

# **Redeemer Lutheran Church**

265 Falconer Street – North Tonawanda, New York 14120

## **LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST**



## **RULE IN YOUR HEARTS....**

**COLOSSIANS 3:15**

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

Today Is December 26, 2021 ~ 1st Sunday after Christmas

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Before communing, we follow our Lord's directions and examine ourselves as it says in I Corinthians 11. We ask ourselves:

Am I baptized and do I believe in Jesus as my Savior?

Do I admit I am a sinner in need of forgiveness?

Am I ready and willing to repent of my sin, to turn away from it,  
and with God's help intentionally try to live  
in a way which pleases Him?

Have I forgiven everyone who has sinned against me?

Am I free of all grudges?

Do I believe in His presence,  
that I am receiving Jesus' Body and Blood as He says?

Do I believe His promise that if I confess my sins,  
He will forgive me completely?

If you respond in a positive manner to these questions  
and feel led by the Holy Spirit to commune  
then receive the Holy Supper Jesus offers.

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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.

**Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**We invite you to worship with us each Sunday at 9:30am**  
**Education Classes begin at 10:45am**

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**Preservice Music** ~ all are welcome to sing along!

**Amen** FH #62  
(verses 1,2,3,7)

- 1. See the little baby - Lying in a manger  
On Christmas morning.**

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

- 2. See Him in the temple - Talking to the elders;  
How they all marveled!**

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

- 3. See Him at the seashore - Preaching to the people,  
Healing all the sick ones!**

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

7. Alleluia! - Jesus is my Savior  
For He lives forever!

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

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## Our Worship Service:

Officiant: Rev. Robert Spilman

Communion Assistant: Jim Ganschow

Readers: Earl Pierce & Marona Vanner

## Deacon on Duty: Earl Pierce

## Greetings and Announcements

**Opening Hymn: #389 from our Lutheran Service Book**  
**“Let All Together Praise Our God”**

1. Let all together praise our God Before His glorious throne;  
Today He opens heav’n again To give us His own Son,  
To give us His own Son.
2. He leaves His heav’nly Father’s throne, Is born an infant small,  
And in a manger, poor and lone, Lies in a humble stall,  
Lies in a humble stall.
3. Within an earth-born form He hides His all creating light;  
To serve us all He humbly cloaks The splendor of His might,  
The splendor of His might.
4. He undertakes a great exchange, Puts on our human frame,  
And in return gives us His realm, His glory, and His name,  
His glory, and His name.
5. He is a servant, I a lord: How great a mystery!  
How strong the tender Christ Child’s love! No truer friend than He,  
No truer friend than He.
6. He is the key and He the door To blessed paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise,  
To God our praises rise.
7. Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield And Spirit evermore;  
We praise You evermore.

**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: The Lord has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Oh, sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**Kyrie ~ (sing) page 204**

**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 ~**

**O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen**

### **Our First Reading ~ Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal.”

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses said to the people, “Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand.

<sup>11</sup>“After the Lord brings you into the land of Canaanites and gives it to you, as he promised on oath to you and your ancestors, <sup>12</sup>you are to give over to the Lord the first offspring of every womb. All the firstborn males of your livestock belong to the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons.

<sup>14</sup>“In days to come, when your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ say to him, ‘With a mighty hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>15</sup>When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed the firstborn of both people and animals in Egypt. This is why I sacrifice to the Lord the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.’

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Our Psalm ~ Psalms 111**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord.

I will extol the Lord with all my heart  
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

<sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the Lord;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup>Glorious and majestic are his deeds,  
and His righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>He has caused his wonders to be remembered;  
the Lord is gracious and compassionate.  
<sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.  
<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works,  
giving them the lands of other nations.  
<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.  
<sup>8</sup>They are established for ever and ever,  
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.  
<sup>9</sup>He provided redemption for his people;  
he ordained his covenant forever --  
holy and awesome is his name.  
<sup>10</sup>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.  
To him belongs eternal praise.

### **Epistle Reading ~ Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.  
<sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**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 2nd chapter, verses 22-40

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord.”), <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup>”Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

<sup>30</sup>For my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup>so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the

tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup>Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth.

<sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day: #519 from our Lutheran Service Book**

**“In His Temple Now Behold Him”**

(to the tune of Angels From The Realms Of Glory)

1. In His temple now behold Him, See the long expected Lord;  
Ancient prophets had foretold Him,  
God has now fulfilled His word.

Now to praise Him, His redeemed  
Shall break forth with one accord.

2. In the arms of her who bore Him,  
Virgin pure, behold Him lie  
While His aged saints adore Him  
Ere in perfect faith they die.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lo, the incarnate God Most High!

3. Jesus, by Your presentation,  
When they blessed You, weak and poor,  
Make us see Your great salvation,  
Seal us with Your promise sure;  
And present us in Your glory  
To Your Father, cleansed and pure.

**Sermon ~ “Lord, Dismiss Us in Peace”**

**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 for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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: #359 from our Lutheran Service Book**

**“Lo, How A Rose E’re Blooming”**

**1. Lo, how a rose e’re blooming**

**From tender stem hath sprung!**

**Of Jesse’s lineage coming**

**As prophets long have sung,**

**It came, a flow’ret bright,**

Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.

2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind,  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to us a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.

3. This flow'r, fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
The darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death He saves us  
And lightens every load.

4. O Savior, child of Mary,  
Who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, King of Glory,  
Who dost our weakness know:  
Bring us at length we pray  
To the bright courts of heaven,  
And to the endless day.

**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 ~ "The Twelve Days Of Christmas"**

**On the first day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
A partridge in a pear tree.**

**On the second day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear tree.**

On the third day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Five golden rings, Four calling birds, Three French hens,  
Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Six geese a-laying, Five golden rings, Four calling birds,  
Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying, Five golden rings,  
Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Eight maids a-milking, Seven swans a-swimming,  
Six geese a-laying, Five golden rings, Four calling birds,  
Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids a-milking,  
Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying, Five golden rings,  
Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Ten lords a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids a-milking,



Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying, Five golden rings,  
Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Eleven pipers piping, Ten lords a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing,  
Eight maids a-milking, Seven swans a-swimming,  
Six geese a-laying, Five golden rings, Four calling birds,  
Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Twelve drummers drumming, Eleven pipers piping,  
Ten lords a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids a-milking,  
Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying, Five golden rings,  
Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  
And a partridge in a pear tree!