REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH
"Sharing Christ's Welcome"

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20th, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion, Setting Three

INTRODUCTION

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(ELW p. 138)*

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.

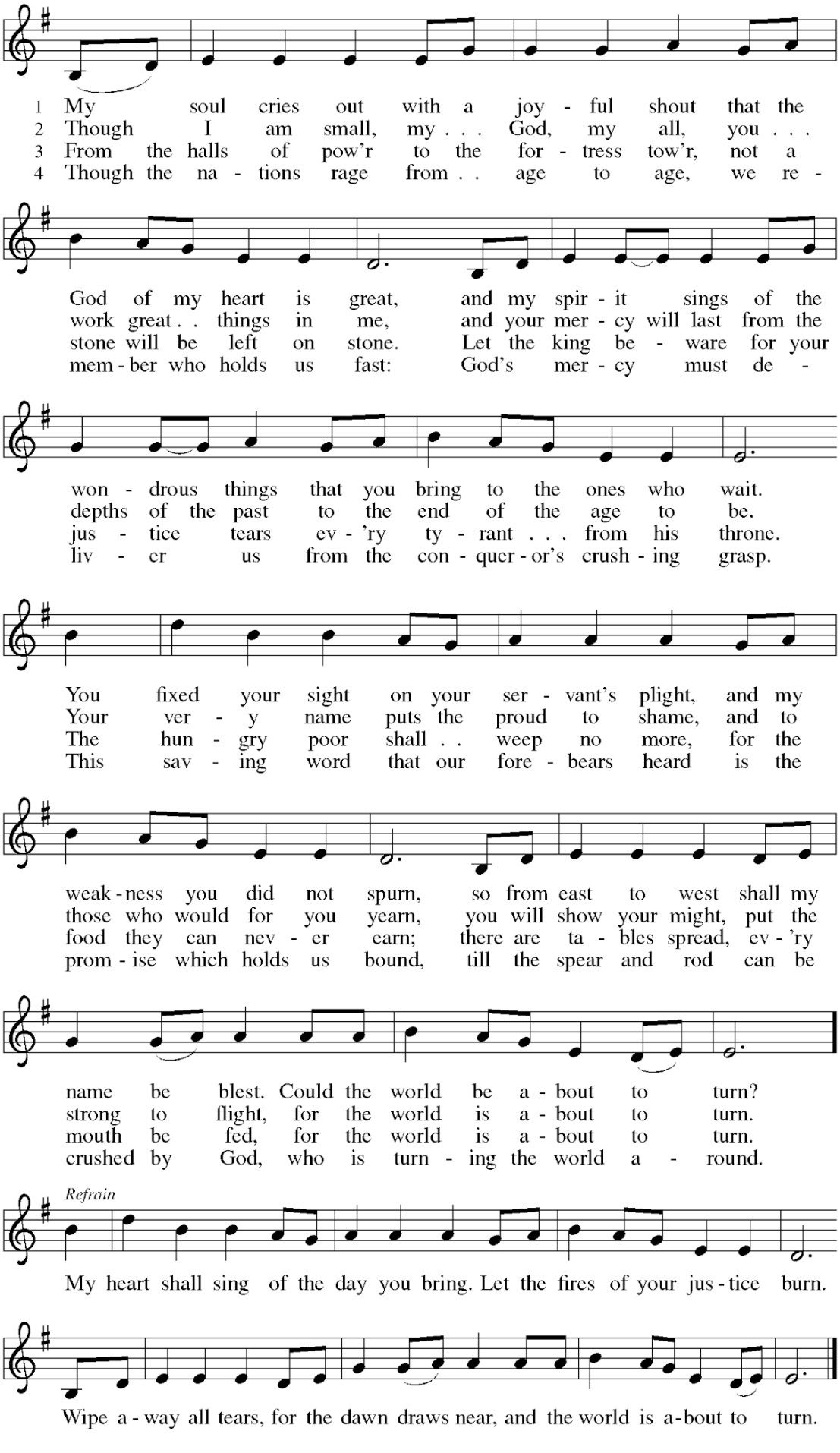
Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your 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: ***Canticle of the Turning (ELW 723)***



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.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Philippians 1:21-30

21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means
fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. 23 I am hard pressed between the
two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, 24 but to remain in the
flesh is more necessary for you. 25 Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain
and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, 26 so that, by my presence
again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come
and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one
spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel 28 and in no way
frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your
salvation. And this is God's doing. 29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not
only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, 30 since you are having the same
struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

