

Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church

265 Falconer Street – North Tonawanda, New York 14120



When thou
hast eaten and art full, then
thou shalt bless the LORD
thy God for the good land
which he has given thee.

Deuteronomy 8:1

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

Today Is November 21, 2021 ~ Last Sunday of the Church Year

Contemporary Service With Thanksgiving

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We invite you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 AM. Education Classes begin at 9am with breakfast. Please join us!

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To Things To Ponder:

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Colossians 3: 17

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

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Something To Smile About:

What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Wednesday of November when no one diets. I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving? - Erma Bombeck

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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.



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 You 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 wicked Foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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Preservice Music ~ all are welcome to sing along!

Answer Song – FH #90

1. Who loves the Lord today? I do, I do.
Who loves the Lord today? I do, I do.
We love the Lord today We do, we do,
We love the Lord today We love the Lord.
2. Does Jesus save you now? He does, He does.
Does Jesus save you now? He does, He does.
We love the Lord today We do, we do,
We love the Lord today We love the Lord.
3. Who will obey God's Word? I will, I will,
Who will obey God's Word? I will, I will.
We love the Lord today We do, we do,
We love the Lord today We love the Lord.

Happiness is the Lord – FH #91

1. Happiness is to know the Savior, Living a life within His favor,
Having as change in my behavior, Happiness is the Lord.
 2. Happiness is a new creation, Jesus and me in close relation,
Having a part in His salvation; Happiness is the Lord.
- Real joy is mine, no matter if teardrops start,
I've found the secret, it's Jesus in my heart!

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Deacon on Duty: Don Hajdufi

“From All That Dwell Below The Skies”

Invocation ~

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution ~

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and
unclean, We have sinned against You in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not
loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your
present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son,
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and
lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your
ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 ~

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God
while I have being. O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom
have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures. These all
look to You, to give them their food in due season. When You give it to
them, they gather it up; when You open your hand, they are filled with
good things. When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and
You renew the face of the ground.

Kyrie ~

**Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above, You abound in gracious love,
Of all things the maker and preserver. Eleison! Eleison!**

**Kyrie! O Christ, our king, Salvation for all You came to bring.
O Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Our mediator at the heav'nly
throne; Hear our cry and grant our supplication, Eleison! Eleison!**

**Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost, Guard our faith, the gift we need the
most, Eleison! Eleison!**

Gloria in Excelsis ~ (sing) Hymn # 947 All Glory Be to God on High

Salutation ~

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

Collect of the Day ~

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

First Reading ~ Deuteronomy 8:1-10

¹Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. ²Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. ³He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you.

⁶Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. ⁷For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land – a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; ⁸a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

¹⁰When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Our Psalm ~ Psalm 67

- ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us --
²so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
- ³May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
- ⁵May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
- ⁷May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Epistle Reading ~ Revelation 1:4-8

⁴Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷”Look, he is coming with the clouds,”
and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”

So shall it be! Amen.

⁸”I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is yet to come, the Almighty.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel ~

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter, verses 24-37

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴”But in those days, following that distress,

“ ‘the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
²⁵the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

²⁶”At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.”

²⁸”Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

³²”But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.”

³⁵”Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back – whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’ “

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: #892 from our Lutheran Service Book
“Come, Ye thankful People Come”

Sermon ~ “Giving Thanks in the End Times”

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.**

**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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which You manifested to us. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: **Amen.**

Sanctus ~

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

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: Amen.**

Agnus Dei ~ (sing to the tune of # 434)

1. Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us;
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
2. Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us;
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus !

Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymn: #628 from our Lutheran Service Book
“Your Table I Approach”

Nunc Dimittis ~

**Lord, now let Your servant go in peace;
Your Word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people.
A light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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 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**

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.**

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

Closing Hymn ~ #895 in our Lutheran Service Book
“Now Thank We All Our God”

The Worship is over, now the Service begins.

Honor the Past, Live the Present, Embrace the Future – in His Name!