

To Win and Save Souls for Christ

## *Redeemer Lutheran Church*

265 Falconer Street – North Tonawanda, New York 14120



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# Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church

We are delighted you've joined us.

May God's word today strengthen your faith,  
inspire curiosity and learning,  
and motivate your service of others.

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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### To Ponder:

On walks, I enjoy searching for heart-shaped rocks. One day I spotted a broken heart, which seemed fitting as illness, racism and suffering dominated headlines.

I thought of Psalm 34:18: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Humans can be hard-hearted — pointing fingers, assuming the worst and failing to extend compassion.

We often reject people who look, think or act differently from us. All these things break hearts, including God's.

Only with his help can we rise above hatred, learn to listen more than we speak, and express kindness, empathy and a willingness to learn. Julie Lee

Jesus, be our rock as we face life's brokenness.

Stay near and start the healing. Amen.

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.



## Prayer Before Worship:

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life, that as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.





## **Our Worship Service:**

Officiant: Rev. Robert Spilman

Communion Assistant: Jim Ganschow

### **Greetings and Announcements**

#### **Opening Hymn: “As With Gladness Men of Old”**

As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led by Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,  
Savior, to Thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Thee, whom heav’n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin’s alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heav’nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev’ry day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
Thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King. Amen.

### **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: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights. I will tell of the decree; The Lord said to me,” You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations Your heritage, and the ends of the earth Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel. Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling, for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in

Him.

### **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:** Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**First Reading ~ Genesis 1:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

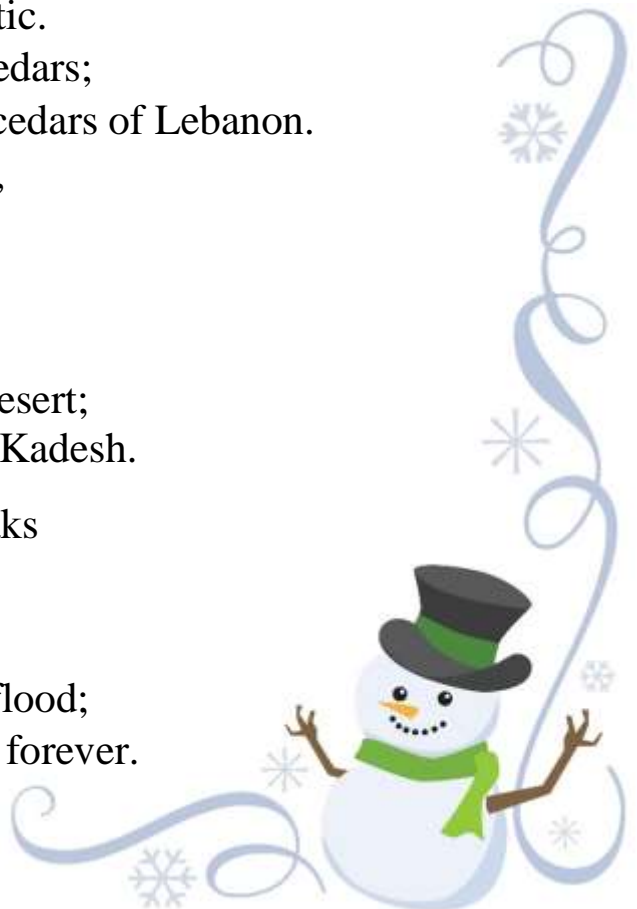
<sup>2</sup>Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.  
<sup>5</sup>God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.”  
And there was evening and there was morning – the first day.

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

The Psalm ~ Psalm 29

- <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.  
<sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.  
<sup>4</sup>The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is majestic.  
<sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.  
<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,  
Sirion like a young wild ox.  
<sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord strikes  
with flashes of lightning.  
<sup>8</sup>The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;  
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.  
<sup>9</sup>The voice of the Lord twists the oaks  
and stripes the forests bare.  
And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”  
<sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.





<sup>11</sup>The Lord gives strength to his people;  
the Lord blesses his people with peace.

**Epistle Reading ~ Romans 6:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup>Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – <sup>7</sup>because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

<sup>8</sup>Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup>In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**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 4-11

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>4</sup>And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing

their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup>John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **The Apostle's 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:** “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

To Jordan’s river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow’r and might.

The Savior came to be baptized--  
The Son of God in flesh disguised  
To stand beneath the Father’s will  
And all His righteousness fulfill.

As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove,  
Descended on Him from above.

Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound  
Came God’s own voice with words profound:

“This is My Son,” was His decree,  
“The one I love, who pleases Me.”

The Father’s word, the Spirit’s flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God’s own choice, from Adam’s fall  
To save the world and free us all.

Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan’s stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

**Sermon ~** “Baptized Into Death And Life”

## **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 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 ~**

**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.

### **Closing Hymn ~ “O God, Our Help In Ages Past”**

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come.  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.





**Pastors:**

Chaplain True	Rev. Prof. Duke	Rev. K. Schmidt
Bishop Curry	Rev. Eder	Rev. T. Schmidt
Rev. Dr. Hardy	Rev. Hendricks	Rev. R. Spilman
Jews for Jesus Org.	Hope Lutheran Church (Syracuse)	

**Shut-Ins:**

Betty Doug Roger Paul Marianna Barb Vi June

**Servicemen:**

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	Christopher			