Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church

265 Falconer Street - North Tonawanda, New York 14120



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

Today Is October 31, 2021 ~ Reformation Day
Service Setting #3 in our Lutheran Service Book ~ pg. 184
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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:

Smoke is dissipated by the wind, wax is melted by fire.

This is an allusion to the Holy Spirit,
who is a fire and a wind (Psalm 68 and Luke 3: 15 & 17).

For "spirit" means a wind with which
God fans and converts us into spiritual beings.

This wind and this fire came from Heaven to earth
after Christ's resurrection and now
converts the world through the Gospel.

Martin Luther

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Something To Smile About:

We've got Chow Mein Noodles on Tuna hotdish And Jell-O with Cottage Cheese, And chocolate bars and banana cream pie, No wonder we're on our knees.

This is the church where we sing Amen at the end of every song. The coffee pot is always on 'cause meetings are three hours long. The blessed tie that binds our hearts is cream of mushroom soup.

We do not walk through the door alone,

We wait and go as a group. from Garrison Keillor's "I'm a Lutheran"

Prayer before worship:

Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan+-, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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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.

Preservice Music ~ sing along if you wish!

Favorite Hymns #74:

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He is the mighty King, Master of ev'rything,

His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He's the Great Shepherd, The Rock of all Ages, Almighty God is He.

Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him, His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

Favorite Hymns #75:

When we're gathered in His Name, We will never leave the same. Love surrounds, joy abounds; We can know the Spirit came, In each heart He lights a flame When we're gathered in His Name.

Favorite Hymns #76:

Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus,

To reach out and touch Him And say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, Help us to listen,

Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus.

Favorite Hymns #77:

I love you, Lord And I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, In what you hear,

May it be a sweet, sweet sound In Your ear.

Favorite Hymns #78:

Father, I adore you, Lay my life before you, How I love you. Jesus, I adore you, Lay my life before you, How I love you. Spirit, I adore you, Lay my life before You, How I love you.

Our Worship Service:

Officiant: Rev. Robert Spilman Communion Assistant: Earl Pierce Readers: Kathy Beutel & Marilynn Kurzdorfer Deacon on Duty: Marilynn Kurzdorfer

Greetings and Announcements

Opening Hymn: #578 from our Lutheran Service Book "Thy Strong Word"

- 1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
 At Thy speaking it was done.
 For created light we thank Thee,
 While Thine ordered seasons run.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia without end!
- 2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
 Dark as night and deep as death,
 Broke the light of Thy salvation,
 Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia without end!
- 3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
 Bright with Thine own holiness,
 Glorious now, we press toward glory,
 And our lives our hopes confess.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia without end!
 - 4. From the cross Thy wisdom shining Break-eth forth in con-qu'ring might; From the cross forever beam-eth All Thy bright redeeming light.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia without end!

5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, AlleluiaS without end!

6. God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortal angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee

- for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. **C: Amen**

~ Service of the Word ~

Introit ~

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord, and shall not be put to shame. 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. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. The Lord redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

Gloria Patri ~ (sing) page 186

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 ~ (sing) page 186

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ (sing) page 187

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 ~ (sing) page 189

L: The Lord be with you.

C: (sing) And with thy spirit.

L: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day ~

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving

peace; through 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 ~ Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth – to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgement has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Our Psalm ~ Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

³though its waters roar and foam

and the mountains quake with their surging.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

⁵God is within her, she will not fall;

God will help her at break of day.

⁶Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease

to the ends of with earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Epistle Reading ~ Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we will become conscious of our sin.

²¹But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood – to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished -- ²⁶he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

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. John,

the 8th chapter, verses 31-36

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

³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

³⁴Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵Now a slave has no permanent place in the family; but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

<u>Pastor</u>: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

Hymn: #655 from our Lutheran Service Book "Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word"

- 1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2. Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.
 - 3. O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

Sermon ~ "Here I Stand"

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. C: Amen.

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 "Lord in Your mercy" we reply "Hear our prayer"

~ Service of the Sacrament ~

Preface ~ (sing) page 194

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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth:

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory,

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He,

blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

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: #645 from our Lutheran Service Book "Built On The Rock"

- 1. Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
 Even when steeples are falling
 Crumbled have spires in every land;
 Bells still are chiming and calling,
 Calling the young and old to rest,
 But above all the souls distressed,
 Longing for rest everlasting.
 - 2. Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling; High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love, Making our bodies His temple.

- 3. We are God's house of living stones,
 Built for His own habitation.
 He through baptismal grace us owns
 Heirs of His wonderous salvation.
 Were we but two His name to tell,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 With all His grace and His favor.
- 4. Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us. The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us. Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same, And evermore, our Redeemer.
- 5. Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing, Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing; "I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see, My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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.

Closing Hymn: #657 from our Lutheran Service Book "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

1. A Mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;

He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.

With craft and dreadful might

He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

2. No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.

You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,

God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

3. Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat-'ning to devour us,

We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpow'r us.

Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.

His might is doomed to fail;

God's judgement must prevail! One little word subdues him.

4. God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;

For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child or spouse, Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.

The Kingdom's ours forever!

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This Weeks Families To Pray For:

Ganschow ~ Jim & Lois
Gettings ~ Susan
Gilmore ~ Paul & Kathy, Shane
Grefrath ~ Doug
Grudzinski ~ Fred & Sandy, Kelly
Guedesse ~ Anne, Michael
Haak ~ Jim & Lisa
Haak ~ John
Haak ~ Paul & Wanda
Haak ~ Robert



This Weeks Birthdays:

10/31 thru 11/6 Wednesday 11/3 ~ Rob Haak Thursday 11/4 ~ Kim Koithan



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