Treats |
| **THU DEC. 24** | **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP**<br>7:00 PM and 11:00 PM |
| **FRI DEC. 25** | **CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP**<br>10:30 AM |

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**SENDING SONG:** ***Shine, Jesus, Shine (ELW 671)***

*The assembly stands, as they are able, to proclaim the word of God in song.*

***PLEASE REFER TO HYMNAL**

**DISMISSAL**

**A**: Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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**A Generous Response:**

Do you want to help Redeemer, New Paltz continue to grow as a community praising God as we collectively build practices of healing, justice, and joy?

Donations can be made online using this QR code, by bringing or mailing a donation to Redeemer Lutheran Church, 90 Route 32 South, New Paltz, NY 12561. And thank you in advance for helping us to "Share Christ's Welcome."

## ONGOING

**Worship Incubators**

*Mission statement: Developing Christ-centered, multi-sensory worship opportunities that give praise and glory to God.* | **First Sunday of each month - 11-1230pm**

**Free Fresh Food Giveaway**

Volunteers are needed for our Free Fresh Food Giveaway every 2nd Sunday of the month

**Chair Yoga with Bonnie Crisci**

*Chair Yoga at Redeemer New Paltz*
**Wednesdays at 1:30**

**Current Events Bible Study**

*Join Pastor Tobias and fellow congregation members, to discuss Bible verses as they relate to our current events, over a shared meal.*
**Every 2nd and 4th Thursday, 530pm - 7pm**
**(*Nov 26th is canceled in observance of Thanksgiving*)**

**Council Meetings**

**Every 3rd Thursday, 7pm, on Zoom**

**CommUNITY Spaces' 2026 - 2027 Business Sponsors**

*Do you own a business, or know someone whose business values community, creativity, education, wellness, justice and inclusion?*

We're currently seeking sponsors for our 2026-2027 CommUNITY Spaces program. Sponsors help sustain the ministry while receiving year-round recognition through our events, communications and community outreach. If someone comes to mind, we'd love an introduction. Contact Heather Barton, Communications Director 255-0051 heather@redeemernewpaltz.org

Every week, Redeemer's **CommUNITY Spaces ministry welcomes nonprofits, recovery groups, artists, educators, community organizers, entrepreneurs growing their business, and neighbors** seeking a welcoming and safe place to gather. Through our sliding fee scale, we help keep our spaces affordable so that good work can happen right here in New Paltz. *Business Sponsorships help make that possible.*

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