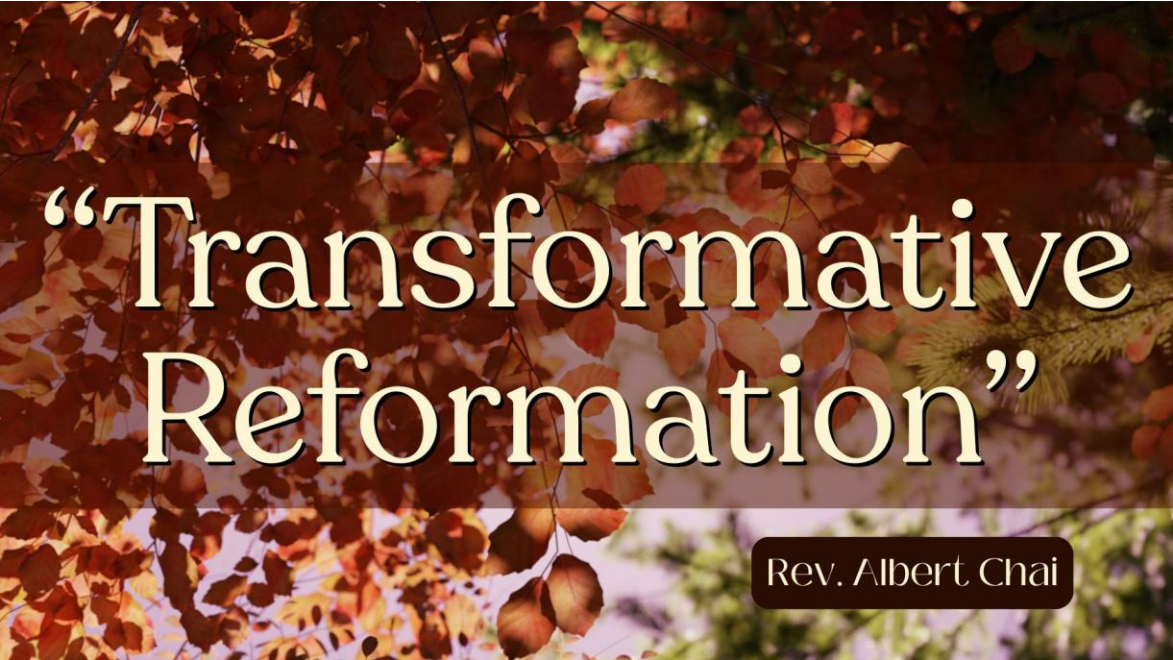




“Transformative Reformation”

Rev. Albert Chai

October 26, 2025 ~ 8:30am

REDEEMER BY THE SEA ~ “A PLACE TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN”

We are honored to recognize our niche in God’s Kingdom work. Here we will faithfully worship and teach in alignment with God’s Word and we’re a small enough fellowship where you can know and be known by most of the people around you if that’s your desire. Here you will be missed if you’re gone and prayed for when you have needs. You are welcome to contact the office (kay@redeemerbythesea.org) to get connected

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org		
Oct. 28th	11:30am	Redeemer Birthday Club
Nov. 1st	9:00am	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast
Nov. 8th	9:30am	Q&A Session with Pastor Eli Thomas
	11:15am	Q&A Session with Pastor Eli Thomas
Nov. 11th	9:30am	LWM – Business Meeting and
	10:15am	“Pamper Baskets” for Solution for Change
Nov. 13th	9:30am	MomCo
Nov. 15th		Holy Hackers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN (please stand)

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 657



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

(silence for further personal reflection and specific confession)

Pastor: Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CREATE IN ME

LSB 192

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men." The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with hyphens indicating multi-measure rests or long notes. The final note is a whole note on the G line, followed by a double bar line.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Pastor: For you who believe and trust that Jesus is God and Savior, through Him and for His sake God has heard our prayer. The Father sent His Son into our world, to die for us and to rise again that we may have new life. As a called and ordained servant of the word, and at the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I announce the grace of God unto all you, your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OLD TESTAMENT READING (please be seated) **Revelation 14:6-7 (ESV)**

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (please stand)

LSB 205

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36 (ESV)

Pastor: The Gospel reading today comes from John chapter 8.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -
 5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -
 6 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us sal -
 △ 10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our
 spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our
 va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And
 Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's
 hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the
 build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear
 glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our
 Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's
 Lord, I plead, Your death is now my
 heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.
 ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
 life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.
 sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

MESSAGE

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (please stand)

Pastor: *(concluding each petition)* Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING GOD'S PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI *(You May Be Seated)*

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION (please be seated)

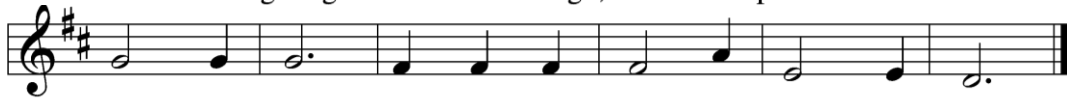
DISTRIBUTION HYMN “God Loved the World So That He Gave” LSB 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.

