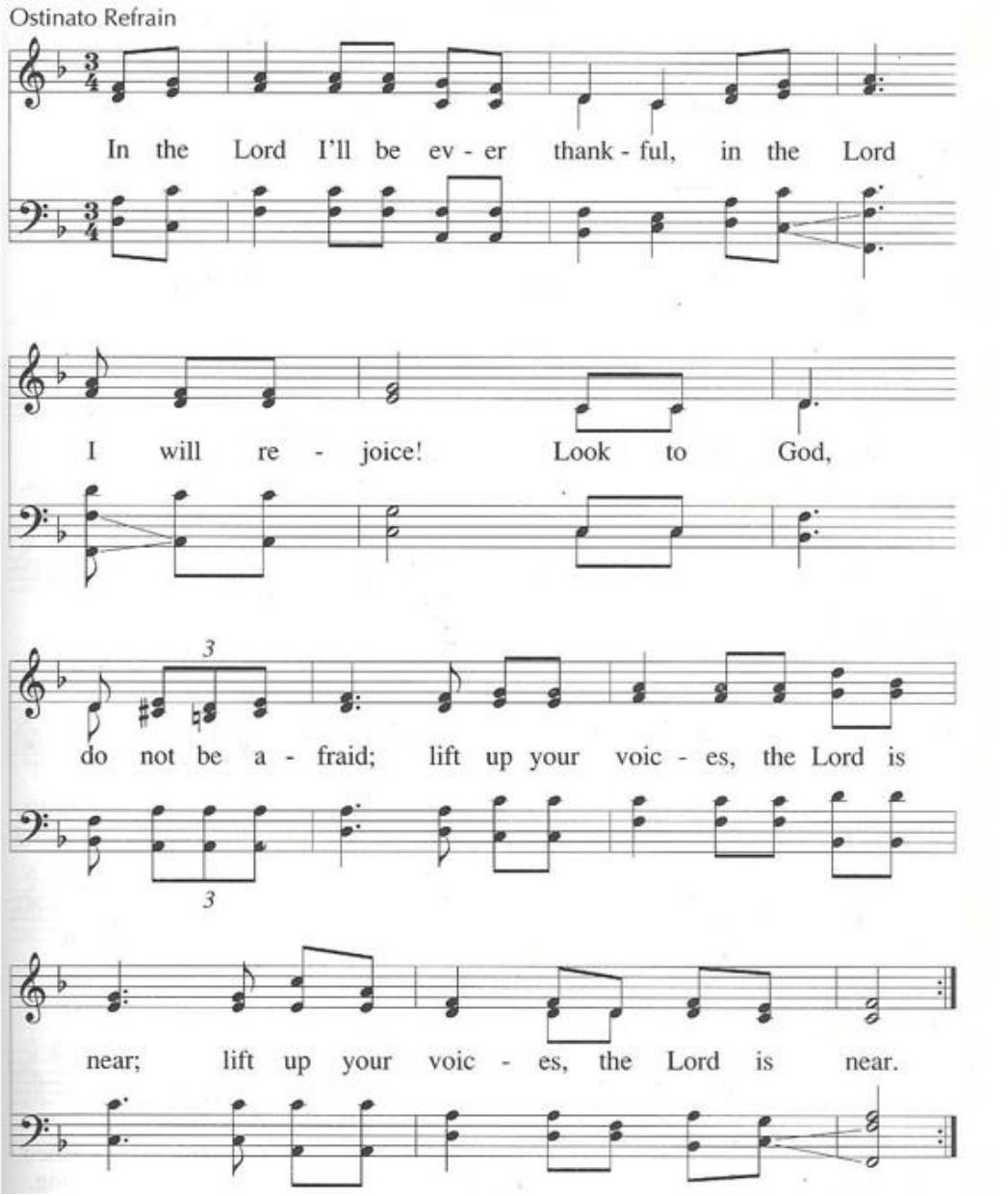

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November 15, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
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PRELUDE

MEDITATION CHANT "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" *J. Berthier*



WELCOME AND INVOCATION *Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen*
(please stand if able)

LITANY – Sharing the Light

Jesus calls us to keep our lamps burning, to be ready, watchful, and faithful as we await his coming.

God, fill our lamps with the light of your love, and help us share that light with the world.

You have blessed us with gifts beyond measure: the gift of life, the gift of faith, the gift of community, and the gift of your unending grace.

Make us generous caretakers of all that you have entrusted to us. May we use our gifts to shine your light.

