# **Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church**

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

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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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# Things To Ponder:

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

## The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear. love, and trust in God above all things.

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# Something To Smile About:

A young girl returned home after Sunday school and reported,
"Moses died before he reached Canada!"

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.

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

### I Will Call Upon The Lord

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.

I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth and blessed be the rock and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

The Lord liveth and blessed be the rock,

### **Emmanuel**

and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

Emmanuel,
Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us!
His name is called Emmanuel

# **Our Worship Service:**

Officiant: Rev. Robert Spilman Readers: Earl Pierce & Janet Zehr Deacon on Duty: Janet Zehr

# **Greetings and Announcements**

Opening Hymn: #331 from our Lutheran Service Book "The Advent Of Our King"

1. The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ, And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.

- 2. The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be, Himself a servant's form puts on To set His servants free.
- 3. O Zion's daughter, rise To meet your lowly King, Nor let your faithless heart despise The peace He comes to bring.
  - **4**. As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again And His true members all unite With Him in heav'n to reign.

#### 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 ~

Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord? Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before You. Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of Your face, who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness are exalted. For our shield belongs to the Lord. (Psalm 89)

**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 ~

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen** 

## First Reading ~ Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>" 'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.' "

<sup>15</sup> 'In those days and at that time

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land.

<sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord Our Righteous Savior.'

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **Our Psalm** ~ Psalm 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup>In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

<sup>2</sup>I trust in you;

do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup>No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come to those

who are treacherous without cause.

<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,

and my hope is in you all day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;

according to your love remember me,

for you, Lord, are good.

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

<sup>9</sup>He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

<sup>10</sup>All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

# **Epistle Reading** ~ <u>I Thessalonians 3:9-13</u>

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. <sup>12</sup>May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. <sup>13</sup>May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

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 19th chapter, verses 28-40

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>28</sup>After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup>"Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone askes you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.' "

<sup>32</sup>Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

<sup>34</sup>They replied, "The Lord needs it."

<sup>35</sup>They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

<sup>38</sup>"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

<sup>40</sup>"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, 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

## Hymn of the Day: "The Sweetest Name Of All"

resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

- 1. Jesus, You're the sweetest name of all, Jesus, You always hear me when I call, Oh, Jesus, You pick me up each time I fall, You're the sweetest, the sweetest Name of all.
- 2. Jesus, How I love to praise Your Name, Jesus, You're still the first, the last, the same, Oh, Jesus, You died and took away my shame, You're the sweetest, the sweetest Name of all.

3. Jesus, You're the soon and coming King, Jesus, we need the love that You can bring, Oh, Jesus, we lift our voices up and sing, You're the sweetest, the sweetest Name of all.

**The Meditation** ~ presented by Earl Pierce

**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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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 ~

- 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: #341 from our Lutheran Service Book "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

- 1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
  Behold, the King of glory waits,
  The King of kings is drawing near;
  The Savior of the world is here.
  Life and salvation He doth bring;
  Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
  To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.
- 2. A righteous Helper comes to thee;
  His chariot is humility,
  His kingly crown is holiness,
  His scepter, pity in distress.
  The end of all our woe He brings;
  Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
  To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.
  - 3. How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the ruler is confessed! O peaceful hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes! The cloudless sun of joy is He

Who comes to set His people free. To God the Spirit raise. Your happy shouts of praise.

- 4. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
  Make it a temple set apart
  From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
  Adorned with prayer and love and joy,
  So shall your Sov'reign enter in
  And new and nobler life begin.
  To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!
  - 5. Redeemer, come and open wide
    My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
    O enter with Thy grace divine;
    Thy face of mercy on me shine.
    Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
    Until our glorious goal is won.
    Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.

## **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 ~ #349 in our Lutheran Service Book "Hark The glad Sound"

- Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
   The Savior promised long;
   Let eve'ry heart prepare a throne
   And ev'ry voice a song.
  - 2. He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held,The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.
  - 3. He comes the broken heart to bind,
    The bleeding soul to cure,
    And with the treasures of His grace
    To enrich the humble poor.
  - **4**. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,

# And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name.

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



# This Weeks Families To Pray For:

Minor ~ Barry

Myers ~ Rich & Tami, & family

Papke ~ Tricia & Doug, Colton

Parlier ~ Rhea, Suzette

Pierce ~ Earl & Jan

Robertson ~ Kim, Lauren

Rogers ~ Jan & Mike, Brittany, Tara, Alexa

Rogers ~ John & Roberta

Rogge/McCartney ~ Jackie, Lillian, Shea

Scime' ~ Melissa

# This Weeks Birthdays:

11/28 thru 12/4

Tuesday 11/30 ~ Jason Warblow Wednesday 12/1 ~ Ella Lorkowski Thursday 12/2 ~ Suzette Parlier Saturday 12/4 ~ Noah Thompson