Text: Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens-Opffer, c. 1778, Stettin; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93 Text and tune: Public domain

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (please stand)

Pastor: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

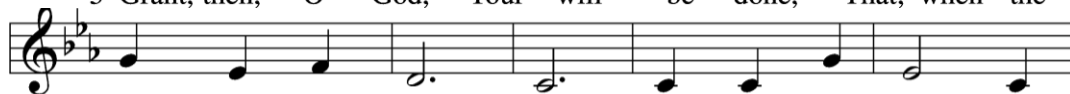
BENEDICTION

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

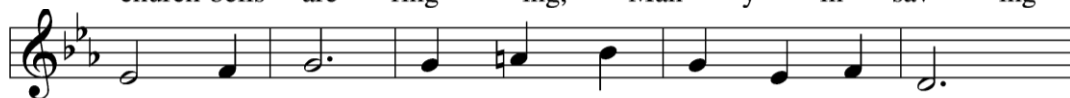
People: **Amen.**



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



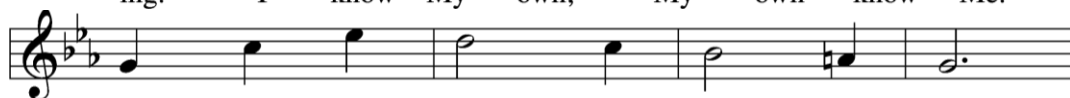
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord with joy.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *ESV*. UBP. ARR.
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Today's flowers have been donated by Reese and Blake Miller in honor of their Grammy, Andrea Revell, during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She is courageously battling stage 4 breast cancer, and we know that God's loving presence is guiding and supporting her every step of the way.
"We love you, Grammy!" — Reese and Blake.

WORSHIP | GROW | SERVE

OFFERINGS: *Visitors: please consider yourselves our guests and do not feel obligated to participate in the offering.* In faithful obedience

and joyful response to God's grace in our lives, we humbly and gratefully bring our tithes (a regular first portion percentage of our income) and offerings (gifts over and above our tithes for other kingdom work). You

may deposit your envelope, check, or cash in the box next to the exit; give online with your phone using the QR code at right or text "GIVE" to 442-222-2448. All these options are on our website: www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/.



FALL FESTIVAL THANKS! Thank you to over 250 people that attended our Annual Fall Festival! The DJ, sno cones & inflatables kept everyone entertained while families enjoyed delicious BBQ & visiting the Trunk or Treat, petting zoo and ponies. A huge thank you to our 40 volunteers that helped make this a very successful event! Check out the pictures on your browser: <https://www.michaelsvobodaweddings.com/p1013776661>. Individual photos can be downloaded for free using the DOWNLOAD ARROW above the pictures. If you find a family favorite, you are also able to order professional prints.

REDEEMER BIRTHDAY CLUB: We will meet **Tues, Oct. 28 at 11:30am** at Hennesey's Tavern in The Village. All are welcome! We will be celebrating July, August and September birthdays. Please RSVP online so we can make a reservation.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: **Sat. Nov. 1st from 9:00am-10:45am** in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP ONLINE to choose your optional breakfast from Panera. Regardless of whether you share a meal, you are welcome to join the fellowship and men's study.

LWM – PROJECT DAY: This month we will be putting together "pamper baskets" for clients in the Healing and Retreat Program at Solutions for Change. "Reflecting Christ in Accomplishing God's Will". All materials provided but many hands are needed. Please join us on **Tues. Nov. 11th** for our business meeting **at 9:30am** and assembling the baskets will begin about **10:15am** in the Fellowship Hall.

MOMCO Nov. 13th: MOMCO is Christian Moms coming together to tackle motherhood, family and chaos management. The next session will be on **Thurs. Nov. 13th at 9:30am**. Email Chase De Gaine at: Fellowship@redeemerbythesea.org for more information.

HOLY HACKERS: Our next golf event will be **Sat. Nov. 15th**. (Please note the date change due to the Pastoral candidate visit). This outing follows a scramble format, making it fun and accessible for golfers of all skill levels. Please email Rhonda at Rhonda@redeemerbythesea.org so she can confirm tee times.

PASTOR ELI THOMAS AND FAMILY TO VISIT IN EARLY NOVEMBER

We're pleased to share that Pastor Eli Thomas will visit our congregation the weekend of **Nov. 8–9** as part of our pastoral search process. During his visit, Pastor Thomas will meet with the Church Council, Elders, Call Committee and Preschool staff to gain a deeper understanding of our ministries, mission and community life.

On **Sun. Nov. 9**, Pastor Thomas, his wife Jennifer, and their daughter Sophie will attend both worship services. Following each service, there will be a Q&A session open to the congregation:

- After the 8:30 a.m. service: 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- After the 10:15 a.m. service: 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

If you'd like to learn more about Pastor Thomas's ministry, you can watch or listen to his recent messages:

- Contemporary Services: ccridgefield.com/media
- Traditional Services: [YouTube – Grace Lutheran Church](#)
- Podcast: <https://youtu.be/mgt04wph3b4>

We look forward to seeing how the Lord leads us in this important process and welcome your prayers and questions as we seek His will together.

WELCOME REV. ALBERT “AL” CHAI served at a Lutheran church and school before being called to a church without a school as associate pastor. There he launched a third morning service, an after-school tutoring program, and an English as a second language (ESL) outreach to the community. Such efforts led to an increase in church attendance of thirty percent. He is passionate about missions and outreach having gone on short term missions to Mexico, Taiwan, and the Navajo Nation. His outreach effort has been to families with school-age children. He has a multi-ethnic Bible study that meets twice a month.

Currently he is on “candidate” status meaning he is available for a pastoral call. While waiting he is the regular pulpit supply pastor for two churches and a retirement home. He is the California representative of Lutheran Heritage Foundation (www.lhfmissions.org).

AROUND THE TOWN:

Concordia University's Fall Concert Schedule: <https://cui.simplenetix.com>

Petal Pushers –Lutheran Hour Ministries decorates a float every year for the Rose Bowl Parade. Information to join in a variety of the festivities including the opportunity to help decorate this year's float: www.petalpushers.org

SERMON NOTES

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