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

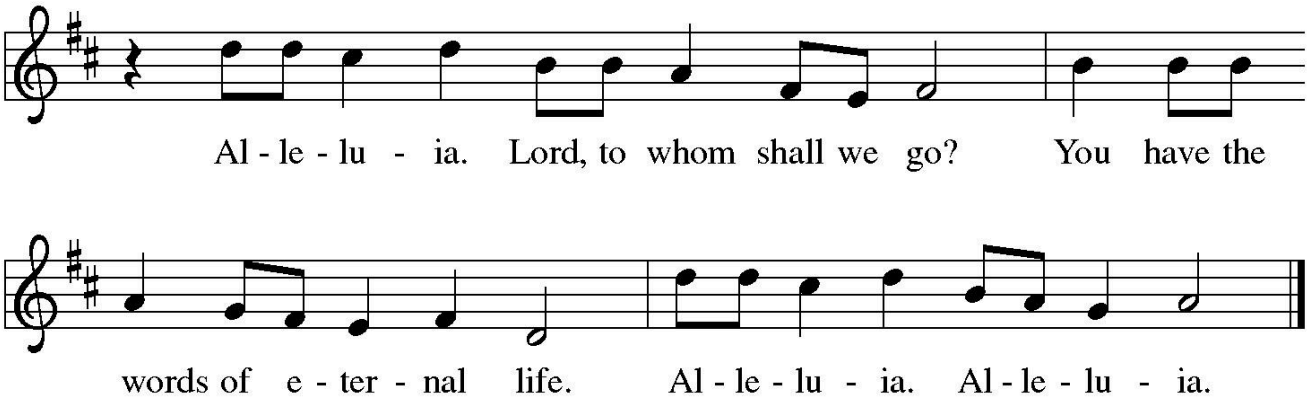
PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8

1 I will exalt you, my | God and king,
and bless your name forev- | er and ever.
2 Every day | will I bless you
and praise your name forev- | er and ever.
3 Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised!
There is no end | to your greatness.
4 One generation shall praise your works | to another
and shall de- | clare your power. R

[5] I will speak of the glorious splendor | of your majesty
and all your | marvelous works.
[6] They shall tell of the might of your | wondrous acts,
and I will re- | count your greatness.
[7] They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully | of your righteousness.
[8] The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love. R

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Setting Three)*

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

The presiding minister announces the gospel.

The holy gospel according to _____. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. [2] After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. [3] When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, [4] and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. [5] When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. [6] And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' [7] They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' [8] When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' [9] When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. [10] Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. [11] And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, [12] saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' [13] But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14] Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. [15] Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' [16] So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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: _____.

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

Hold your church accountable for our unwillingness to share your good news and our anger at your generosity to others. Nourish us by your grace to be witnesses to your love. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Guide scientists and researchers studying responses to the climate crisis so that all your creation may inspire us to give thanks for your great goodness. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Show employers the benefits of equal pay standards for all their employees. Reconcile conflicts between employees. Fill places of employment with camaraderie, and bring an end to employment disparity. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Encourage any who cannot work or who cannot work a full day with the truth that their value comes from your everlasting love for them. Provide for those who are injured, ill, and for all in any need ((*We pray especially for Tim R, Judy, Jack, Mary)*.
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Strengthen all those in this congregation whose labor serves the needs of others in the community (*especially*). Inspire all in this congregation to support community endeavors with our time and talents. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Pastor: *Here other intercessions may be offered:*

Comfort us with the promise of the resurrection as we remember all our loved ones whose desire to be with Jesus is fulfilled. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

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 *(ELW p.144)*

Great Thanksgiving

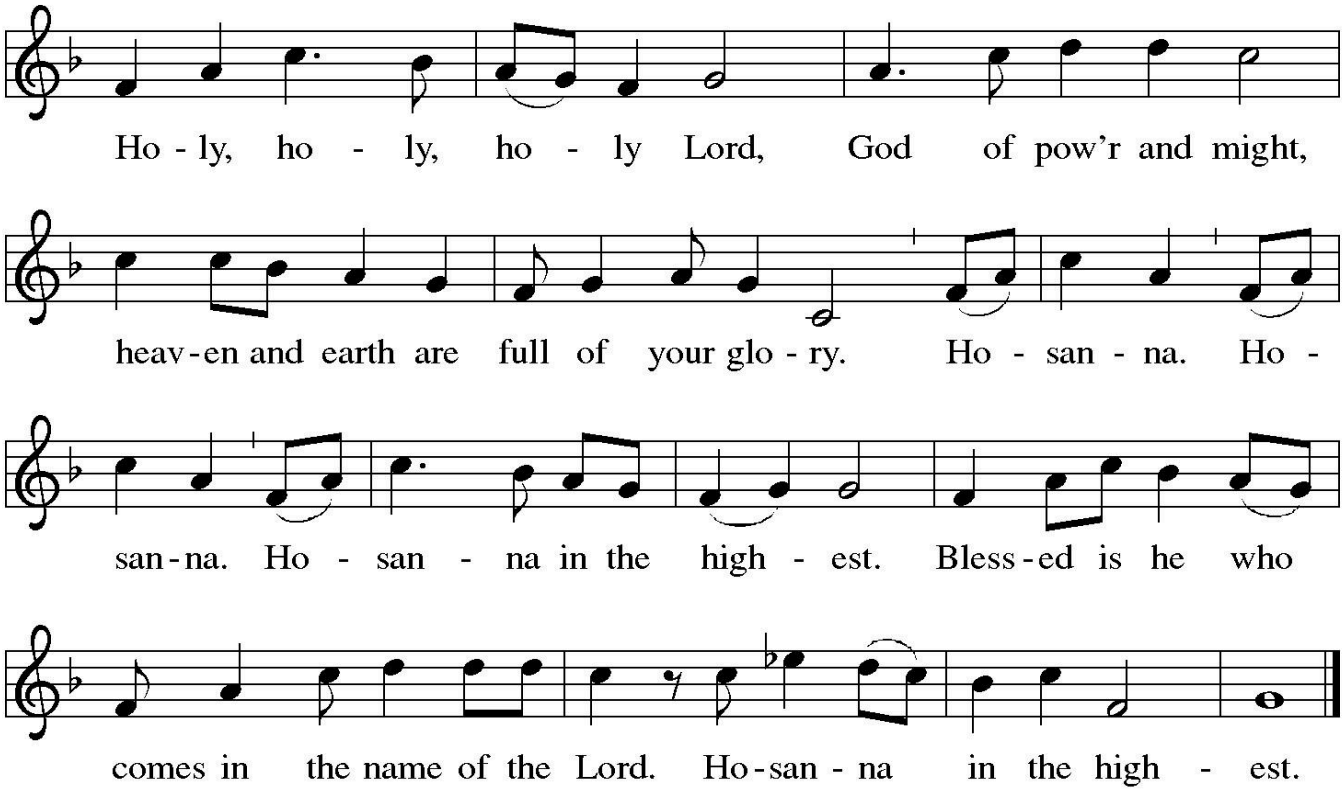
DIALOGUE
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 *(ELW p. 130)*

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 *(ELW p. 145)*

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 ***(ELW P. 146)***
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**.

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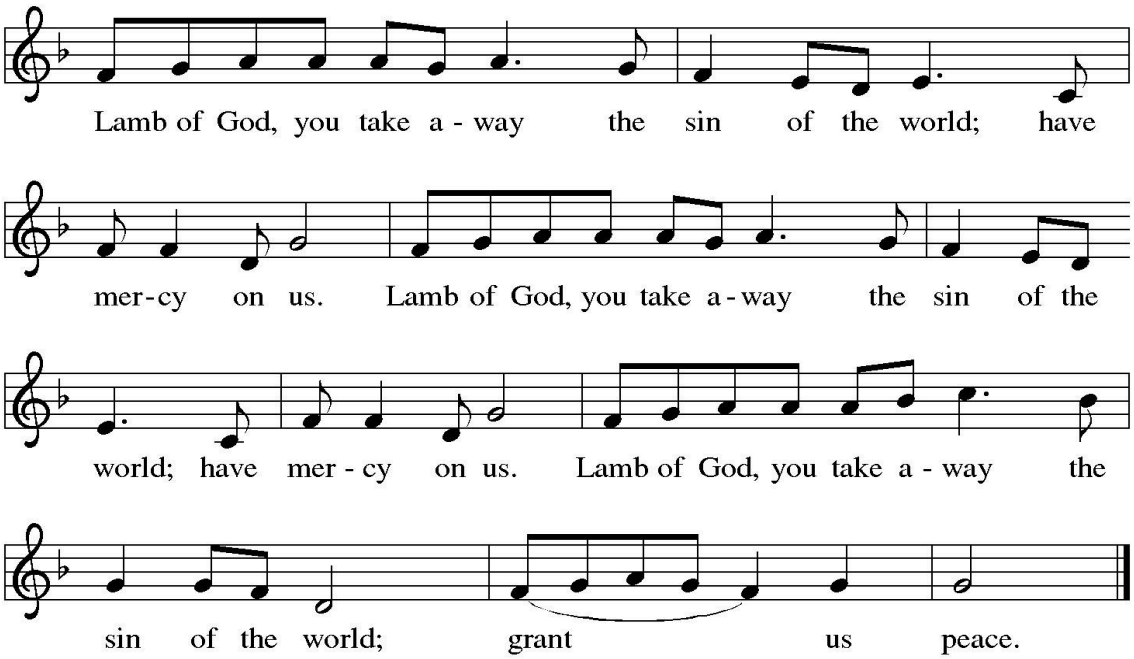
AGNUS DEI *"Lamb of God" (Setting Three)*



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.

