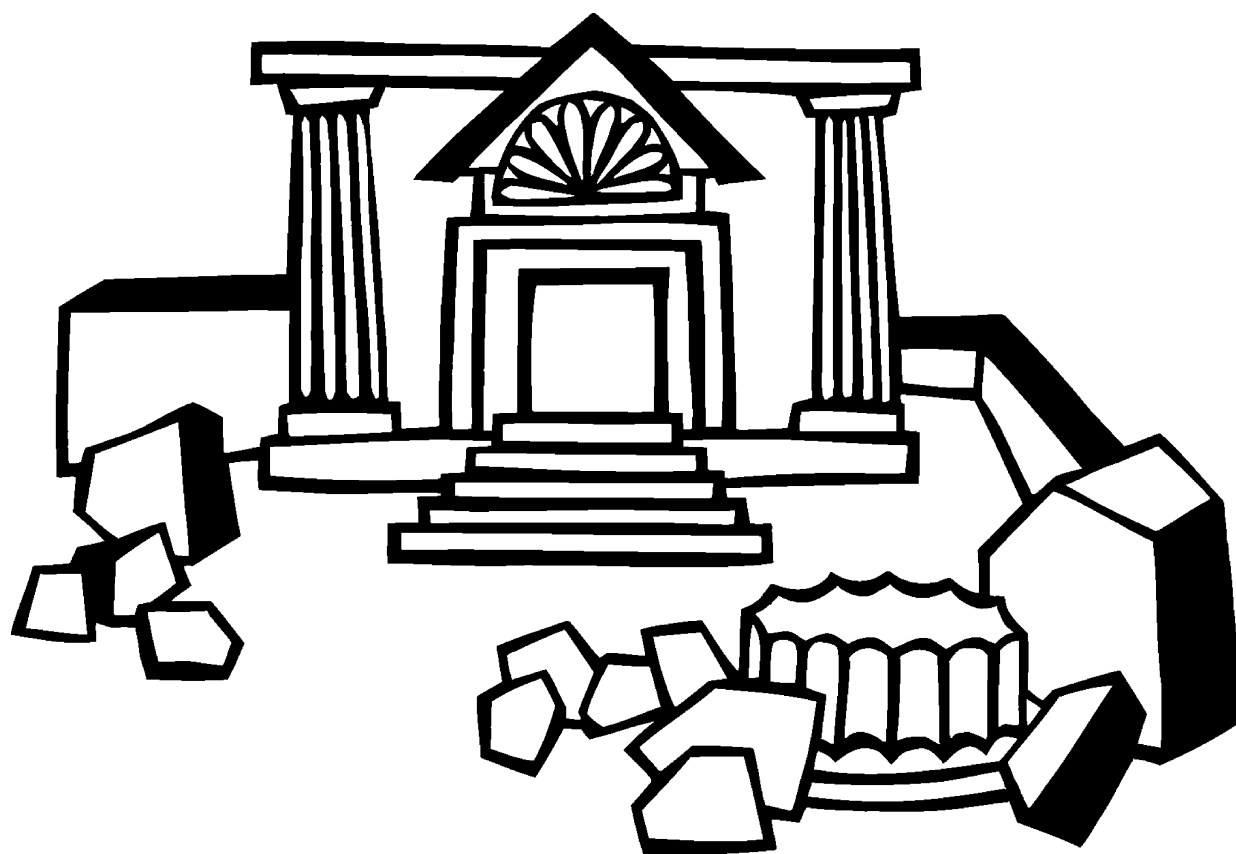


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***Holy Communion Service  
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 17, 2024***

## PRELUDE

played by organist

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHOIR INTROIT

## OPENING HYMN

LBW [Green Book] # 241

*“We Praise You O God”*

## GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, our Creator, our Redeemer, our Giver of Faith,

C Amen.

L Let us come in truth before the One who loves us, forgives us, and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

C 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.

P These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, we are + forgiven and God remembers our sin no more. Let our heart be glad as we rejoice in the gifts of faith and salvation.

C Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**C** Almighty God, **your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WE HEAR GOD'S HOLY WORD PROCLAIMED**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*November begins with All Saints Day and ends on the eve of Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together and love one another.*

### **The First Lesson is from Daniel chapter 12 verses 1-3**

*The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.*

<sup>1</sup>At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.

<sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

<sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

**C    Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 16**

*My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope.  
(Ps. 16:9)*

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD,

"You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## **The Second Lesson is from Hebrews chapter 10 verses 11-25**

*Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.*

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

<sup>16</sup>"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,"

<sup>17</sup>he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one

another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

**C    Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*(Congregation stands and sings “Alleluia” following the Reading.)*

**The Gospel Lesson is from Mark chapter 13 verses 1-8**

*In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.*

<sup>1</sup>As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished? <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

**C    Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Murray D. Finck

*“...and he will come again...”*

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

*“My Lord, What a Morning”*

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

*\*the word “catholic” in the creed means “universal.” It is the original word used as this profession of faith was adopted by the early Christian Church.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**L** ... Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

## **OFFERTORY**

*“When Peace Like a River”*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal, you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance at this table, and send us forth to feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your compassionate love.

**C** Amen.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** The table of the Lord is ready. Rejoice and give thanks as Christ Jesus invites us to his feast of grace and love.

