



Service Focus:

Judgment / Peace

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church | Santa Barbara, California
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost | November 16, 2025



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OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 active 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: Cause / Effect

“Every why hath a wherefore,” Shakespeare wrote, reminding us that little happens by chance—there is always cause and effect. To live wisely, we must understand both: a healthy heart requires knowing the causes of disease, financial peace demands awareness of spending’s effects. If you want the peace of being close to God, you need to know what causes that effect. Again, to navigate life well, it is vital we understand cause and effect. As we near the end of the Church Year, having reviewed Jesus’ life and teachings, we now focus on key themes that reveal God’s divine cause and effect at work throughout his kingdom. In this final four-week series we will be looking at those themes with the understanding that “every why hath a wherefore.” We conclude the year by talking about cause and effect in God’s kingdom.

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| November 2 | Festival of All Saints | Sainthood / Stamina |
| November 9 | Pentecost 22 | Grace / Joy |
| November 16 | Pentecost 23 | Judgment / Peace |
| November 23 | Last Sunday of Church Year | Scripture / Anticipation |

Service Focus

If you were making a list of things that might make society more peaceful, would you include “more judgment”? Likely not. Many people assume judgment creates conflict, not peace. Yet a world without judgment is a luxury many cannot afford. Countless victims of abuse, violence, and oppression see evil go unnoticed and unpunished. Without the hope of judgment, there can be no peace—only despair or a desire for revenge. But the promise of judgment gives the wronged real comfort: perfect justice will one day be done.

When we are deeply wronged, our options seem limited to taking matters into our own hands or falling into despair. Jesus gives a better way. He promises to return and judge the world. That promise brings peace, assuring us that every wrong will be righted by the one true and righteous Judge.

Prayer before the Service

Lord Jesus, righteous Judge, as we gather today, steady our hearts with the promise of your perfect justice. When evil seems unchecked and suffering overwhelms, keep us from despair or vengeance. Strengthen us, as you did the Thessalonians, to endure with faith. Give us peace in knowing you will return to right every wrong. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Serving God and Us Today

Presiding Minister: Pastor Daniel Schroeder
Music Operator: Al Todd
Audio/Visual Booth: Jim Everson, Josh Schueler
Usher: John Favuzzi

Welcome Table: Pam Schueler
Fellowship: Joyce Ampe, Linka Schroeder
Flowers: Hilary Schroeder (in honor of Emily
Schroeder’s birthday today)

