SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING



Redeemer LUTHERAN CHURCH

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631 N. 19th Street
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MEDITATION CHANT "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" *J. Berthier*

(Led by Redeemer Choir)



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

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR MIF DEBT RETIREMENT

OPENING SONG **"**Praise and Thanksgiving" *Red Book 689*

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Anna Borkenhagen*

God of Grace, we come before you today to be radically grateful. Inspire us to break from our well-worn paths and turn you with thanks and praise. Even in life's challenges, guide us to see and to share the many blessings you give us each day. **Amen.**
(please sit)

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 8: 7 – 18 *Bennett Borkenhagen*

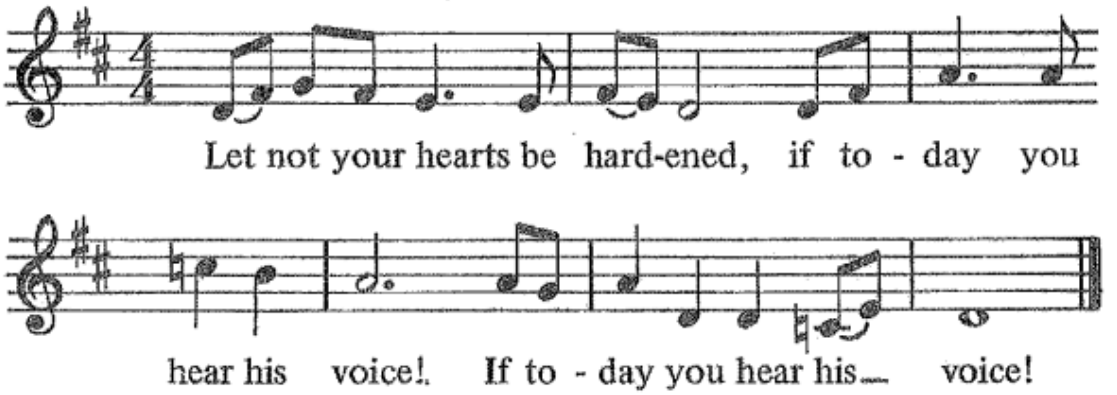
7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing
streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, 8 a
land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of
olive oil and honey, 9 **a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where
you will lack nothing**, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you
may mine copper. 10 You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the
good land that he has given you.

11 "Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his
commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you
today. 12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in
them 13 and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold

is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, [14] then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, [15] who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. [16] **He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good.** [17] **Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.'** [18] But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

PSALM 95 "Let Not Your Hearts Be Hardened" *Steven C. Warner*
Led by Redeemer Choir



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



GOSPEL Luke 17: 11 – 19 *Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen*

The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Gospel of Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[11] On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria
and Galilee. [12] As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached
him. Keeping their distance, [13] they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy
on us!" [14] When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the
priests." And as they went, they were made clean. [15] **Then one of them, when he**
saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. [16] He
prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.
[17] Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?
[18] Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" [19] Then he
said to him, "**Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well**."

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

SERMON *Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen*

SERMON SONG "All Good Gifts" *Stephen Schwartz*
Redeemer Choir
(prayer squares collected)

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



SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG "The Greatest Commandment" *Paul Zach*
Redeemer Choir

OFFERING PRAYER *Anna Borkenhagen*

Generous God,
we give in grateful thanksgiving for all that you have given us.
In the upside-down world of the gospel,
we measure our wealth not by what we have,
but what we can give away.
Let us give our time, talents, and money away generously in this offering
to bless your church, your people, your creation. **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)

Please bring up Stewardship pledge card and place in the basket when you come up for communion.

COMMUNION SONG "Build a Longer Table" *David Bjorlin*



POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Anna Borkenhagen*

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING
(please stand if able)

Always be thankful.
Let the words of Christ, in all their richness,
live in your hearts and make you wise.
Use God's words to teach and counsel each other.
Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.
And whatever you do or say,
let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus,
all the while giving thanks through Him to God the Father.
And may the blessing of God,
the love of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit
strengthen and encourage you
as you go out from here
to live lives of gratitude and service. Amen.
–Colossians 3: 15-17

SENDING SONG "We Praise You, O God" *Red Book 870*

DISMISSAL Go now in peace. Let your life shine forth in gratitude!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NO BIBLE STUDY THIS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY THRU FRIDAY THIS NEXT WEEK.

- Happy Thanksgiving!

JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS FOR PIE TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE!

- We'll be meeting in the Mission Partner Space for Pie and Fellowship.

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

- Please place your Stewardship pledge card in the basket as you come up for communion.

CHANT CLAIR'S *AT THE RIVER*

- Come home for the holidays with Chant Claire's *At the River: An American Christmas,* a celebration of American choral music, blending stirring spirituals, beloved folk melodies, modern classics, and seasonal favorites.
- December 19th at 7pm & December 20th at 3pm | Ascension Lutheran Church (1236 S. Layton Blvd, Milwaukee)
- **Tickets and Info:** tinyurl.com/CCAtTheRiver
- **Redeemer Discount Code:** (not to be shared on social media): Get 15% off General Admission Tickets using promo code REDEEMER at checkout
- **TICKET PURCHASE QR CODE (also attached as an image file)**



WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER/PRESIDER: Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Anna Borkenhagen

READER: Bennett Borkenhagen

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Jeff Bray

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Lisa Myers and Brittany Wilson

ALTAR GUILD: Lisa Myers and Chris Bremer

USHERS: Dorothy Zeidler and Friends

ELCA MISSION INVESTMENT FUND (MIF) LOAN FULLY PAID OFF

Today, during our Thanksgiving service, Redeemer Lutheran Church celebrates the generosity of God, our members, and donors, who have supported the *Fearless & Faithful* fundraising campaign during 2026. As of November 20, 2026, this loan obligation has been retired. Our only remaining debt on the building project is a low-interest loan from Bader Philanthropies due in 2030. The payoff of the MIF loan benefits our congregation going forward as we no longer have to make a monthly payment of $4,600. These resources will now be able to benefit our ministries.

To members of our Debt Reduction Committee, we thank you!
Brenda Skelton, Chair
Darlene Behr
Laura Bray
Reed Groethe
Jon Jacobs
Larry Prochnow
Solomon Tesfai
Chan Tran
Donnie Bogle-Boesiger, council president, ex officio
Pr. Heidi Borkenhagen, interim pastor, ex officio

"In the days ahead, use us and our gifts in new ways."