



“We Celebrate All Saints Day, Striving for Contentment”

Chaplain Arthur Stevens

November 2, 2025 ~ 10:15am

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. 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) with any questions or to get connected.

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

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	Baskets for Solution for Change
Nov. 13th	9:30am	MomCo
Nov. 15th		Holy Hackers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

"Blessed Assurance"

INVOCATION

PRAYER TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

"Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

KIDZONE & RISE DISMISSAL

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence."

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Reader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

People: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Reader: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

People: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

Reader: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.

People: Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,

Reader: to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,

People: to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,

Reader: to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones.

People: Praise the Lord!

THE EPISTLE READING

1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

Pastor: The Gospel reading today comes from Matthew chapter 5.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

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PRAYERS

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

People: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

"Your Grace is Enough"

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 of these options are on our website:



www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: 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: www.youtube.com/@gracelutheranchurch2
- 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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Shoebox season is here, which means we once again have the privilege to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ with millions of boys and girls around the world. Shoeboxes are available in the lobby for you to pack with goodies and bring back to the church lobby by **Tues. Nov 18th**. Instructions & labels are inside each box. Thank you in advance RBTS!

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 where Christian Moms come 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 — whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out. Please email Rhonda at **Rhonda@redeemerbythesea.org** to sign up and she will confirm tee times.

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.

TODAY, WE WELCOME CHAPLAIN ARTHUR STEVENS: I am a second-career pastor serving at Grace Lutheran Church in downtown Los Angeles, residing in Hawthorne, California. Before answering God’s call to ministry, I built a 40-year career as a general contractor. My wife and I recently celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary, a milestone of God’s grace. We raised two sons; our eldest passed away nearly 40 years ago, and our younger son has blessed us with two wonderful granddaughters. As the Pacific Southwest District Prison Ministry Coordinator, I am privileged to travel across our district, sharing the Gospel, offering hope, and supporting rehabilitation. My work empowers pastors and laypeople to fulfill Jesus’ call to proclaim good news to the poor and freedom for prisoners (Luke 4:18-19), bringing Christ’s love to those in need.

SERMON NOTES

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Series/Title: _____

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MAIN POINTS:

ACTION/REFLECTION/PRAYER: