Service Focus:

**Christ THROUGH Us**

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church | Santa Barbara, California
WELS 175th Anniversary Service 2 | October 12, 2025

OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! You have joined us for the most important time we spend together. Each time we gather as a family of faith, we make the gospel (or good news) of Jesus our central focus. It is not just about information about what Jesus did to save sinners. It is also the power God uses to work faith in our hearts and transform our lives. In the message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and creeds, our service proclaims the good news about Jesus from start to finish. Many of the elements of this service have ancient roots in the Christian church. Some are very recent. Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children).

**Are you visiting with us today?** Thank you! We love meeting our neighbors and would be grateful for the opportunity to extend our thanks in a more formal way. **Please consider filling out one of the Welcome/Connect cards in the rack in front of you, or scan the QR code** to the right to help us know you better.

Connect Card

## For Your Convenience

- **The order of service** is printed in this folder. If a song is not printed in this service folder, it can be found in the blue hymnal in front of your seat. The pastor will speak the words in normal print. **The congregation is invited to speak those printed in bold.** Please participate as you are comfortable today.
- **Restrooms** are located in the fellowship hall building to the left as you exit church.
- Please reserve the rows in the back of the church for families with small children.
- If you are in need of any other assistance, any one of our members will be happy to assist you.

## Participation & Children

Sometimes parents (and even churches) think that worship is not a place for children. At Our Redeemer, we're convinced that nothing could be further from the truth. We want children in church worshiping with their families and learning about Jesus' love for them. Why?

- Even from the earliest of ages, **children are models of faith** from which we can all learn (Luke 18:16,17). Similarly, they learn how to "do church" by watching mom & dad. Model worship for them.
- Our worship format not only encourages families to be together, but is ideally suited for activer worship engagement and participation by all, including children, balancing new service elements each week with regular repetition for learning and memorization.
- The **sights and sounds of active children** during children isn't bad at all – it's a reminder to the adults that the next generation of church leaders is already among us.

We realize that, especially at first, having children in church can be a challenge for parents. To help, we offer the following:

- If your child needs some individual attention to calm them down, an area in the fellowship hall, located just to the left as you exit church, is available. Worship can be watched and heard in this room.
- Other families are willing and ready to help. Let us know if we can offer a hand with your little ones.
- Activity sheets that kids can work on throughout the service are available on the stand in the back.

## Current Series: Christ Through Us - The 175th Anniversary of the WELS

With hearts full of gratitude, we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), our church body, in a 3-week worship series. We give thanks for God's abundant blessings over the years, for the faithful proclamation of God's Word, and for the countless lives touched by the Gospel through our synod's ministry. For many generations, the Lord has preserved and guided his Church both through trials and blessings, raising up pastors, teachers, and lay leaders to serve his kingdom. As we remember this milestone, we ask for the Lord's continued guidance and strength to remain steadfast in the truth, proclaiming Christ crucified and risen for the salvation of all. We ask God to bless our synod with unity, wisdom, and a renewed commitment to spread the kingdom of God, that his name may be glorified now and forever.

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| October 5 | WELS 175th Anniversary 1 | Christ FOR Us |
| **October 12** | **WELS 175th Anniversary 2** | **Christ THROUGH Us** |
| October 19 | Festival of St. James of Jerusalem | |
| October 26 | WELS 175th Anniversary 3 (Reformation Sunday) | Christ WITH Us |

## Service Focus

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod is celebrating its 175th anniversary in 2025 under the theme "Christ Through Us." From one seminary in 1865, one world mission in 1893, and 800 congregations mostly in the Midwest as of 1965, we can now easily see how Christ has worked through his good news of salvation in Word and sacraments to move this body of believers to establish a Scripture-based ministerial education system, world missions in 45 countries, and more than 1,200 congregations across the United States. The "Christ Through Us" theme will also inform the work of WELS in a ten-year detailed plan to proclaim our Savior's love.

## Prayer before the Service

Lord Jesus, as you once called weary fishermen to cast their nets in faith, so call us today to trust your Word and share your gospel with courage and joy. As our Wisconsin Synod celebrates 175 years of your blessings, fill us with gratitude for the work you have done through us and confidence in the work you will yet do. Send your Spirit to move us through our worship today and through our lives this week, so that others may see Christ through us.

## Serving God and Us Today

Presiding Minister: Pastor Daniel Schroeder
Music Operator: Jim Everson
Audio/Visual Booth: Josh Schueler
Usher: David Grunewald