*Holy Communion Distribution (The Congregation is invited by the ushers to come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar, Holy Communion will be brought to you in the pew. We believe Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice. Those who are baptized and share that belief are always welcome at this table. Please speak to the Pastor if you have any questions. The inside circle of glasses contains white grape juice.)*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**C** Faithful God, you have spread before us a heavenly feast, offered through the sacrifice of Christ Jesus. Now send us to labor with you, in service to the world and among the people you call your own, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING

**P** May our compassionate Father and Lord; may Jesus, the crucified and risen Son; and may the Holy Spirit, the giver of faith and new life, + bless us now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

ELW # 723

*“Canticle of the Turning”*



## DISMISSAL

**P** Let us go in peace and generosity to encourage one another.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

**played by organist**

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**Interim Pastor:** The Rev. Murray D. Finck, Bishop Emeritus

**Organist and Choir Director:** Sharon Heck

**Flowers are given by:** *Mickey and Carol Costello in Honor of Their Anniversary.*

### **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

***Presider:*** The Rev. Murray D. Finck, Bishop Emeritus

***Organist:*** Sharon Heck

***Holy Communion Assistant*** Carmen Leslie

***Acolyte*** Sylvia Makus

***Reader:*** Susan Sinner

***Prayer Leader:*** Carol Costello

***Financial Team:*** Wendy Alfageme and Kay Pushman

### **THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** NO Bible Study

**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service *Christ the King*

### **Redeemer Finance: November Offering through November 3**

Budgeted Monthly Expense \$7,308.00

Offering \$4,400.00

**Needed for Budget** \$2,908.00

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Barry, Jean, Kathy, Wendy, Beverly, Nancy, Evelyn, Shirlene, Carol, Mickey, Evelyn, Gloria, Christa, Alice, Barbara, Cedric, Lucy, Karen, Kelly, Raymond, Dick, Marilyn, Brian, Carl, Jessica, Carol, Rose, Sandra, Elaine, Carmen, Barbara, Betty, Nancy, Phyllis, Sylvia, Flo, Eileen, Erich, Leslie, Linda, Ronnie, Kay, Violet, Linda, Ron, Collette, Lisa, Patty, Barbara, Joan, Dee, Susan, Kathy, Juanita, Clarence, Debbie, Joan, Doris, Linda, Bruce, Alma, Martha, Marianne, Robert, Laura, Jim, Loretta, Ray, Patty, Delrie, Bill, Betty, Lorna, M. Teresa, Joan, Mike, Frankie, Donna, Ernie, Eileen, Darleen, Sharon, Danuta, Lynne, Ethan, Kurt, Brinly, McCall, Kathy, Nayleen, Nicole, Donald, Maria, Andy, Owen, Tom, Anastasia, Claire, Fran, Chris, Kyle, Michele, Wes, Sam, Kolt, Brigid, Joanna, Dale, Karla, Sands, Gloria, Tom, Rosalia, Wendy, Elaine, Rachel, Mike, Jesus, Richard, Kelsey, Ginny, Christina, Margaret, Steven, and Dian. Please contact the church to add people to the prayer list.

*Please pray for our Bishop David Nagler, (ELCA) and Bishop John Taylor (ECUSA), the victims of the Ukrainian/Russian, Israel/Hamas conflicts, the civil strife in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and victims and families of all violence and natural disasters.*

*Gracious God, none who trust in your Son can be separated from your love. Give to those who live alone peace and contentment in their solitude, hope and fulfillment in their love of you, and joy and companionship in their relations with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Announcements

- † Welcome to everyone this morning, and especially to our guests and visitors.
- † Please take a moment and fill out the attendance slip found in the rack in the pews. Please place it in the offertory plate. Visitors, especially, are invited to fill out a card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!
- † Everyone is invited downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for coffee, treats, and fellowship (we have tea, too!). You are encouraged to continue to wear your name tags at fellowship so we can greet one another by name. The basket will be available downstairs so your name tag can be collected and ready to wear next week.
- † The Bible Study will **NOT** meet on Wednesdays, November 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>.
- † Last Sunday, the Annual Congregation Meeting Part 1 was held after our Holy Communion Service. The budget for 2025 was approved and new Council members: *Susan Avila, Carol Costello, and Linda Peters* were approved.
- † Forms for the Memorial Cross Wall are in the Narthex if you wish to honor a friend or family member in this way.
- † Please let us know if you are having medical issues, so we can offer pastoral care and our prayers during your difficult times. Speak to a member of the Church Council or call the office number: (562) 598-8697.
- † The elevator is working. Please see Kay Pushman, Wendy Alfageme, or Sylvia Makus to use the elevator, even if you have used it before.
- † Call on Tuesdays, after 5:00 pm, for the Leisure World Bus if you are having issues with it in regard to getting to Church on Sundays. (562) 431-6586 extension 2379.
- † If you are having a little problem with hearing on Sundays, please remember that there are speakers in the ceiling light fixtures so sitting closer to one of those may help. We are looking into improving the sound system for the Church Sanctuary.

- † The Flower Chart is available for sign-ups in the entryway. One bouquet is \$15.00. Both are \$30.00. Please include any dedication for your flower request when signing up or include a note beforehand if there is a dedication. If you take the flowers in the plastic holders, please return the holders. We try to reuse them and are currently out of them.
- † Printed copies of our current newsletter are available in the entryway. It is online on our website at: [www.redeemersealbeach.com](http://www.redeemersealbeach.com). It is sent out via email, if we have your email address. If you are not receiving the newsletter by email, or the midweek communiqué from the pastor, please put your email address on the attendance sheet in the pew pocket and put it in the collection plate, so we can add you or correct the address we have.

### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

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