

# Redeemer Lutheran Church

265 Falconer Street – North Tonawanda, New York 14120



Jesus grew in wisdom  
and in stature and in favor  
with God and man.

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

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## **Our Worship Service:**

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## **Greetings and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn: #524 from our Lutheran Service Book**  
**“How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds”**

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
    In a believer’s ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
    And drives away our fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole  
    And calms the heart’s unrest;  
    ‘Tis manna to the hungry soul  
    And to the weary, rest.
3. Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
    My shield and hiding place;  
    My never-failing treasury filled  
    With boundless stores of grace.
4. O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
    My prophet, Priest, and King,  
    My Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
    Accept the praise I bring.
5. How weak the effort of my heart,  
    How cold my warmest thought!  
    But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
    I’ll praise Thee as I ought.

6. Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!

### **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:** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure. But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

### **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: (sing) **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

### **Collect of the Day ~**

P: Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sing) **Amen.**

### **Our First Reading: I Kings 3:4-15**

<sup>4</sup>The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

<sup>6</sup>Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and

have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day."

<sup>7</sup>"Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. <sup>8</sup>Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. <sup>9</sup>So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

<sup>10</sup>The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. <sup>11</sup>So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, <sup>12</sup>I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. <sup>13</sup>Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for -- both wealth and honor -- so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. <sup>14</sup>And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life." <sup>15</sup>Then Solomon awoke -- and he realized it had been a dream.

He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Our Psalm:** Psalm 119:97-104

<sup>97</sup>Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

<sup>98</sup>Your commands are always with me

and make me wiser than my enemies.

<sup>99</sup>I have more insight than all my teachers,

for I meditate on your statutes.

<sup>100</sup>I have more understanding than the elders,  
for that I obey your precepts.

<sup>101</sup>I have kept my feet from every evil path  
so that I might obey your word.

<sup>102</sup>I have not departed from your laws,  
for you yourself have taught me.

<sup>103</sup>How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

<sup>104</sup>I gain understanding from your precepts;  
therefore I hate every wrong path.

**Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup>For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will -- <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup>he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup>to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment -- to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

<sup>11</sup>In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup>in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession -- to the praise of his glory.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Holy Gospel ~**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke,  
the 2nd chapter, verses 40-52

**C:** (sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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

<sup>41</sup>Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. <sup>43</sup>After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup>Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

<sup>49</sup>"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>51</sup>Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** (sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### **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.**

### **Sermon ~**

### **Offertory ~ (sing)**

**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"

### **Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface ~**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: (sing) And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: (sing) We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

**C: (sing) 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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 ~ (sing)**

**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.**

## **Words of our Lord / Institution of the Sacrament**

### **Pax Domini ~**

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

**C: (sing) Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei ~ (sing)**

**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**

**Communion Hymn: #376 from our Lutheran Service Book**  
**“Once In Royal David’s City”**

1. Once in royal David’s city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. For He is our childhood’s pattern,  
Day by day like us He grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us He knew;  
And He feels for all our sadness,  
And He shares in all our gladness.
4. And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heav’n above;  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.
5. Nor in that poor, lowly stable  
With the oxen standing by  
Shall we see Him, but in heaven,  
Set at God’s right hand on high.  
Then like stars His children, crowned,  
All in white, His praise will sound!

**Nunc Dimittis ~ (sing)**

**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: (sing) and His mercy endureth forever.**

**P: Let us pray.**

**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. (sing) Amen**

**Salutation ~**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: (sing) And with thy spirit.**

**Benedicamus ~**

**P: Bless we the Lord.**

**C: (sing) 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:** (sing) **Amen, amen, amen.**

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

### **Closing Hymn: #383 from our Lutheran Service Book** **“A Great And Mighty Wonder”**

1. A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure:  
The virgin bears the infant with virgin honor pure!  
Proclaim the Savior’s birth:  
“To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth!”
2. The word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high,  
And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the shy.  
Proclaim the Savior’s birth:  
“To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth!”
3. While thus they sing your Monarch, Those bright angelic bands,  
Rejoice, O vales and mountains, And oceans, clap your hands.  
Proclaim the Savior’s birth:  
“To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth!”
4. Since all He comes to ransom, By all be He adored,  
The infant born in Bethle’m, The Savior and the Lord.  
Proclaim the Savior’s birth:  
“To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth!”
5. All idols then shall perish And Satan’s lying cease,  
And Christ shall raise His scepter, Decreeing endless peace.  
Proclaim the Savior’s birth:  
“To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth!”

*Thank You  
for Worshipping  
with us today!*



*Our Worship is over --- now our service begins!*

May each of us leave church today  
ASSURED  
with unshakable promises and an unshakable hope,  
because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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