



“We Celebrate All Saints Day, Striving for Contentment”

Chaplain Arthur Stevens

November 2, 2025 ~ 8:30 am

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) with any questions or to get connected.

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

Nov. 9th	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

"For All the Saints"

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1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
5 And when the fight is fierce, the war - fare long,
6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And
Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–97, alt. Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958 Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for further personal reflection and specific confession)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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

Pastor: God has heard our prayer, and has 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.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

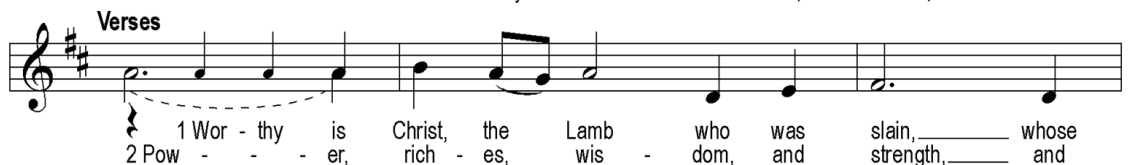
People: Amen.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verses



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich es, wis - dom, and strength, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. to refrain above
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. to Final Refrain below

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE GOD'S PEACE

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.

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. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain)

MESSAGE

"We Celebrate All Saints Day, Striving for Contentment"

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

People: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to do so.

Pastor: It is our joy and our peace, at all times and in all places to give thanks to you, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God through Jesus Christ, our Lord. We especially thank You for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to bear our sins on the cross, and to carry the burdens of our broken humanity. We look in faith for forgiveness, joy and healing, and in expectation of the fulfillment of your kingdom's presence we join the unending praise of the hosts of heaven and say:

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, Lord to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.

May we faithfully eat and drink as Jesus commands until that day when all the faithful will be gathered in the new kingdom to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb.

To You alone, Three in One, be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As God's Word proclaims, as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, His rest in the tomb, His resurrection from the dead, His ascension into heaven, and His return for the final judgment.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

DISTRIBUTION



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
sing His love for me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
on, I'll sing on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: A General Selection of . . . Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1811, Lynchburg, alt. Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven Text and tune: Public domain

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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.**

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 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou-sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

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SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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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/



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

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.

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 50 “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.

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

Date ____/____/____

Series/Title: _____

NOTES:

MAIN POINTS:

ACTION/REFLECTION/PRAYER: