



OUR REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, established in 1924



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, 12 November A+D 2023 · 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, 15 November A+D 2023 · 7:00 P.M.

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ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Order of Service:	<i>LSB</i> , Divine Service, Setting Three, pg. 184
Hymns:	763, 516, 956, 621, 636, 490, 805, 877
Sermon Title:	"Informed and Encouraged by the Word of Hope"
Sermon Text:	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See *LSB*, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWML UPDATE! On November 13th at 1:00 P.M. in the fellowship hall ,LWML will have guest speaker Heather Ruesch presenting information about her mission, “The Cure!” We welcome you to join us! The LWML Christmas Luncheon will be held at Holiday Kitchen on December 11th at 11:00 A.M. Join us for good food and fellowship. There will be a Love Offering that will be donated to The Cure! See you there!

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS WEEK are given by the Barthels Children in memory of Jack & Gladys Barthels.

WOULD YOU HELP US FEED A FAMILY FOR THANKSGIVING? Every year, Our Redeemer provides a gift to families in need just before Thanksgiving to provide them with the means to have a Thanksgiving meal. This year, we are asking our families to sponsor the gift of a \$50 Tadych’s Marketplace Foods gift card for those who could use help. If you are willing to assist checks can be made out to “Our Redeemer Lutheran Church” with “Thanksgiving Help” on the memo line and put in the offering plate or Church Office.

THANKSGIVING EVE DIVINE SERVICE & PUMPKIN PIE SOCIAL: Take a break from your Thanksgiving preparations to join us for Divine Service on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 P.M. Following the service, our Altar Guild will be hosting a Pumpkin Pie Social. Be sure to join us! *Note: There will not be a Catechism Vespers Service on November 22nd.*

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR—Pentecost XXIV: Like the parable’s bridegroom, Jesus often meets us in unexpected moments (Matthew 25:10). He even sometimes hides in surprise pregnancies or terminal diagnoses in order to rescue and bless. So, we dare not ignore the poor and needy neighbors who cry out for deliverance (Psalm 70:1, 5) from abortion and assisted suicide. If we do indeed love the Lord’s salvation, then let us say so (Psalm 70:4)!

“WHAT COULD BE MORE JOYFUL AND REWARDING than to share with everyone the best news they will ever hear: Jesus has saved you from sin and death and won eternal life for you as a free gift of His love. Let’s roll up our sleeves and begin today with the prayer, ‘Lord, help me be an eager worker in Your kingdom.’” *Daily Devotions, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY MEANS YOU ARE NEVER ALONE! You are invited to gather friends together and become a Champions for Religious Liberty group. To hear Dr. Seltz explain why religious liberty is foundational to our culture or to learn more about forming a group see <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/champions>.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

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ALTAR GUILD

Week of 11/12

Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Digital Music	Gary Peterson	Lisa Swanson Jenna Chapes Long
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Dana Bey	Lisa Swanson Jenna Chapes Long

Week of 11/19

Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Digital Music	Rob Keuhl	Lisa Swanson Jenna Chapes Long
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Rob Kuehl	Lisa Swanson Jenna Chapes Long

THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (12)	8:30 A.M.	Fellowship
	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Adult Bible Study, Youth Group & Sunday School
Monday (13)	1:00 P.M.	Ladies' Guild
Tuesday (14)	9:00 A.M.	Circuit Pastors' Meeting
	5:30 P.M.	Gsus Singers
Wednesday (15)	5:30 P.M.	Catechism Vespers
	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (16)	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Friday (17)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (18)		
Sunday (19)	8:30 A.M.	Fellowship
	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Adult Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School

GIVING REPORT & BUDGET UPDATE

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Last Week Offering:	\$3,205.51
Other Income and Gifts:	\$1,015.00
Total Income This Week:	\$4,220.51
Needed for Budget:	\$3,346.24
Difference:	\$874.27

YEAR-TO-DATE

Year-to-Date Offerings:	\$120,266.93
Other Income and Gifts:	\$20,334.12
Total Income This Year:	\$140,601.05
Needed for Budget:	\$150,579.80
Difference:	-\$9,978.75

ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sunday, 11/5, 9:00 A.M.	96	79
Wednesday, 11/8, 7:00 P.M.	9	9
TOTAL	105	88