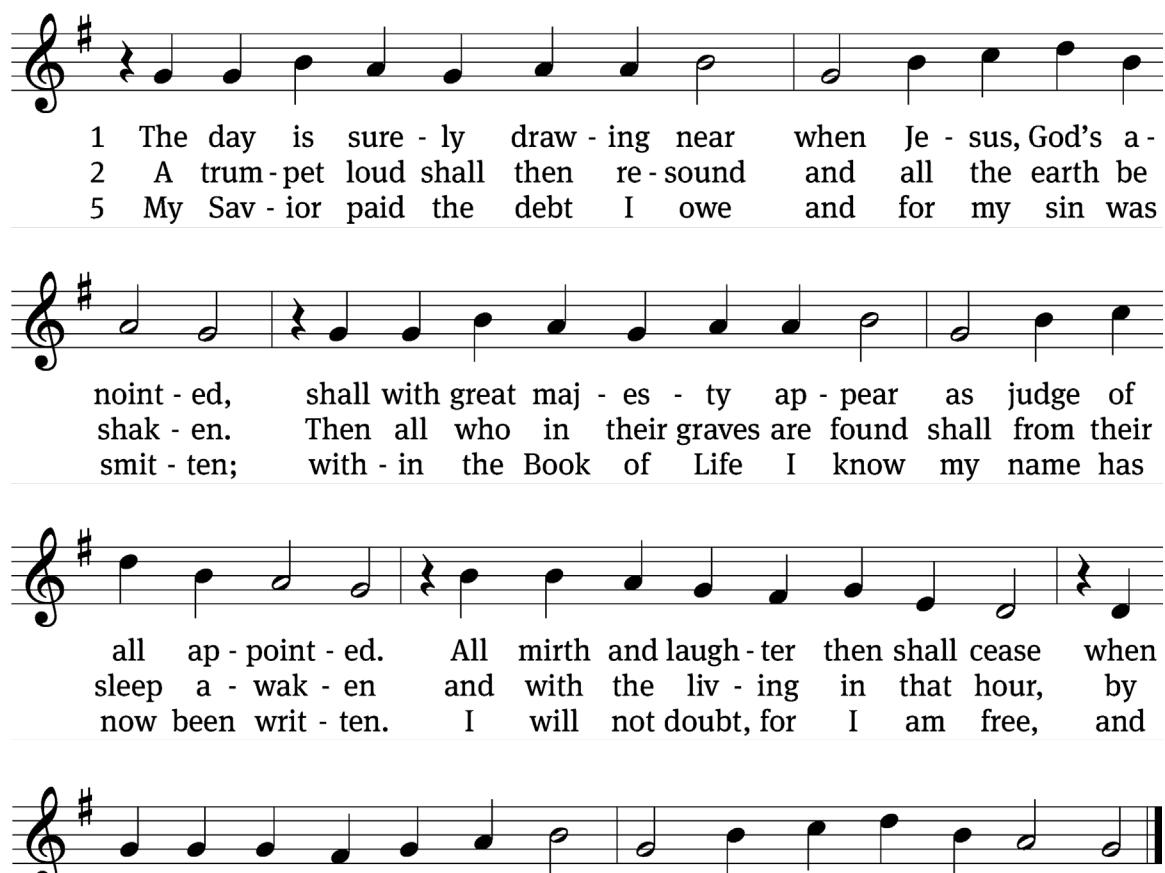
The Service

Welcome

According to tradition, Martin Luther wrote down the tune of this song after he heard it sung by a traveling minstrel (entertainer). This hymn was much sung during the Thirty Years' War (a series of wars mainly fought in Germany in the years 1618-1648). The song was popular during this era because people believed the end of the world to be near.

Opening Hymn

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near
Christian Worship 488 (st. 1,2,5)



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near when Je - sus, God's a -
2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound and all the earth be
5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe and for my sin was

noint - ed, shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear as judge of
shak - en. Then all who in their graves are found shall from their
smit - ten; with - in the Book of Life I know my name has

all ap - point - ed. All mirth and laugh - ter then shall cease when
sleep a - wak - en and with the liv - ing in that hour, by
now been writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, and

flames on flames will still in - crease, as Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.
God's al - might - y, bound-less pow'r, be changed at his com-mand-ing.
Sa - tan can - not threat - en me; there is no con - dem - na - tion!

Stand

Confession

Psalm 32:1,2

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.
 We have done those things that we should not have done,
 and we have not done those things that we should have done.
 Have mercy on us, Lord!
 Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
 according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

The pastor announces forgiveness to the penitent congregation. He appeals to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as the basis for the full and free forgiveness of sins.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Christ, have mer - cy on us.

Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

Kyrie is the Greek word for "Lord." The Kyrie is a series of requests for the Lord's blessings. Having received the gift of the Lord's forgiveness, we now make our requests on the basis of his mercy, not our merit.

Glory Be to God *Gloria in Excelsis*

Glo - ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We wor-ship

In Lutheran worship, the Gloria's text, drawn from Luke 2:14 and expanded with phrases of praise, celebrates God's glory and Christ's redemptive work. It originated in the second century.

you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est and
 peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
 Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther: re -
 rit.
 ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.
a tempo
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est and
 peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo-ry of God the Fa - - ther.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est and

peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Prayer of the Day sets the tone for the worship service by uniting the congregation in a common focus and intention. Today's prayer is of Swedish origins and dates from the 17th century.

Be seated

Children's Devotion

First Reading

¹“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ²But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. ³Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty.

Malachi 4:1-6

On the day of judgment, those who do evil will be laid low. But that day will mean rescue for those who revere the name of the LORD.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. ⁶He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.” (NIV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The Church sings
Psalm 98 in services
that praise God for
bringing righteousness
and salvation to people
across the world.*

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 98

Refrain



All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God.



All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God.

Tone



Sing to the LORD a / new song,
for he has done / marv'lous things;
his right hand and his / holy arm
have worked salvation / for him.
The LORD has made his sal- / vation known
and revealed his righteousness to the / nations. *Refrain*

Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with / music.
Let the rivers / clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together / for joy;
let them sing be- / fore the LORD,
for he comes to / judge the earth.
He will judge the world in / righteousness
and the peoples with / equity.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

⁷ “Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

⁸ He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

¹⁰ Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life. (NIV)

Jesus instructs us, when persecuted, to not seek vengeance. Instead, we are to stand firm and persevere, confident in the justice of coming judgment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

It Is Well with My Soul
Christian Worship 850

The author of this hymn, Horatio Spafford, was a Chicago lawyer, Presbyterian elder, and devoted Christian. In 1871 he suffered major financial loss during the Great Chicago Fire. Two years later, while his wife and four daughters sailed to Europe, their ship—the SS Ville du Havre—collided with another vessel and sank rapidly. Spafford’s four daughters died; his wife alone survived. As he traveled across the Atlantic to meet her, the captain informed him when they passed the approximate location of the tragedy. According to tradition, Spafford penned the words “It Is Well with My Soul” at that moment, expressing a faith that clings to Christ’s peace even amid deep sorrow.

The Thessalonian Christians were suffering a persecution. To empower their perseverance, Paul assures them of the coming judgment and punishment.

Sermon

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

“Are You Better Off Now Than You Were Before?”

⁵All this is evidence that God’s judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. ⁶God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. ⁸He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might ¹⁰on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.” (NIV)

My Christian Life – Are You Better Off Now Than You Were Before? //

Because Jesus has already rescued me, sees my suffering, and promises perfect rest when he returns, his saving love moves me to live with hope, trust, and an active faith this week. This means I can ...