# The Service

## Welcome

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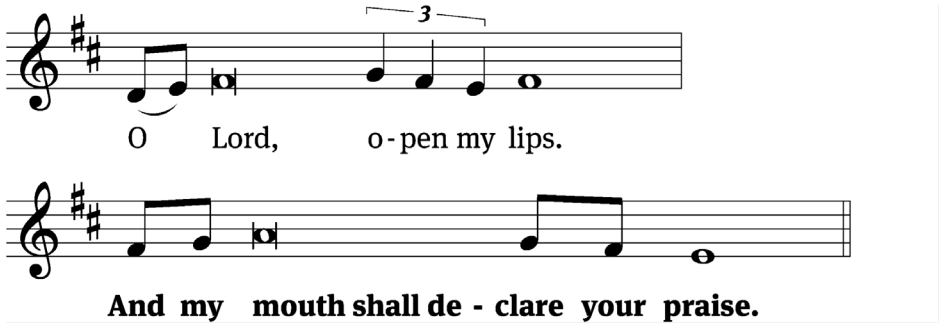
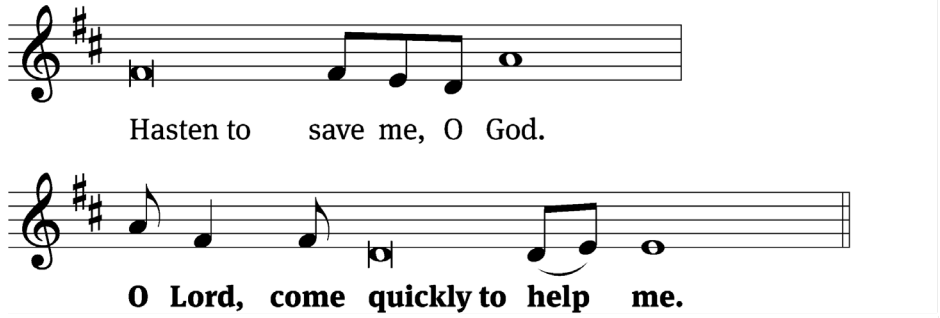
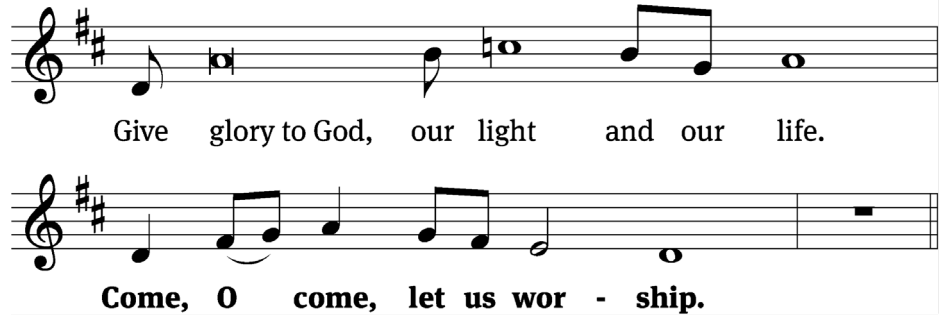
## Opening Sentences

