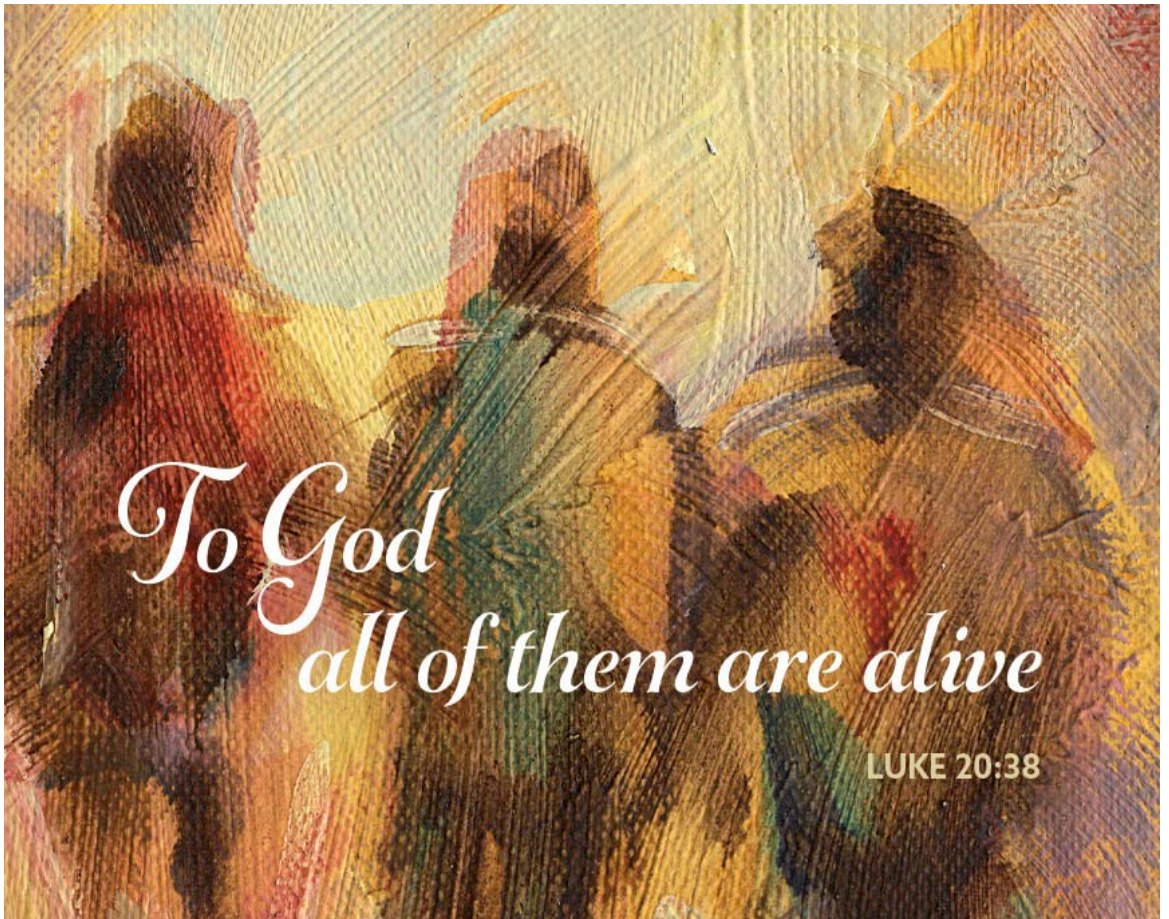




**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, November 9, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Rev. Stephanie White**

# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Order of Worship

*Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.*

*\* = Please rise*

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*In Heaven Above*

*ELW #630*

*All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.*

# In Heaven Above



- 1 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, where God our Fa - ther dwells:
- 2 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, what glo - ry deep and bright!
- 3 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, no tears of pain are shed,
- 4 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, God has a joy pre - pared,



how bound-less there the bless-ed-ness! No tongue its great-ness tells.  
 The splen-dor of the noon-day sun grows pale be-fore its light.  
 for noth-ing there can fade or die; life's full-ness round is spread,  
 which mor-tal ear has nev-er heard, nor mor-tal vi-sion shared,



There face to face, and full and free, the ev - er -  
 The might - y sun that goes not down, be - fore whose  
 and like an o - cean, joy o'er - flows, and with im -  
 which nev - er en - tered mor - tal thought, in mor - tal



liv - ing God we see, our God, the Lord of hosts!  
 face clouds nev - er frown, is God, the Lord of hosts!  
 mor - tal mer - cy glows our God, the Lord of hosts!  
 dreams was nev - er sought, O God, the Lord of hosts!

