



OUR REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, 19 November A+D 2023 · 9:00 A.M.

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ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Order of Service:	<i>LSB</i> , Divine Service, Setting Three, pg. 184
Hymns:	392, 508, 537, 806, 625, 632, 711
Sermon Title:	"What Is the Kingdom Worth?"
Sermon Text:	Matthew 25:14-30

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

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.*

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!

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR—Pentecost XXV: Many around us despair because the world pressures them into the violence and fraud (Zephaniah 1:9) of viewing death as a solution to difficulty. In the sanctity of every human life, we have riches to spare (Matthew 25:15). Gospel hope and joy are not just for us to possess. Jesus brings us faith and life to proclaim and put into practice.

“FOR IT CAN BE EASY ON THANKSGIVING to be thankful for the things, thankful for what we are and have, but thankfulness in faith cries out to God, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on me!’ and falls on its face at Jesus’ feet, giving thanks to Christ.” *Rev. Cody Cooper, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

AS YOU PREPARE TO PAUSE THIS COMING THURSDAY to join with your fellow countrymen to celebrate Thanksgiving, please remember the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty as it advocates in Washington DC for Religious Liberty and Freedom. See www.LCRLFreedom.org for more information.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

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ALTAR GUILD

Week of 11/19

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

Week of 11/26

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (19)	8:30 A.M.	Fellowship
	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Adult Bible Study, Youth Group & Sunday School
Monday (20)	1:00 P.M.	Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday (21)	5:30 P.M.	Gsus Singers
Wednesday (22)	7:00 P.M.	Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service
		Pumpkin Pie Social
Thursday (23)		Thanksgiving – Church Off Closed
Friday (24)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (25)		
Sunday (26)	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:	\$2,353.00
Other Income and Gifts:	\$405.00
Total Income This Week:	\$2,758.00
Needed for Budget:	\$3,346.24
Difference:	-\$588.24

YEAR-TO-DATE

Year-to-Date Offerings:	\$122,619.93
Other Income and Gifts:	\$20,749.12
Total Income This Year:	\$143,369.05
Needed for Budget:	\$153,926.04
Difference:	-\$10,556.99

ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sunday, 11/12, 9:00 A.M.	83	70
Wednesday, 11/15, 7:00 P.M.	15	13
TOTAL	98	83