*Psalm 51:15*

*Psalm 70:1*

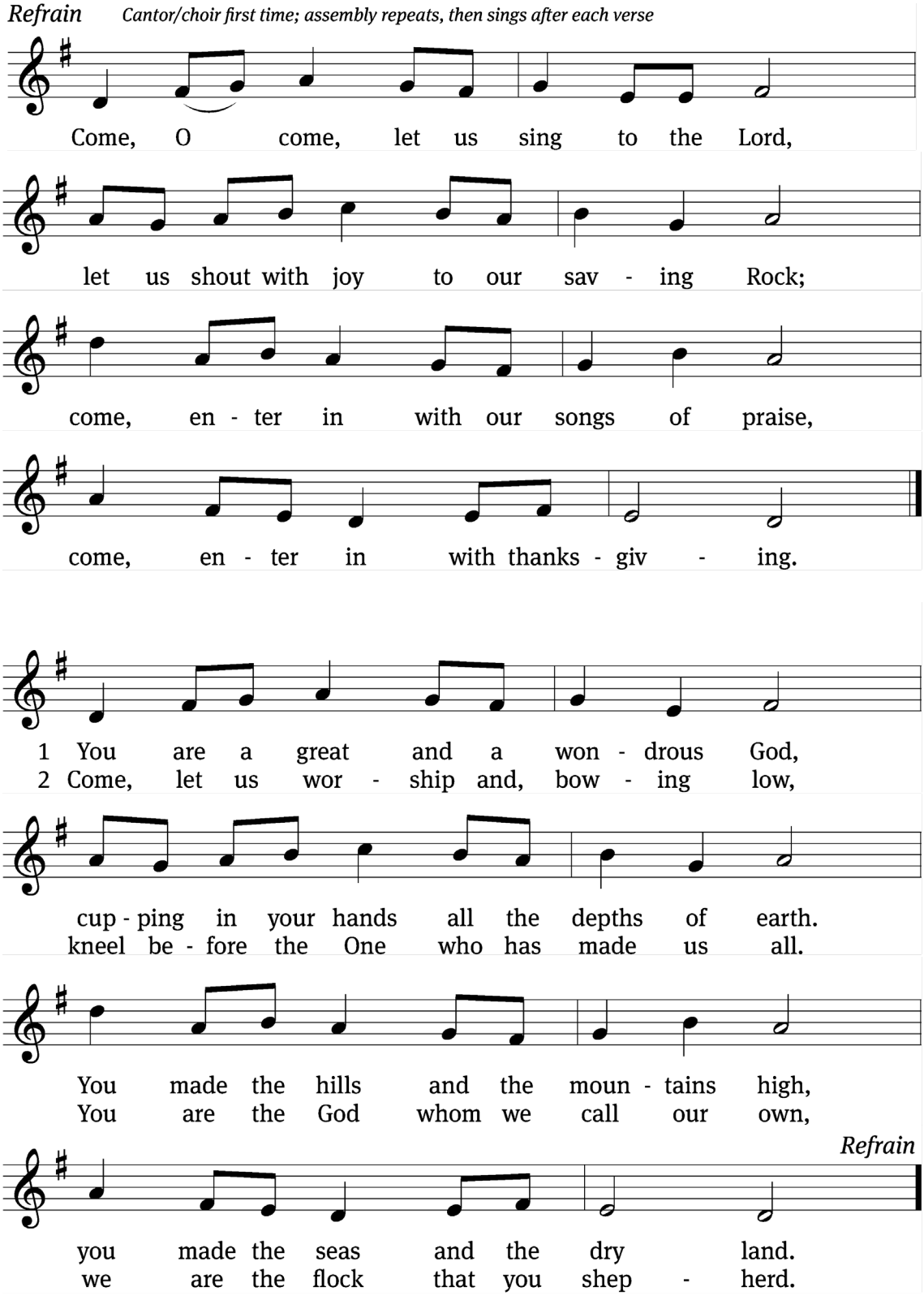



*Psalm 36:9*

*Psalm 95:6*

## Come, Oh, Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord *Venite*

*Psalm 95:1-7a*

*The Venite (Latin for "Oh Come") is an ancient hymn of the church based on Psalm 95. This song of invitation to worship and praise is associated with the Matins or Morning Prayer liturgy, going back to monastic times. Using the words of Psalm 95, the church is invited to come into the presence of God to worship him. God the creator is our God who holds us in the palm of his hand as his people.*

*Refrain* *Cantor/choir first time; assembly repeats, then sings after each verse*

*Be seated*

# The Word

## Children's Devotion

*The Lord speaks his Word to our children and grandchildren through us.*

## First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

1 These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach
you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, 2 so that you, your
children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live
by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long
life. 3 Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may
increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your
ancestors, promised you.

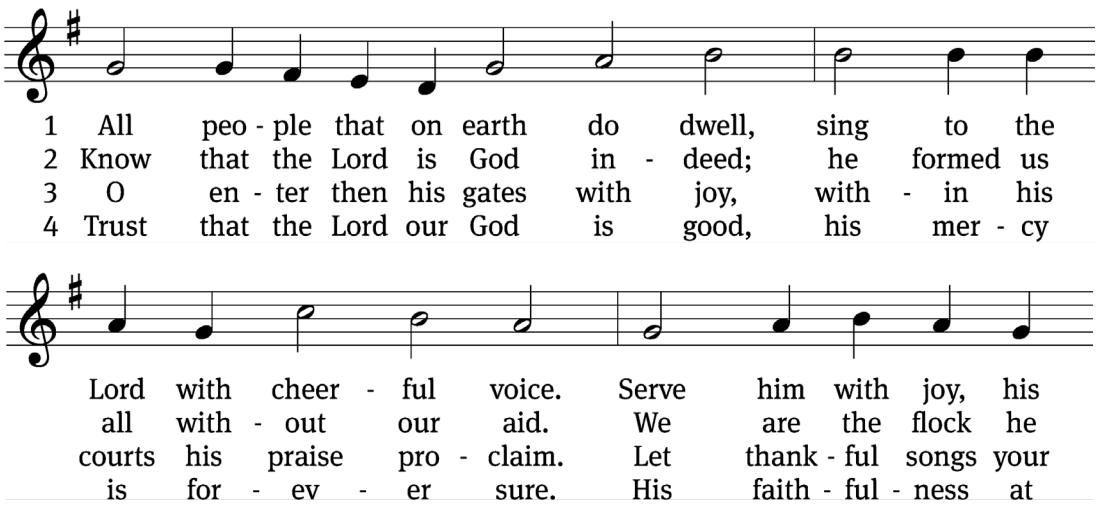
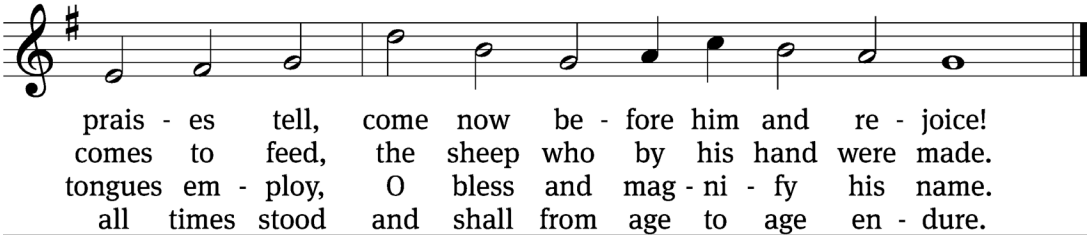
4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all
your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I
give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them
when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when
you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9Write
them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (NIV)

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

*This 17th-century English hymn is a metrical version of Psalm 100. Martin Luther said, "Psalm 100 is a prophecy of Christ. It calls on all the world to rejoice, praise, and give thanks. We do that by serving God, by entering his throne room and his courts and praying to him with all confidence. For his grace is an everlasting kingdom that remains certain forever and ever."*

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 100
"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"



## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

*God makes his appeal through us as ambassadors for Christ.*

[18] All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: [19] that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. [20] We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. [21] God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (NIV)

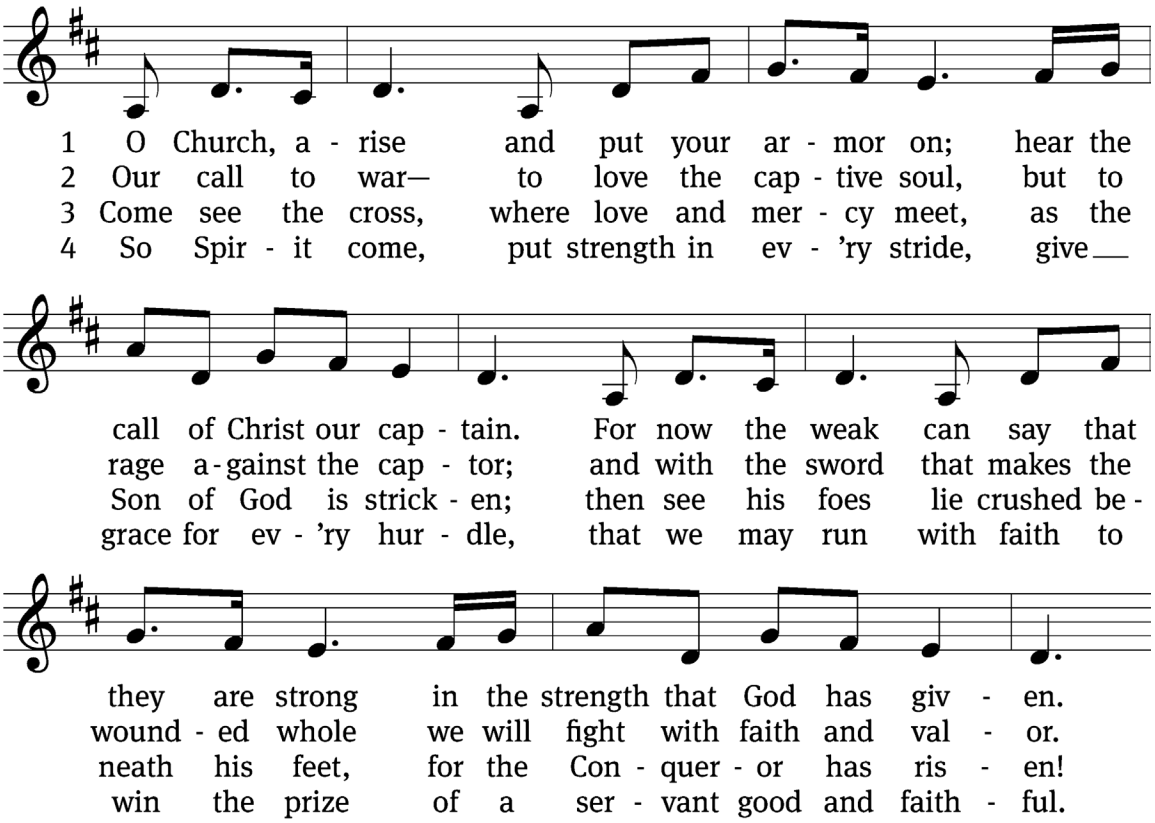
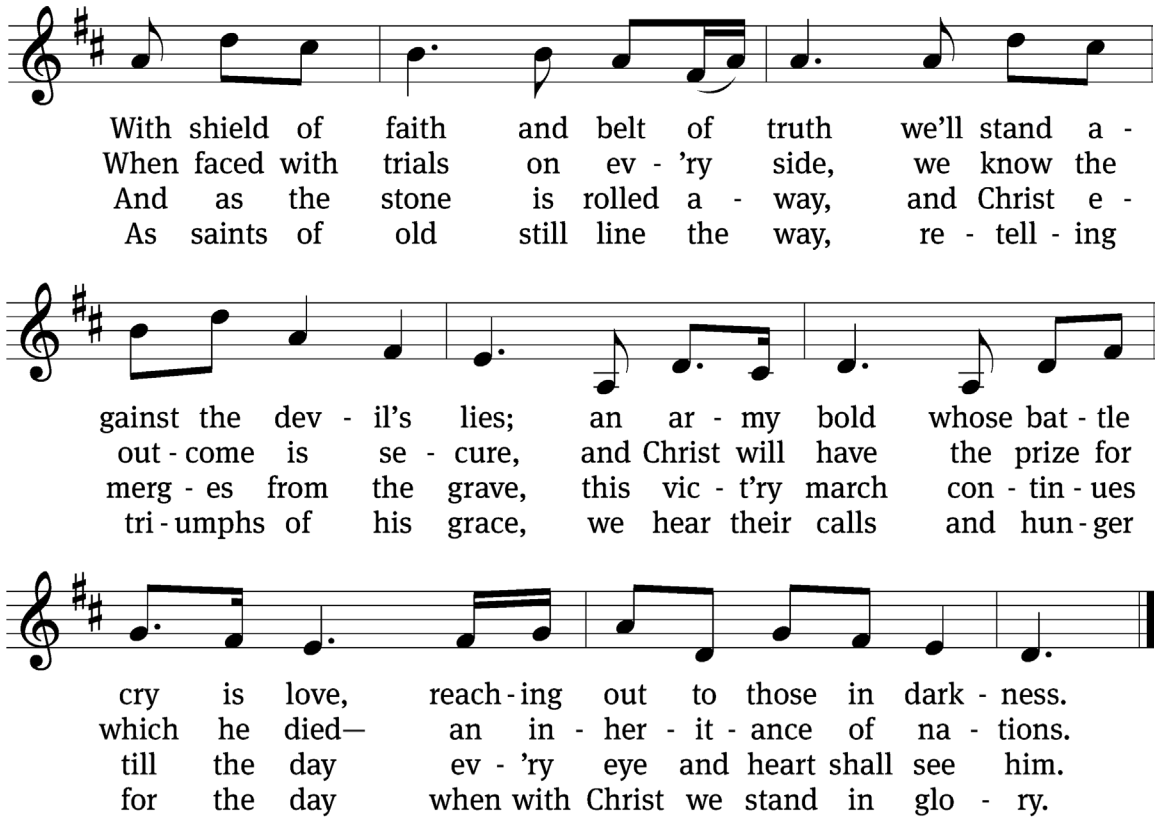
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn of the Day

O Church, Arise

*Christian Worship* 870

*This 21st-century hymn by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend calls the church to rise in strength and unity to fulfill its mission. The song emphasizes spiritual warfare, urging believers to put on the armor of God and stand firm against evil. It inspires the church to proclaim Christ's love and victory, looking forward to eternal triumph with him.*




*Christ calls us and grants his blessings through us.*

## Sermon

Luke 5:1-11

**"Peter's Favorite Fish Story – And Ours"**

1 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding
around him and listening to the word of God. 2 He saw at the water's edge two boats, left
there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the
one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down
and taught the people from the boat.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down
the nets for a catch."