Text: Laurentius L. Laurinus, 1573–1655; tr. William Maccall, 1812–1888

Music: I HIMMELEN, I HIMMELEN, Norwegian folk tune

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**you have shown us the ways of your heart,  
yet we stray from your paths.**

**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression  
and do not embrace the freedom  
of your faithful promises.**

**We ignore our neighbors.**

**We exploit the earth.**

**We reject your abundance,  
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.**

**Repair our relationships,  
restore what we have broken,  
renew our hearts,  
and bring us to new life.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you,

☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

**Amen.**

## **\*Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always  
**And also with you.**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray,... O God,

**our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

**First Reading:** *Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.*

Job 19:23-27a

<sup>23</sup> “O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!

<sup>25</sup> For I know that my vindicator lives  
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;

<sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,

<sup>27a</sup> whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm: Psalm 17:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

<sup>2</sup> **Let my vindication come forth from your presence;  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

<sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.  
<sup>4</sup> **I have not regarded what others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**  
<sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;  
and my feet do not slip.  
<sup>6</sup> **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**  
<sup>7</sup> Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against  
them.  
<sup>8</sup> **Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**  
<sup>9</sup> from the wicked who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Second Reading:** *This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.*

## 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that

you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.  
<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*  
sing twice

ELW #172

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a strong emphasis on the 'lu-jah' part. The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words split across lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954  
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**Gospel:** *Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.*

**\*Gospel:** Luke 20:27-38

The holy gospel according to St. Luke...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Rev. Stephanie White

**\*Hymn of the Day**

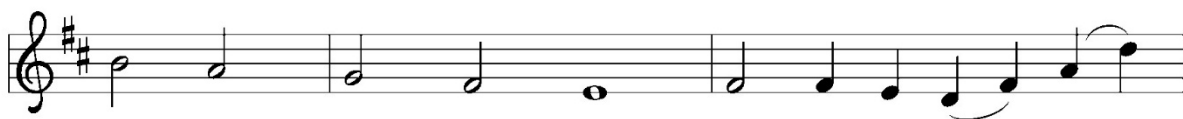
*I Know that My Redeemer Lives!*

*ELW #619*

# I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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| 5 He lives to bless me with his love;<br>he lives to plead for me above;<br>he lives my hungry soul to feed;<br>he lives to help in time of need.                       | 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br>he lives, and I shall conquer death;<br>he lives my mansion to prepare;<br>he lives to bring me safely there. |
| 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br>he lives and loves me to the end;<br>he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;<br>he lives, my prophet, priest, and king! | 8 He lives, all glory to his name!<br>He lives, my Savior, still the same;<br>what joy this blest assurance gives:<br>I know that my Redeemer lives!    |

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## **\*Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Offering

*We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering box before the service or at this time. As our tithes and offerings are being collected, **please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad.***

## **\*Offertory**

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

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 your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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 each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

## Offering Prayer

God of healing and hope,  
**you bless those who are hungry,**  
**promising to fill them with good things.**  
**Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.**  
**Nourish us with the abundance of your feast**  
**and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,**  
**now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

## \*Prayers of the People

...God of grace,  
**Receive 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**

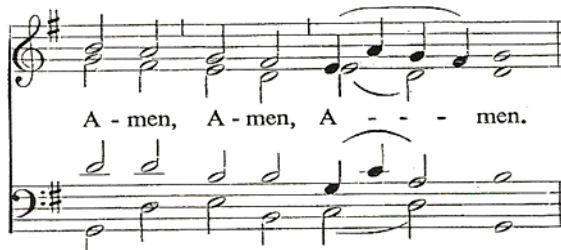


# **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **\*Blessing**

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,  
God the Son save you,  
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.  
The holy Trinity bless you ✚  
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart  
now and forever.



## **\*Sending Hymn**

*In Thee is Gladness*

*ELW #867*

# In Thee Is Gladness



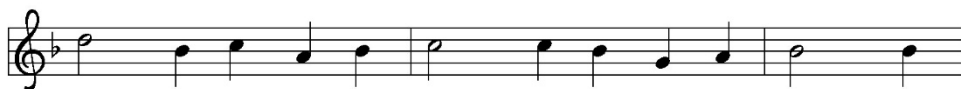
1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my  
2 Je-sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the  
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou  
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly  
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are  
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,  
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!  
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY 9:30 A.M.

