

Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church

265 Falconer Street – North Tonawanda, New York 14120



“A Wealthy Life ~ Under God”

Our Mission: “To Win and Keep Souls for Christ”

Today Is October 17, 2021 ~ 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Contemporary Service

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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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Something To Ponder:

Pastors and their families live under incredible pressures.

Their lives are played out in a fishbowl, with the entire
 congregation and community watching their every move.
 They are expected to have ideal families, to be perfect people,
 to always be available, to never be down
 and to have all the answers we need to keep our own lives
 stable and moving forward.

Those are unrealistic expectations to place on anyone, yet most of us are disappointed when a pastor becomes overwhelmed...

That's why God has instructed us to recognize His servants.

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well
are worthy of double honor,
especially those whose work is preaching and teaching"
(1 Timothy 5:17) (Focus on the Family)

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Something To Smile About:

Teacher to parents at Open House:

In my experience, telling a child “without an education
you can’t get a job” almost never works,
but telling them

“without an education you can't get a job to earn money
to buy new electronics and clothes”
works every time!

Our Worship Service:

Officiant: Rev. Robert Spilman
Communion Assistant: Earl Pierce
Readers: Earl Pierce & Don Hajdufi
Communion Usher: Don Hajdufi

Greetings and Announcements

Opening Hymn: #37 from our Favorite Hymns booklet

“We Gather Together”

1. We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing,
He chastens and hastens His will to make known,
The wicked oppressing Now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His Name, He forgets not His own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine,
So from the beginning, The fight we were winning,
Thou, Lord, was at our side, All glory be Thine!
3. We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be,
Let Thy congregation Escape tribulation,
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free! Amen.

Invocation ~

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

C: Amen

Service of the Word

Introit ~

The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit. I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together! I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

Our Old Testament Reading ~ Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

¹⁰Whoever loves money never has enough;
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.
This too is meaningless.

¹¹As goods increase,
so do those who consume them.
And what benefit are they to the owners
except to feast their eyes on them?

¹²The sleep of a laborer is sweet,
whether they eat little or much,
but as for the rich, their abundance
permits them no sleep.

¹³I have seen a grievous evil under the sun:
wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners,
¹⁴ or wealth lost through some misfortune,
so that when they have children
there is nothing left for them to inherit.
¹⁵Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb,
and as everyone comes, so they depart.
They take nothing from their toil
that they can carry in their hands.

¹⁶This too is a grievous evil:

As everyone comes, so they depart,
and what do they gain,
since they toil for the wind?

¹⁷All their days they eat in darkness,
with great frustration, affliction and anger.

¹⁸This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them – for this is their lot. ¹⁹Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil – this is a gift of God. ²⁰They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Our Psalm ~ Psalms 119:9-16

⁹How can a young person stay on the path of purity?
By living according to your word.

¹⁰I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your commands.

¹¹I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.

¹²Praise be to you, Lord;
teach me your decrees.

¹³With my lips I recount
all the laws that come from your mouth.

¹⁴I rejoice in following your statutes
as one rejoices in great riches.

¹⁵I meditate on your precepts
and consider your ways.

¹⁶I delight in your decrees;
I will not neglect your word.

New Testament Reading ~ Hebrews 4:1-13

¹Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. ²For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed. ³Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said,

“So I declare on oath in my anger,
‘They shall never enter my rest.’ “

And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world.

⁴For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: “On the seventh day God rested from all his works.” ⁵And again in the passage above he says, “they shall never enter my rest.”

⁶Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience. ⁷God again set a certain day, calling it “Today.” This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted:

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. ⁹There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. ¹¹Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

¹²For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid

bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel ~

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark,
the 10th chapter, verses 23-31

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

²⁴The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

²⁸Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

²⁹“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age; homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – along with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord, Praise to You, O Christ.

We confess our faith in the words of:

The 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.

Hymn of the Day: #92 from our Favorite Hymns Booklet
“Lord Be Glorified”

- 1. In my life, Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, Be glorified today.**
- 2. In my song, Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.
In my song, Lord, Be glorified today.**
- 3. In your church, Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord, Be glorified today.**

Sermon ~ "A Wealthy Life - Under God."

Offertory ~ (sing) page 192 & 193

**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.**

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

Prayer of the Church ~

when Pastor says “Let us pray to the Lord”
we reply “Lord have mercy”

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.

Confession and Absolution ~

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

**C: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my
groaning all day long.**

**For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

**I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, “ I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time
when You may be found.

Let us confess our sins, confident that our gracious God forgives us.

**C: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name;
deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name’s sake!**

P: Peace be with you! Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ tells his Church, "If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven."
I, therefore, as a called pastor of His Church, by His authority,
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Words of our Lord/ Institution of the Sacrament

Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymn: #47 from our Favorite Hymns booklet
"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are,
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
2. We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray,
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
3. Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.
4. Early let us seek Thy favor, Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus Thou hast loves us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loves us, love us still.

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.**

Prayer and the Benediction ~

P: O give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**C: He remembers His covenant forever,
the covenant that He made with Abraham.**

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so
that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope, in
the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Closing Hymn ~ #5 from our Favorite Hymns booklet
"For The Beauty Of The Earth"**

- 1. For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**
- 2. For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

3. For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For Thy church that ever more Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore,
Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.



This Week's Families To Pray For:

Wright/Wienke ~ Laura, rob, Braeden, Owen

Zehr ~ Janet

Zimmerman ~ Pam

Allen ~ Laura & Ryan

Beutel ~ Eric & Heidi

Beutel ~ Heidi

Beutel ~ Kathleen

Bowman ~ Russ, Sue

Crane ~ ShariLyn

Darrall ~ Gail

This Week's Birthdays:

10/17 thru 10/23

Thursday 10/21 ~ Quinn Myers

Thursday 10/21 ~ Suzanne Wilson