5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But
because you say so, I will let down the nets."

6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to
break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they
came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I
am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they
had taken, 10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." 11 So they
pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. (NIV)

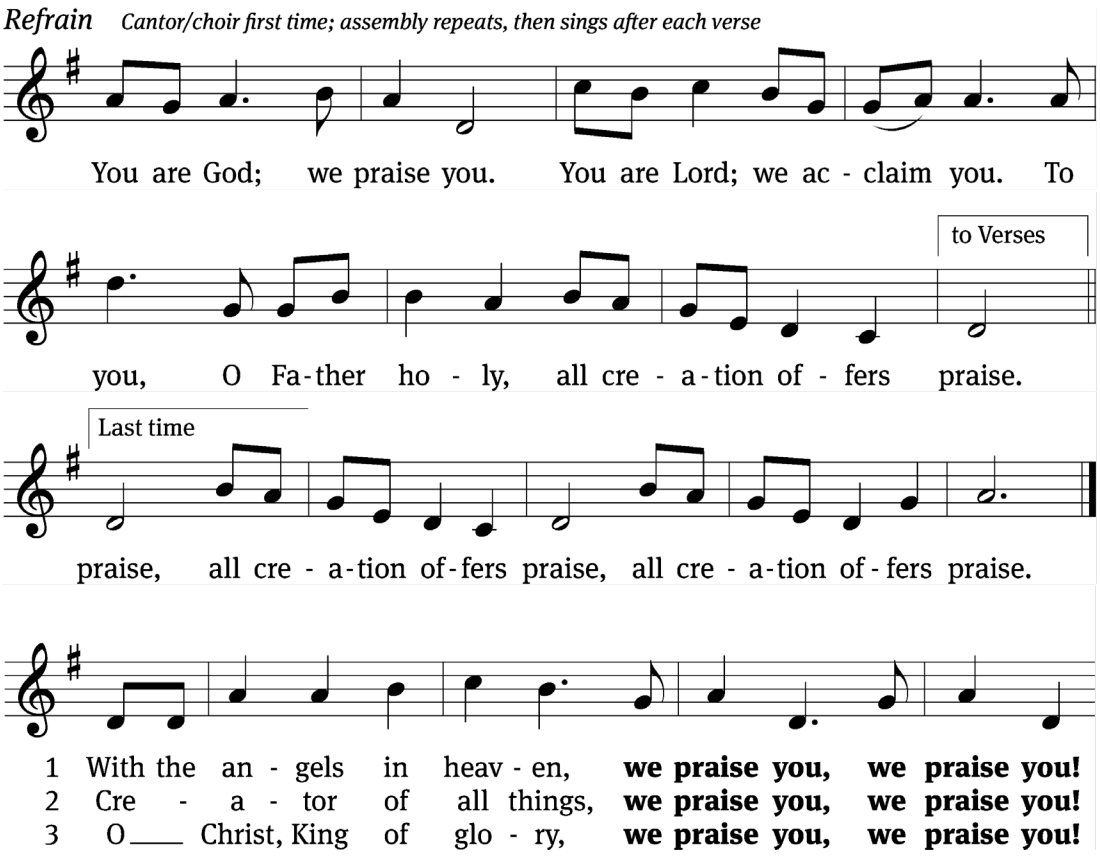
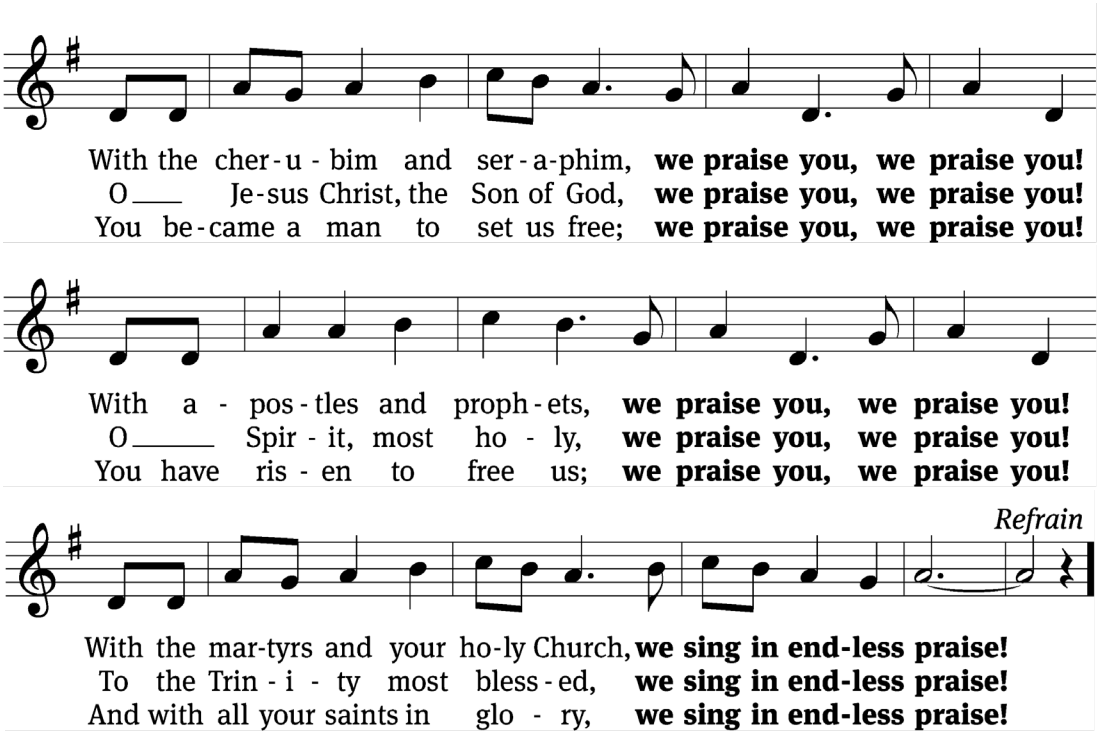
## My Christian Life – Peter's Favorite Fish Story – And Ours //