- Set aside time in my prayers to pray for persecuted Christians around the world who suffer for their faith, trusting that Jesus sees their pain and will bring justice.
- Replace revenge with trust and identify one person who has wronged me. Instead of plotting payback or replaying the hurt, I can speak this prayer: “Lord, I turn this over to you—deal with this in your time. Give me peace.”
- Look for small ways God is already making me “better off.” I’ll write down three ways God has used trials as a blessing for my faith and trust in him—even if the trials were painful.
- Other: _____

Stand

This catechism portion is the Seventh Petition of the Lord’s Prayer & Martin Luther’s explanation. Luther urged Christians to pray this petition daily, recognizing that evil surrounds us constantly.

Catechism

7th Petition of the Lord’s Prayer

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

In conclusion, we pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil that threatens body and soul, property and reputation, and finally when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Spoken by the Pastor

Offering

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 obligated 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



In offering money as an expression of worship, we are responding to God's claim on our lives and giving him a portion of what he has in fact given us.

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

All Is Well
Christian Worship 802

The authors of this 21st century song said that this song was written "to bring comfort and hope in the midst of trials as we remind ourselves of God's great love."

Prayer

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

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.

The Lord's Prayer teaches us how to approach God "as dear children ask their dear Father"—boldly, with trust that he delights in hearing and answering us. See Matthew 6:9-13.

The blessing of Aaron
has been spoken over
God's people for over
3,500 years. See Num-
bers 6:24-26.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor
and + give you peace.

Amen.

This English hymn of thanksgiving was written in 1844 by Henry Alford. He intended the hymn for the English Harvest Festival which is like the North American Thanksgiving Day. We notice references to God's spiritual harvest, when he will bring his people into his heavenly home.

Closing Hymn

Come, You Thankful People, Come
Christian Worship 491 (st. 1,3)



1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home,



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win-ter storms be - gin.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,



God, our mak - er, shall pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast,



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.

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Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship (November 9) - 37
Sunday Morning Bible Study (November 9) - 16
Wednesday Evening Bible Study (November 12) - 9

Our Redeemer News

Upcoming Bible Studies at Our Redeemer

November 16, 11:00am - Starting Point - Christianity 101
November 19, 6:30pm - Starting Point - Christianity 101
November 23, 11:00am - Starting Point - Christianity 101

Women's Ministry Meeting

This Tuesday, November 18, at 7:00pm, the Our Redeemer Women's Ministry Group will meet in the fellowship hall to create Christmas bags for kids on Christmas Eve. If you have items you'd like to contribute for the bags, please bring them along. All ladies are invited to attend.

Outreach Team

This Thursday, November 20, 6:30-7:45pm, our Outreach Team will meet to plan for our Thanksgiving Eve Devotion Bonfire and Christmas Eve. We'd love to have you join us to help with planning!

Thanksgiving Eve Bonfire Devotion

On November 26, the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving, at 6:00-8:00pm, we will have a chili, s'mores, a bonfire, and a devotion around a fire. Plan on joining us for this night of fellowship and thanksgiving. Invite family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to this event. Pick up a S'mores box on the Welcome Table to use as an invite. Thank you to Joyce Ampe for designing those and putting them together!

New Copies of *Meditations Daily Devotional* Available

Have you experienced the power of a daily encounter with God and his Word? The newest edition of *Meditations Daily Devotional* is available on the table in the courtyard. *Meditations* is a personal and inspiring devotional booklet offering a brief yet thought-provoking Bible study every day. Each of the devotions is clearly and accurately written, and the booklet includes daily Bible verses, devotions, and prayers. Through focus on and faith in God's true Word, *Meditations* provides guidance and encouragement for daily living.



Managing God's Gifts to Us

As we head toward the end of time, don't be deceived into thinking that the things we build here, including our churches, will be left standing. Only by standing firm on Jesus' name by the Spirit's power can we stand before our God forever. At the same time, Jesus will help us stand before others to be his witnesses even in the face of persecution until the end comes.. 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 |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| Actual Offerings | \$1,360 | \$2,855 | \$130,652 |
| Budgeted Offerings | \$2,600 | \$5,200 | \$121,622 |
| Difference | \$1,240 | \$2,345 | \$9,030 |

This Week at Our Redeemer

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| Sunday | November 16 | 9:30am 11:00am | Sunday Worship Sunday Bible Hour |
| Monday | November 17 | 7:00pm | Handbells' Practice |
| Tuesday | November 18 | 7:00pm | Women's Ministry Meeting |
| Wednesday | November 19 | 9:30am 6:30pm | Pastor's Office Hours Starting Point/Christianity 101 Bible Study |
| Thursday | November 20 | 3:15pm 6:30pm | Youth Catechism Class Outreach Team Meeting |
| Sunday | November 23 | 9:30am 11:00am | Sunday Worship (Holy Communion) Sunday Bible Hour |



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About Us

Our Mission

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been serving the Santa Barbara community since 1968. As people who have been redeemed through faith in Jesus Christ, our mission is to: **Grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; **Encourage** one another; and **Proclaim** what we have seen and heard.



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Our Ministry

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Our Church Body

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are united in faith and teaching with the other 1,200 plus churches of our Wisconsin Synod and 33 other church bodies around the world of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC).



Let us know you were here!