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Acolytes: Kora McLean

Ushers: Cecil and Maryel Anderson

Lector: Grant Nelson

Serving at the Altar: Denice Nelson

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

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# *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

Tom Gustafson, Mark & Kathi Jenkins, Tamara Vaughan, Darren Bakke, Shawn Groven, Mason Laidley, Joyce White, Dave Thompson, Sandra Sundahl, Cindy Hughes, Jim Potucek, Rick Harbott, Sara LaFayette Valentine, Michelle Kasprick, Shari Safranski, Bob and Barb Horien, Rick and Tami Hanson, Rose Teie, and Fern Melbye.

**Financial stewardship**  
**2025 Budget**  
**\$329,106.00**  
**Needed monthly**  
**\$27,425.50**  
**Needed Weekly**  
**\$6,328.96**

**Altar flowers are given by**  
**Tom Kays**  
**in memory of Dianne Kays**

**Week Ending November 2, 2025**  
**\$3,522.58**  
**Weekly Shortage/Overage**  
**(\$2,806.38)**

**Quarterly statements** are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.



**Volunteers are needed to read, usher and serve communion.** If you can help out in any of these roles, please fill out a volunteer sheet found on our new church app. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

**Soulfood Youth Group** for grades 6 through 12 will meet the first Sunday of every month beginning at 6pm with a light meal. Come and hang out, it's good for the soul!

**This year's Thanksgiving Eve Service** will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church at 7pm.

**Hanging of the Greens** will be held on Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10am followed by pizza.

**There are 5 Sundays in November**, there will be a potluck meal on Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> following worship.



# *November Birthdays*

## **November Birthdays –**

**1** – Kari Johnson **2** – Kassidy Fremling, Ashley Olson **3** – Kristie Huseh **4** – Jana Nelson **5** – Jonathan Kays **6** – Grant Nelson, Shelly McFarlane, Shirley Nelson **7** – Teddi-Ann Pray, Stacy Davidson, Dawn Gustafson, Brock Jacobson, Devon Pulczynski **8** – Greg Brekke, Brady Berg **9** – Chad Johnson, Kellan Johnson **10** – Mia Dally **11** – Olivia Hempel, Wendy Goddard **12** – **13** - Howard Goethe, Julie Ornquist **14** – **15** – **16** – Natasha Eakes **17** – **18** – Mike Barry, Mikeala Berg **19** – Judy Gustafson, Dianne Stroh **20** – Casey Nelson, Jodi Disterhaupt, Kenadee Walker **21** – Shane Defreeze, Joette Landgren **22** – Barb Noel, Maxton Peterson **23** - Amanda Hestbeck **24** – Cody Conners, Jordan Jacobson **25** – Kelsie Dicken, Raeann Jacobson **26** – Miah Nelson, Eric Tjelle **27** – Richard Eckstein, Harlan Kirkeide, Linda Olson, Scott Walker, Kora McLean **28** –Jennifer Bjerken, Lori Sorenson **29** – Richard Anderson **30** – Rick Myers, Ezra Efteland

