

To Win and Keep Souls for Christ

Redeemer Lutheran Church

265 Falconer Street – North Tonawanda, New York 14120



*And he went throughout
Galilee, proclaiming
the message...*

MARK 1:39, NRSV

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Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church

Welcome to Worship, Fellowship and Christian Education!

*I can't know the cares of everyone seated nearby,
but you do, God.*

*I pray that each will know your love
and receive the blessing they need for today.*

We invite you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 AM.

Our Sunday Education & Bible Classes begin at 9:15 AM.

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Some Things To Ponder:

“Jesus knows me, this I love,”
read the church sign.

That twist on the classic children's song emphasizes the importance of being both loved and known.

“It’s not one or the other; it’s hard truth and ridiculous grace,” sings contemporary Christian artist Tauren Wells.

Three in One:


Everyday objects can serve as simple lessons about biblical truth. To illustrate the concept of the Trinity, you can point to a kid-friendly snowman to describe how God is Three in One.

The ball of snow on the base represents God the Father, our Creator and strong foundation.

The middle ball, with stick arms reaching to the side, reminds us of Jesus, who died on the cross.

And the snowman's head stands for the Holy Spirit, our ever-present Counselor who helps us and speaks God's truth to us.

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Prayer before worship: At the beginning of the week we come before You, O Lord, with grateful hearts for Your protection. We thank you for the privilege of seeing the light of new mornings. We ask You to be with us. Give us wisdom and strength for the tasks which await us. Help us to perform our duties faithfully and to find that joy which comes from seeking You in all we do. Amen.

Our Worship Service:

Officiant: Rev. Robert Spilman

Communion Assistant: Earl Pierce

Readers: Earl Pierce & Jim Ganschow

Greetings and Announcements

Opening Hymn: from our Lutheran Service Book #841

“O Son Of God, In Galilee”

O Son of God, in Galilee You made the deaf to hear,
The mute to speak, the blind to see;
O blessed Lord, be near.

O listen to the silent prayer Of Your afflicted ones.
O bid them cast on You their care;
Your grace to them make known.

The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear You can restore, O Lord;
Your “Ephphatha,” O Savior dear,
Can instant help afford.

Meanwhile to them the list’ning ear Of steadfast faith impart,
And let Your Word bring light and cheer
To ev’ry troubled heart.

Then in Your promised happy land Each loss will prove again;
All myst’ries we shall understand,
For You will make them plain.

Invocation ~

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

Confession and Absolution ~

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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: I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me.

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken. But I have trusted in Your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

Gloria Patri ~

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie ~

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis ~

P: Glory be to God on high:

C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation ~

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day ~

P: O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

First Reading ~ Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

²²He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,
and its people are like grasshoppers.

He stretches out the heavens like a canopy,
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

²³He brings princes to naught
and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

²⁴No sooner are they planted,
no sooner are they sown,
no sooner do they take root in the ground,
then he blows on them and they wither,
and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

²⁵”To whom will you compare me?

Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:

Who created all these?
He who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name.
Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.

²⁷Why do you complain, Jacob?
Why do you say, Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord;
my cause is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;

³¹but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary
they will walk and not be faint.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm ~ Psalm 147:1-11

¹Praise the Lord.

How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
³He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
⁴He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.
⁵Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.
⁶The Lord sustains the humble
but casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;
make music to our God with the harp.

⁸He covers the sky with clouds;
he supplies the earth with rain
and makes grass grow on the hills.
⁹He provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they call.

¹⁰His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;
¹¹the Lord delights in those who fear him,
who put their hope in his unfailing love.

Epistle Reading ~ I Corinthians 9:16-27

¹⁶For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel.

¹⁹Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one

under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

²⁶Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel ~

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark,
the 1st chapter, verses 29-39

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³²That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many

demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

³⁵Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

³⁸Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else – to the nearby villages – so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” ³⁹So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, 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 worshipped 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.

Hymn: from our Lutheran Service Book #852

“O God Of Mercy, God Of Might”

O God of mercy, God of might,
In love and pity infinite,
Teach us, as ever in Thy sight, To live our lives in Thee.

And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die
That our lost world might live there by,
O hear us; for to Thee we cry, In hope, O Lord, to Thee.

Teach us the lesson Thou hast taught:
To feel for those Thy blood hath bought,
That ev'ry word and deed and thought May work a work for Thee.

All are redeemed, both far and wide,
Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast died.
Grant us the will and grace provide To love them all in Thee!

In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
May we each other's burdens share;
May we, where help is needed, there Give help as unto Thee!

And may Thy Holy Spirit move
All those who live to live in love
Till Thou shalt greet in heav'n above All those who live in Thee.

Sermon ~

Offertory ~

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church ~

when Pastor says “Lord in Your mercy”
we reply “Hear our prayer”

(Please place Offerings in the plate at the entrance upon leaving)

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface ~

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the

Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus ~

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

The Words of our Lord

Institution of the Sacrament

Pax Domini ~

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

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei ~

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution of Communion

The Nunc Dimittis ~

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen

Thanksgiving ~

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: and His mercy endureth forever.

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

Salutation ~

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus ~

P: Bless we 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, amen, amen.

Hymn: from our Lutheran Service Book #850

“God Of Grace And God Of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.