Keep our lamps burning, O God. Let our faith be more than words, and let our hope be more than waiting.

We will shine your light. We will share your love. We will generously offer the gifts you have placed in our hands. Amen.

– *Based on Matthew 25:1-13*

SHARING THE STORY – Rodney Pinnix

OPENING SONG **"**Gather Us In" *Red Book 532*

PRAYER OF THE DAY *David Walker*

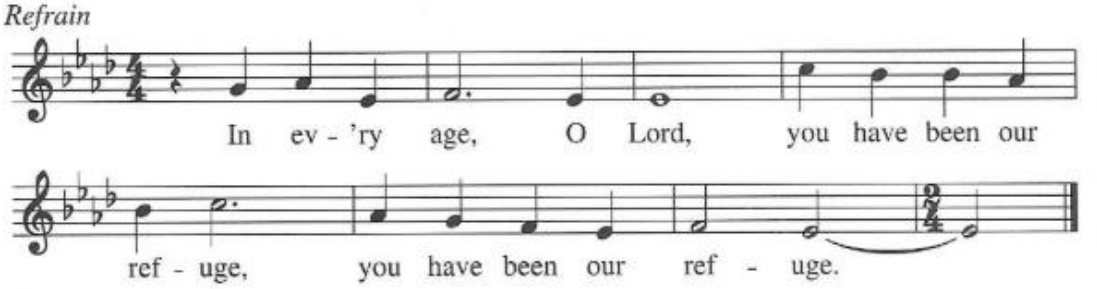
Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**
(please sit)

FIRST READING 1 Thessalonians 5: 1 – 11 *Brittany Wilson*

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not
need to have anything written to you. **2** For you yourselves know very well that the
day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3** When they say, "There is peace
and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains
come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! **4** But you, brothers
and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; **5** for you
are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of
darkness. **6** So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and
be sober, **7** for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk
at night. **8** **But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the
breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.** **9** For God
has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus
Christ, **10** who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live
with him. **11** **Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as
indeed you are doing.**

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90 "In Every Age" *Timothy R. Smith*



Verses
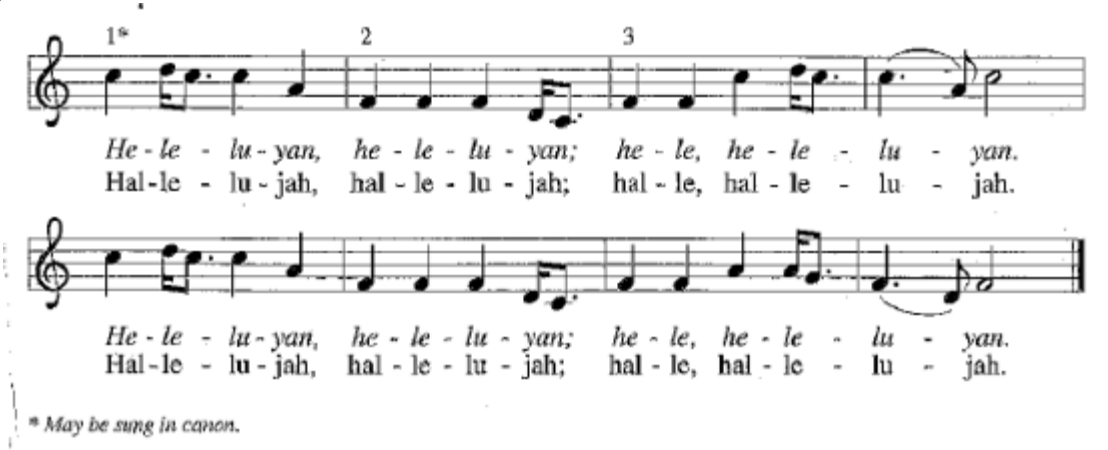
1. You return us to dust,
children of earth back to earth.
For in your eyes a thousand years
are like a single day:
they pass with the swiftness of sleep.

2. You sweep away the years
as sleep passes at dawn,
like the grass that springs up in day
and is withered by evening.

3. Teach us to make use of our days
and bring wisdom to our hearts.
How long, O Lord, before you return?
Pity your servants.

