

Redeemer Lutheran Church

265 Falconer Street – North Tonawanda, New York 14120



Our Mission: "To Win and Keep Souls for Christ"

Today Is December 12, 2021 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent
Service Setting #4 in our Lutheran Service Book ~ pg. 203
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Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church

**We invite you to worship with us each Sunday
thru the end of December at 10:30 AM**

Education Classes begin at 9am with breakfast thru 12/19

Also, Please join us for

Advent Bible Study With Dinner at 6 PM on Wednesday 12/15

12/24 ~ Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship at 7 PM

January 2nd ~ Sunday Worship begins at 9:30 AM

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Something To Ponder & Memorize:

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.
And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2

The 2nd Commandment:

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord Your God.
We should fear and love God so that we do not curse,
swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name,
but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

M. Luther

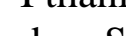
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Something To Smile About:

Dear Pastor, I'm sorry I couldn't leave more money in the
plate. Could you please have a sermon about a raise in my
allowance? Stephanie, age 10

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Prayer Before Worship:



I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger, and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Preservice Music ~ all are welcome to sing along!

Hey! Hey! Anybody Listening? FH #61

Refrain: Hey! Hey ! Anybody listening?
Hey! Hey ! Anybody there?
Hey! Hey ! Anybody listening?
Hey! Hey ! Anybody care?

1. We've got Good News, Good News, Good News, Good News,
Christ the Lord will soon be found here!
Good News, Good News, Good News, Good News:
Let's help spread the news around here!
If I had a drum, I'd drum it, A mandolin, I'd strum it,
A hummingbird hum, I'd hum it

Refrain:

2. People come on, come on, Come on, come on:
Let's sing out for Mary's Son here!
Come on, come on, come on, come on:
He'll bring joy for every one here!
If I had a harp, I'd twang it, A tambourine, I'd bang it,
A fireman's bell, I'd clang it

Refrain:

3. Come on, sing out, sing out, Sing out, sing out!
Tell the world about his birth now!
Sing out, sing out, sing out, sing out!
Loud and clear to all the earth now!
If I had a chime, I'd ring it, A finger cymbal, ching it,
We've got this song, let's sing it

Refrain:

Our Worship Service:

Officiant: Rev. Robert Spilman

Communion Assistant: Jim Ganschow

Readers: Don Hajdufi & Janet Zehr

Deacon on Duty: Don Hajdufi

Greetings and Announcements

Opening Hymn: #352 from our Lutheran Service Book

“Let The Earth Now Praise The Lord”

1. Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner's help and friend.
2. What the father's most desired,
What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here.
3. Abram's promised great reward,
Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord --
Him of two-fold race behold-- Truly came, as long foretold.
4. As Your coming was in peace,
Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me Which is Yours eternally.
5. Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith, Safely kept through life and death.
6. Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face, Freely ransomed by Your grace.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Confession and Absolution ~

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: who made heaven and earth.

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

**C: But with you there is forgiveness;
therefore you are feared.**

P: 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. 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.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Service of the Word ~

Introit

P: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. (Psalm 146)

Kyrie ~ (sing)

**Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria in Excelsis ~ (sing) page 204

- 1. To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing –
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heavenly King.**
- 2. To You, O sole begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in power are seated At God's right hand on high—**
- 3. For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be Worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory, "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Salutation ~

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

Collect of the Day ~

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Our First Reading ~ Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴Sing, daughter Zion;

shout aloud, Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,

Daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The Lord has taken away your punishment,

he has turned back your enemy.

The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;

never again will you fear any harm.

¹⁶On that day

they will say to Jerusalem,

“Do not fear, Zion;

do not let your hands hang limp.

¹⁷The Lord your God is with you,

the mighty warrior who saves.

He will take great delight in you;

in his love he will no longer rebuke you,

but will rejoice over you with singing.”

¹⁸”I will remove from you

all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals,

which is a burden and reproach for you.

¹⁹At that time I will deal

with all who oppressed you.

I will rescue the lame;
I will gather the exiles.
I will give them praise and honor
in every land where they have suffered shame.

²⁰At that time I will gather you;
at that time I will bring you home.
I will give you honor and praise
among all the peoples of the earth
when I restore your fortunes
before your very eyes.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Our Psalm ~ Psalm 85

¹You, Lord, showed favor to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
²You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins.
³You set aside all your wrath
and turned from your fierce anger.
⁴Restore us again, God our Savior,
and put away your displeasure toward us.
⁵Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger through all generations?
⁶Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
⁷Show us your unfailing love, Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
⁸I will listen to what God the Lord says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants --
but let them not turn to folly.

⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

¹²The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.