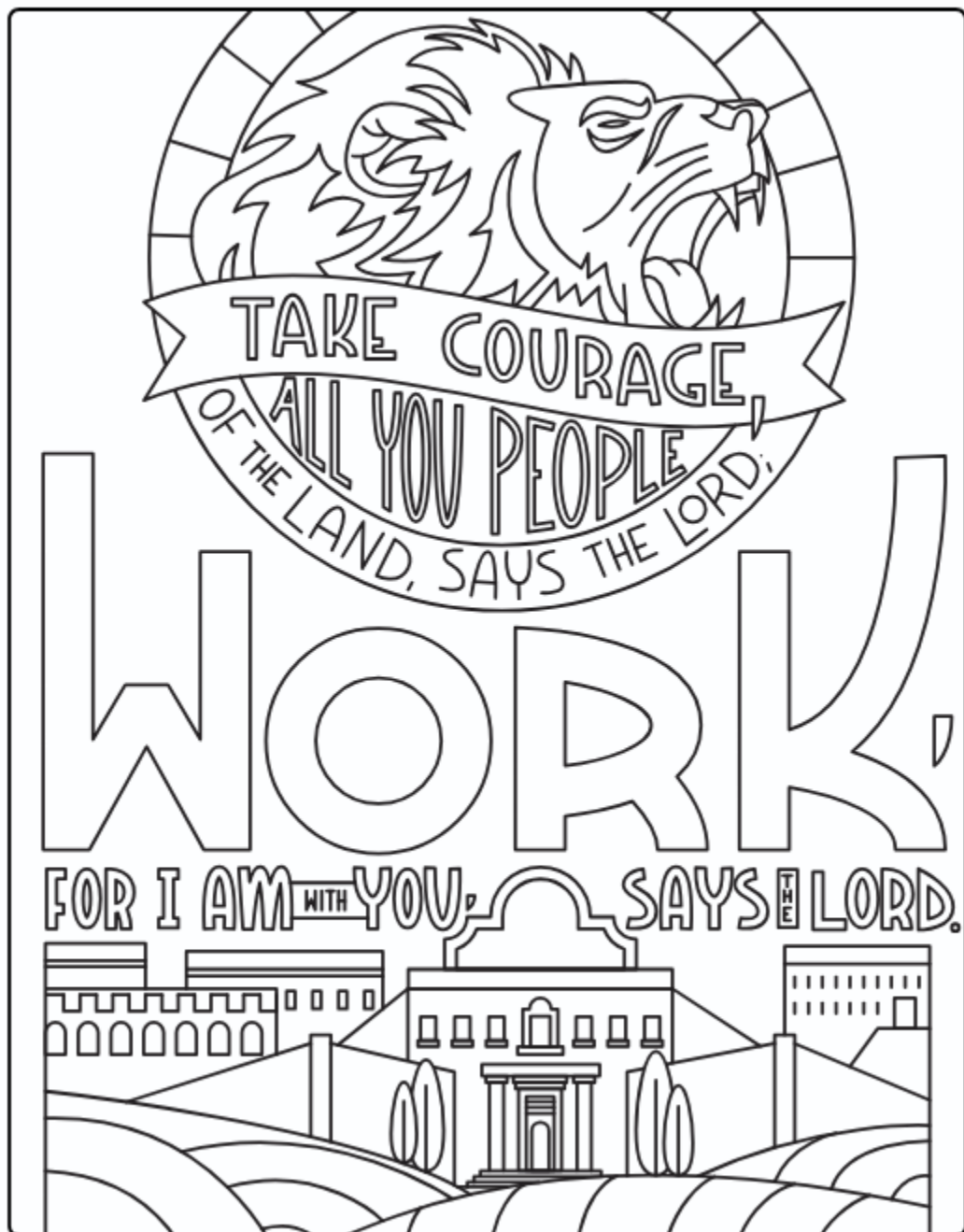
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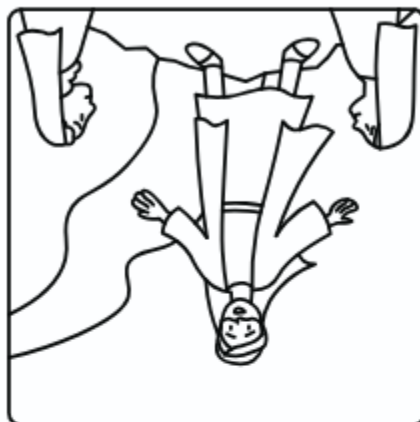
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Rev. Stephanie White, *pastor*  
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Marit Knutson, *financial secretary*  
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Jan Anderson, *council president*

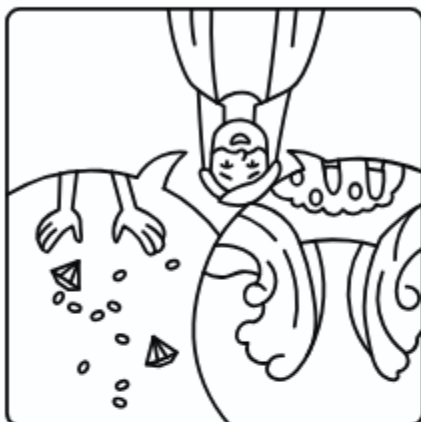
Reid Froiland, *organist/liturgist/choir director*  
Chris Cuppett, *cantor*  
Paula Adamson, Greg Dally, and Dean Dalen,  
*staff musicians*  
Dave Ulrich, *videographer*



2. Their hearts ached with sorrow, longing for what used to be. Then God spoke through the prophet Haggai, "Look at what's in front of you. Don't be afraid. You are not alone. Leaders, take courage. Everyone, be brave. I am with you."



3. "My Spirit has never left you," God continued. "Long ago, I brought you out of Egypt, and I will lead you still. Soon the earth will rumble, the seas will stir, and treasures from every nation will stream into this house!"



#### Haggai 1:15-2:9



1. After decades of living scattered far from home, the people of Israel finally returned, but nothing was as they remembered. Walls had collapsed, gardens were wild, and the temple, once glowing with glorious love, was now only stones and dust.



4. "It won't be like before; it will be even more vibrant and wonderful! So, what are you waiting for? Lay foundations of love. Plant gardens of peace. Let's rebuild together, creating something beautiful and new."