4. Shine your love on us each dawn,
and gladden all our days.
Let your loveliness shine on us,
bless the work of our hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Hallelujah/Heleluyan" *Charles Webb*
(please stand if able)



* *May be sung in canon.*

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 14 – 30 *Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen*

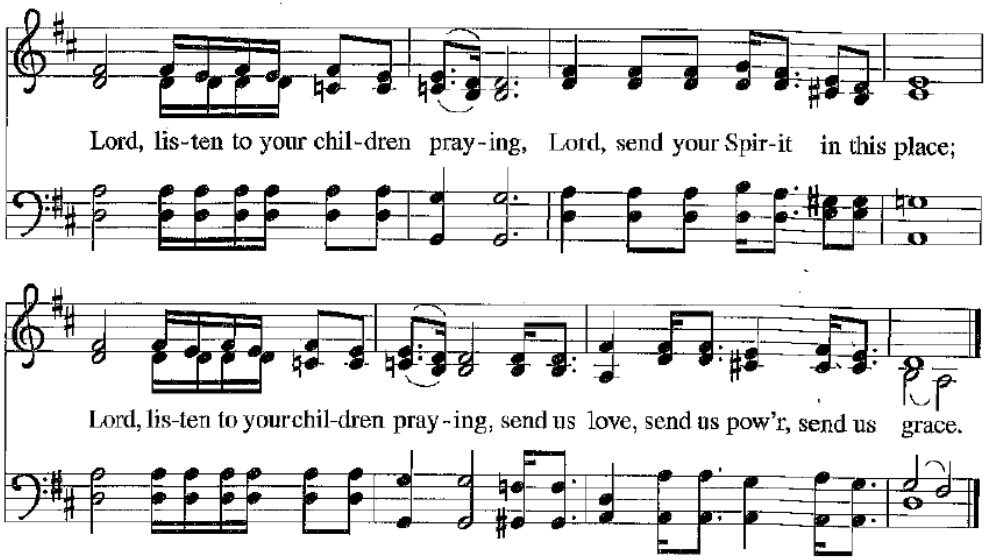
"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] **to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability**. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21] His master said to him, **'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'** [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] **so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground**. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**
(please sit)

SERMON *Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen*

SERMON SONG "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" *Red Book 680*
(prayer squares collected)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" *Ken Medema*



SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG "For the Fruits of All Creation" *Red Book 679*

OFFERING PRAYER *David Walker*

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION *Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen*

Song "What Feast of Love" *Red Book 487 vs. 1*

Presider's Prayer

Reprise "What Feast of Love" *Red Book 487 vs. 3*
(please stand if able)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. God, you are our Holy Parent, our Mother and . . .

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation (please sit)

COMMUNION SONG "Seed That in Earth is Dying" *Red Book 330*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *David Walker*

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to share your light this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING
(please stand if able)

Go now into the world, carrying the light of Christ within you.
Tend the flame of faith in your hearts, and let it shine through your words, your actions, and your generosity.
Remember, the light of Christ is not diminished when it is shared. It only grows brighter.
Go in peace in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

SENDING SONG "Take My Life That I May Be" *Red Book 583*

DISMISSAL Go now in peace. Carry the light of Christ everywhere!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER/PRESIDER: Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: David Walker
READER: Brittany Wilson
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Jeff Bray
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: The Walker Family
ALTAR GUILD: The Walker Family
USHERS/GREETER: Dorothy Zeidler and Friends

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office is open, 9 – 1, Monday – Thursday. Call 414-933-7004, or email admin@redeemermilwaukee.org to set up an appointment with a pastor.

BIBLE STUDY THIS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- We will focus on **Luke 17: 11 - 19.**

A MESSAGE FROM JOAN JACOBS, OLGA BOARD PRESIDENT

- Olga needs volunteers to help with pickup and delivery of food from Feeding America to Redeemer on Wednesdays. Feeding America is close to Redeemer (1.6 miles at 1700 W. Fond du Lac Ave.) and pick up can be anytime between 8:00 am and noon. We need to create a pool of volunteers whom we can call upon when this help is needed. The size of our orders varies widely, so this help may not be needed every week. Requests for help would be made a week in advance. Please consider helping Olga with this critical need.
  Any questions or to volunteer, please contact the church office at 414-933-7004.

SIGN UP GENIUS FOR WORSHIP LEADERS

- Please use the link or QR barcode to sign up to be a worship leader. You can sign up to be the liturgical assistant, reader and communion assistant. Dates are in there up to the end of the year. Plan ahead!
- https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA82CA2FCC34-64339932-worship#/

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- Pledge and commitment cards are being sent out to each of you. Please bring the completed cards on November 22.