When Jesus says to me, "Don't be afraid," it isn't sentimental comfort. It's the triumphant voice of the risen Christ declaring that guilt, shame, and death have been defeated. Now, wanting to serve and thank him, I can ...

- ☐ Let down my nets in prayer by think of one area in my life where I've been reluctant to trust God—maybe worry, forgiveness, or patience. I can pray specifically: "Jesus, I'm letting down my net in this area. Work through me."
- ☐ Encourage a mission worker by writing a short note or email to a WELS missionary, thanking them for serving as "fishers of people." I can include a promise like Luke 5:10—"Don't be afraid" and let them know that I'm praying for them.
- ☐ Celebrate "Christ Through Us" and read about the 175-year history of the Wisconsin Synod (WELS). I'll thank God in prayer for how Christ has worked through our synod to spread the gospel worldwide—and ask him to continue that work through me.
- ☐ Other: _____

*Stand*

## You Are God; We Praise You *Te Deum*

*Martin Luther considered the* Te Deum *to be one of the most important creeds of the Church, eclipsed only by the Apostles' Creed and the Athanasian Creed.*




*Be seated*

*The Prayer of the Church expresses the Church's care for the world, the nation, the Church at large, the local congregation, and those in need, shaped by Scripture and guided by the Spirit.*

## Prayer of the Church

Gracious God, the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, has redeemed us from sin, and the work of your Spirit in our hearts has brought us to faith. According to your promise, preserve us in faith through your Word and sacraments. Accept our humble thanks for these rich blessings, and help us to rejoice in them and use them faithfully. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you have brought us together in a church body in which your Word is proclaimed faithfully, the message of reconciliation through Christ is the central focus of ministry, and the mission is to reach the lost and strengthen the saved. For this gift of your grace, we give you thanks. Work in us by your Holy Spirit to rekindle our zeal for the work you have set before us. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, you have given us opportunities to proclaim your Word in our nation and throughout the world. Move the hearts of more young people to prepare for the teaching and preaching ministry. Help us view them as your precious gifts. Bless the work of our schools that prepare them for ministry and provide the opportunities for them to serve in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, you have brought us together as a church body that we may proclaim your praise. Inspire us by your grace to let our light shine so that more people may be led to glorify you. Forgive us when we fall short of living and working together as your people. Renew in us an godly determination to serve you and one another in love. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, you have preserved our synod and blessed its ministry for the past 175 years. We thank you for the faithful ministers of the gospel throughout our history who have taught your truth and proclaimed your Word. Bless us in the future as you have in the past so that our synod, its congregations, and each of us may boldly confess your name for the salvation of precious souls. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Hear us, help us, and hold your guiding hand over us that in all our service your saving name may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Offering

*As a response of faith, the members of Our Redeemer present gifts of money to the Lord. God's work must be done. God's word of salvation, the word we have just heard, must be preached to all people everywhere. We pray that God use these gifts to accomplish such vital work!*

The members of Our Redeemer have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. **If you are a guest with us this morning**, we are so happy you're here! Please do not feel obigated to participate in the offering. For those who wish to give a gift, you can place an offering in the **offering plate** located near the doors where you entered church today. A plate will be there as you depart today. You may also **scan the QR code** to the right with your smartphone's camera to be redirected to a page where you can give an offering. While the members of Our Redeemer support this ministry with their gifts, we understand that you might want to learn more about us before you choose to do the same.

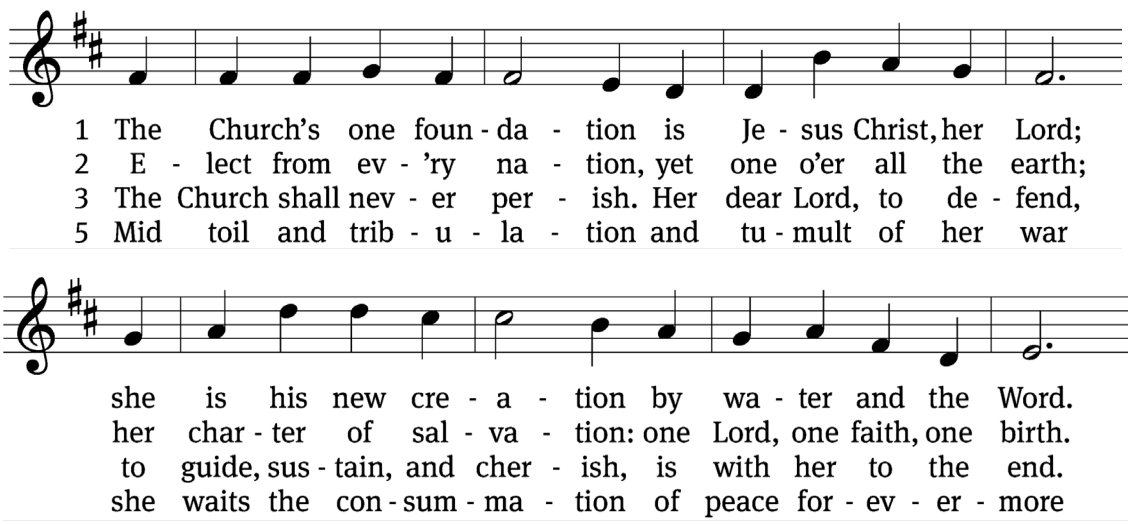
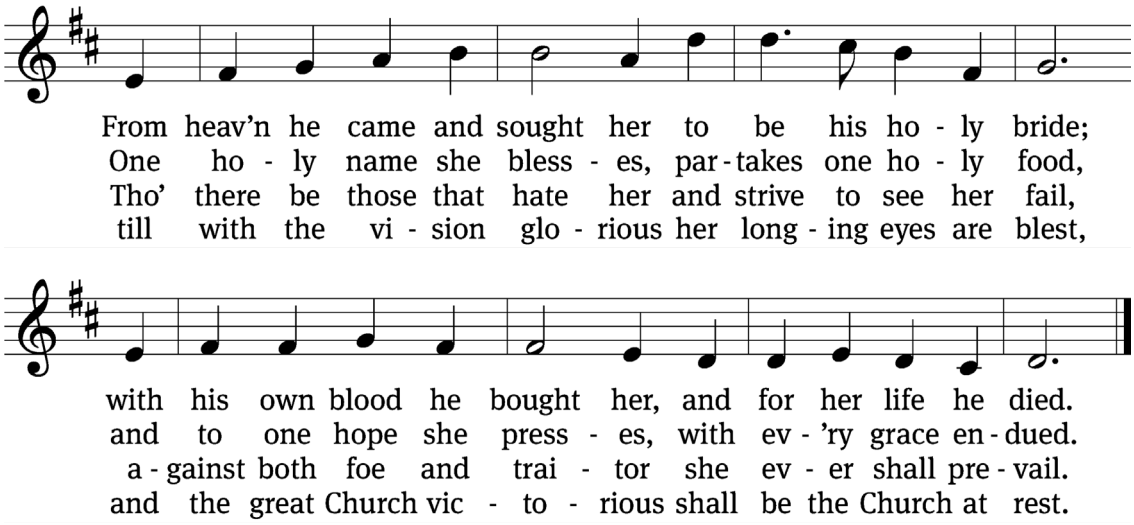
**Offering**

**Connect Card**

We would greatly appreciate it, however, if you would fill out a **Welcome/ Connect Card** (located in the rack in front of you) and place it in the offering plate following the service. You could also let us know you were here today by filling out a card online by **scanning the QR code** to the left.

## Hymn

The Church's One Foundation
*Christian Worship* 855 (st. 1-3,5)

*The author of this hymn indicated that he was moved to write this hymn and eleven others, all based on the Apostles' Creed. This particular hymn was written on the ninth article or section of the Creed, "The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints."*




*The Lord's Prayer is one of the chief ways God trains our faith, because through its petitions, we learn to cling to his promises and rely on his goodness. See Matthew 6:9-13.*

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,**
**hallowed be your name,**
**your kingdom come,**
**your will be done**
**on earth as in heaven.**
**Give us today our daily bread.**
**Forgive us our sins,**
**as we forgive those**
**who sin against us.**
**Lead us not into temptation,**
**but deliver us from evil.**
**For the kingdom, the power,**
**and the glory are yours**
**now and forever. Amen.**

## Closing Prayer and Blessing

God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your church as we come in prayer to thank you for 175 years of blessings on our Wisconsin Synod church body. Continue to speak the peace and forgiveness of Christ through us as he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

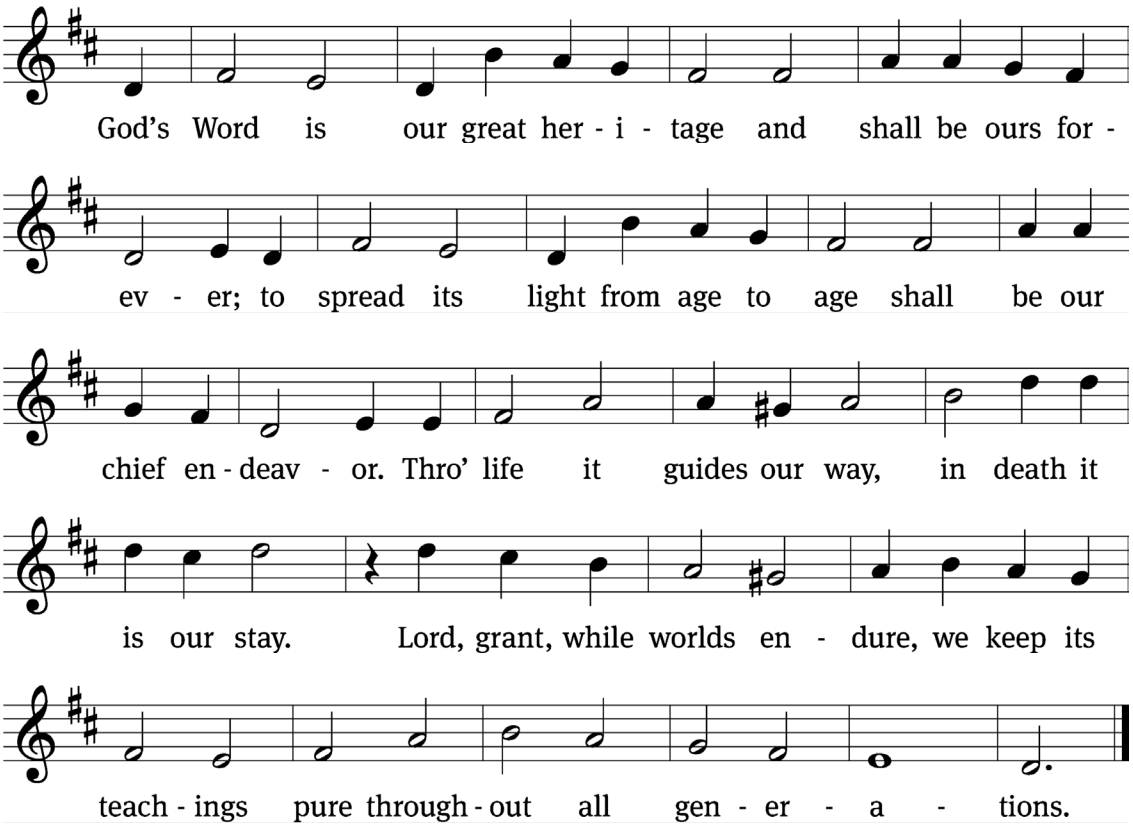
*This blessing is a short trinitarian benediction asking the Triune God to grant blessing and preservation to the worshipers as they leave worship today.*

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

God's Word is Our Great Heritage
*Christian Worship* 640

*Nikolai Grundtvig, the author of this hymn, was a key Danish Lutheran pastor, hymn-writer, and educator who revitalized the church and championed the Christian faith against rationalism and religious apathy. His 1,400 hymns emphasize the Word of God, the Holy Spirit, objective Christianity, and unwavering doctrinal clarity.*

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## Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship (October 5) - 44
Sunday Morning Bible Study (October 5) - 21
Wednesday Evening Bible Study (October 8) - 11

## Our Redeemer News

### Upcoming Bible Studies at Our Redeemer

October 12, 11:00am - Starting Point - Christianity 101

### Flower Chart

The Women's Ministry group has reactivated the Flower Chart to sign up for having flowers on the altar for our worship services. The board is located in the back of the church. Any signups will be greatly appreciated. If there is a special occasion for the flowers, please include that on the chart when you sign up.

### Welcome Team

If you would like to be a friendly face, greet people, help out with nametags, and give a gift to visitors at worship on Sunday mornings, please signup on the sheet at the Welcome Table to be part of the Welcome Team. It would mean taking a turn manning the Welcome Table by 9:10am on Sunday morning. A schedule will be created after we have a list of willing helpers. Please speak with Pastor Schroeder if you have questions.

### Grief Share

Our Redeemer is starting a Grief Share group to help people recover from the death of a loved one. This will be offered not only to our church family, but also to the community. If you have questions about this group, please speak with Sonja Todd or Karolyn Hanna who are coordinating this group.

### Congregational Meeting - October 19

After worship on October 19, we will have our quarterly congregational meeting to help keep us informed of what is happening at Our Redeemer. We'll have opportunities to look back at blessings over the last three months and look forward to how we can serve our Savior at the end of 2025 and into 2026. The President and Financial Secretary positions on the church council have their terms up and will need to be elected at this meeting.

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Managing God's Gifts To Us

### Managing God's Gifts to Us

When Jesus told Peter to cast his nets again, Peter reluctantly obeyed—and the result was a miraculous catch. God still blesses those who trust his Word and act on it. True stewardship means recognizing that all we have—time, talents, treasures, truth (God's Word), and temple (our bodies)—belongs to God and is given for his purpose. Like Peter, we may doubt or feel unworthy, yet Jesus calls us to follow him and use what we have for his kingdom. When we respond in faith, our "empty nets" become full, and our lives overflow with joy in serving Christ, who fills every need and calls us to fish for souls. To help be kept informed of finances to carry out our ministry plans at Our Redeemer, here is the recent offerings report.

| | Last Week | Month-to-Date | Year-to-Date |
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| **Actual Offerings** | $1,515 | $1,515 | $114,670 |
| **Budgeted Offerings** | $2,600 | $2,600 | $108,622 |
| **Difference** | ($1,085) | ($1,085) | $6,048 |

## This Week at Our Redeemer

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| Sunday | October 12 | 9:30am | Sunday Worship |
| | | 11:00am | Sunday Bible Hour |
| Monday | October 13 | 9:30am | Pastor Office Hours |
| | | 7:00pm | Handbells' Practice |
| Thursday | October 16 | 7:00pm | Women's Ministry Meeting |
| Sunday | October 19 | 9:30am | Sunday Worship |
| | | 11:00am | Congregational Meeting |

**Please sign up on the table outside to help in someway with this outreach and fellowship event.**

# The LA Circuit of the AZ-CA District of the WELS

## celebrates a

# Joint Reformation Service

Sunday, October 26, 4:00pm

**St Paul's First Lutheran Church**
**5244 Tujunga Avenue**
**North Hollywood, CA 91601**

- Speaker: AZ-CA District President Pastor Joel Heckendorf
- Special Music provided by Adult Choir & Children's Choir
- Fellowship Meal to Follow