¹³Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

Epistle Reading ~ Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. (sing) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel ~

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke,
the 7th chapter, verses 18-35

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, ¹⁹he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

²⁰When the men came to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?’ ”

²¹At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. ²²So he replied to the messengers, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ²³Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

²⁴After John’s messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ²⁵If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear expensive clothes and indulge in luxury are in palaces. ²⁶But what did you go out to see? A Prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is the one about whom it was written:

“ ‘I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’ ”

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

²⁹(All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus’ words, acknowledged that God’s way was right, because they had been baptized by John. ³⁰But the Pharisees and the experts in the law rejected God’s purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.)

³¹Jesus went on to say, “To what, then, can I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? ³²They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling out to each other:

“ ‘We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not cry.’ ”

³³For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’ ³⁴The Son of Man came eating and drinking,

and you say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ ³⁵But wisdom is proved right by all her children.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: 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 sin,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: #345 from our Lutheran Service Book
“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

1. Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!
“Christ is near,” we hear it say.
“Cast away the works of darkness,
All you children of the day!”
2. Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.
3. See, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heav’n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all, to be forgiv’n;
4. So, when next He comes in glory
And the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with His mercy
And with words of love draw near.

Rise for verse 5

5. Honor, glory, might, dominion
To the Father and the Son
With the ever – living Spirit
While eternal ages run!

Sermon ~ “Are You The One To Come?”

Prayer of the Church ~ after Pastor says “Lord in Your mercy”
the Congregation replies “Hear our prayer”

~ Service of the Sacrament ~

Preface ~

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father,
almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our
Lord whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming
Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes
away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance
that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when
He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and
archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and
magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and
singing:

The Sanctus ~ (sing) page 208

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heaven and earth with full acclaim

shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving ~

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

Words of our Lord/ Institution of the Sacrament

Pax Domini ~

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

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ (sing) page 210

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymn: #347 from our Lutheran Service Book

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

**1. “Comfort, comfort ye My people,
Speak Ye peace,” thus saith our God;
“Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning ‘neath their sorrows’ load.**

**Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover
And her warfare now is o’er.”**

**2. Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger
He no more will see or heed
She hath suffered many a day,
Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pinning sadness
Into ever-springing gladness.**

**3. Hark the herald’s voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance,
Since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.**

**4. Make ye straight what long was crooked;
Make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That His word is never broken.**

Nunc Dimittis ~ (sing) page 211

- 1. O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heavenly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**
- 2. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect ~

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. Amen

Benedicamus ~

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction ~

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn ~ #349 in our Lutheran Service Book

“Hark The Glad Sound”

1. Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne
And ev’ry voice a song.
2. He comes the pris’ners to release,
In Satan’s bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
3. He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.
4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav’n’s eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.

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*If you haven’t already done so,
Please place Offerings in the plate at the entrance upon leaving*

Thank You!



For worshipping with us



This Week's Families To Pray For:

Thompson ~ Dan

Thompson ~ Jesse

Thompson ~ Shirley

Simmang ~ Beth

Thompson ~ Tim & Vicki

Vanner ~ Marona

Walck ~ Marcia

Warblow ~ Derek

Warblow ~ Ross

Wickman ~ Barb

This Week's Birthdays:

12/12 thru 12/18

Monday 12/13 ~ Gabriella Wilson

Tuesday 12/14 ~ Kelly Grudzinski



Pastors:

Chaplain True	Rev. Prof. Duke	Rev. K. Schmidt
Bishop Curry	Rev. Eder	Rev. T. Schmidt
Rev. Dr. Hardy	Rev. Dr. Harrison	Rev. Hendricks
Rev. R. Spilman	Jews for Jesus Org.	

Hope Lutheran Church (Syracuse)

Shut-Ins:

Betty Doug Roger Paul Barb June

Service Personnel

Eric B.	Josh B.	Reed H.	James K.	Christian K.
Clay K.	Katie K.	Colin J.	Jesse J.	McKenzie M.
Nick P.	Collin P.	Max P.	Ryan S.	Brian S.
Ryan S.	Dan T.	Jesse T.		

Salvation

Brent	Sharon	Noah	Wayne	Doug	Michael
Christine	Mark	Jerry	Stewart	Ben	Toni
Stan	John	Jeff	Madeline	Joanne	Kailie
Ty	Wallace	Nikki	Sandy	Kiera	Emily
Louis	Becky	Joe	Carl	Shawn	Jason
Jay	Sara	Abigail	Bobby	Laurie	Dave
Robert	Jason	Erick	Richard	Steve	Geoff
Kevin	Paul	Lisa	Scott	Steven	Brian
Diana	Ken	Sonya	Tim	Robert	Jeanne
Peter	Bill	Diane	Allen	Christopher	