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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

We are so glad that you are here with us for worship, and invite you to consider other ways to deepen faith and connect with the Redeemer community and the world around us - to which God calls us in loving service!

Blessing of the Animals | SEPT. 27th

This service is for our four-legged family members! Come on out and bring your pets to this year's Blessing of the Animals, or a picture of them, during regular worship at 9:30am. This is a joint worship service with Redeemer, New Paltz and St. Andrew's Episcopal churches. Weather permitting, we will worship outside here at Redeemer.

Brunch Church | October 4th, 9:30 am | All are Invited

We sure do mean "All are welcome," when we say that here at Redeemer! Extend warm invitations to folks beyond our congregation!: friends, neighbors, family, acquaintances! Brunch Church is a joyful way to connect with the Redeemer community through conversation, live music and, of course, soul-warming homemade food. We hope to see you all in the Community Room for Brunch Church!

Redeemer's Fall CleanUp | Oct 17th, 9am - Noon, Rain Date: Oct 24th, 9 - Noon

Join us in caring for God's good green earth (EarthCare is one of our Focus Areas)! Bagels and coffee will be provided. If you're not able to join but would still like to help, we can match you up with a project to complete on a different day! Questions, suggestions? Please e-mail Property Lead … or Pastor Tobias at tobias.song@gmail.com.

Gospel/Jazz Worship | Oct 18th, Pre-Worship Concert starts at 9:10 am

Music lovers, come one, come all! For those looking for an exciting, less-traditional worship, join us as we give glory and praise to God through music. Gospel/Jazz Worship offers a great multisensory worship opportunity for all ages that invites participants to join with the excitement, musicality, and a sense of God's Divine presence! **Plan to arrive by 9:10 on Sunday, October 18th, for the pre-worship mini-concert** featuring Pastor Tobias

singing, along with jazz pianist William Norman, upright bassist Robert Bard, and talented percussionist Vini Miranda that is sure to have you snapping, clapping, and tapping to the swing of jazz! This event will also be streamed online for folks who cannot join us in person through the link that can be found on the home page of our website: redeemernewpaltz.org. Weekly Worship will follow on the same live-stream link.

Redeemer Community Meeting | Oct, 18th Immediately Following Worship, Sanctuary
The Redeemer Community Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 18th, will flow directly out of a slightly abbreviated Gospel/Jazz worship service and we plan to be finished up by 11am (with a little Connections and Coffee to follow). Celebrations of God's work through Redeemer with an overview of our Mission Statement, Focus Areas and the sharing of some of our dreams.

SENDING SONG: ***We Are Called (ELW 720)***
The assembly stands, as they are able, to proclaim the word of God in song.

[Verse 1]
Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom
To live in the freedom of the city of God!

[Chorus]
We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God

[Verse 2]
Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more!

[Chorus]
We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God

[Verse 3]
Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love!

DISMISSAL

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

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

Council Meetings

Please consider attending, we are always looking for more involvement from our congregation members, old and new - all are invited!

Every 3rd Thursday, 7pm, on Zoom

Chair Yoga with Bonnie Crisci

Chair Yoga at Redeemer New Paltz

Wednesdays at 1:30

CommUNITY Spaces' 2026 - 2027 Business Sponsors

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.*

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

CommUNITY Space's 2026 Business Sponsors

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Help Us Feed Local Families

TOGETHER, WE CAN PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **Drop off non-perishable food items**
- **Any day here in the Narthex at Redeemer**

MOST NEEDED

Beverages:
coffee, tea, hot chocolate, shelf-stable milk, non-dairy milk, juice and juice mixes
Pancake/Waffle Mixes
Dried/Canned Fruit
Canned Chicken/Tuna
Condiments
Snack Foods
Canned Vegetables
Rice, Pasta, Noodles, & Cereal
Peanut butter & Jelly
Sauces & Soups
Beans & Canned Tomatoes

Personal Care Items
Soaps - all types
Deodorants
Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Mouth Rinse
Hair Products
Shaving Razors & Creams
Lotions
Menstrual Care

Food Sensitivity Items, too
Gluten Free
NON GMO
Organic

Gift Cards Needed, Too
Shop Rite, Target, Tops, Hannaford, Health & Nutrition Etc.

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