

To Win and Keep Souls for Christ

Redeemer Lutheran Church

265 Falconer Street – North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Wisdom of

God



or the

World

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Service Setting #3 in our Lutheran Service Book ~ pg. 184

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Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church

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:

Freedom is a package deal – with it
comes responsibilities and consequences.

“For you were called to be free, brothers and sisters;
only don’t use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh,
but serve one another through love.

Galatians 5:13

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Something To Smile About:

Those who go
against the grain of God’s law
shouldn’t complain when they get splinters.

Our Worship Service:

Officiant: Rev. Robert Spilman

Communion Assistant: Marilyn Kurzdorfer

Readers: Don Hajdufi & Kathy Beutel

Deacon on Duty: Earl Pierce

Greetings and Announcements

Opening Hymn: #725 from our Lutheran Service Book

“Children Of The Heavenly Father”

1. Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e’re was given.
2. God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
4. Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children n’er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

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 ~

Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, trust in Him, and He will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him, fret not yourself over the one who prospers in His way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

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 ~

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading ~ Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸Because the Lord revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. ¹⁹I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree and its fruit;
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”

²⁰But you, Lord Almighty, who judge righteously
and test the heart and mind,
let me see your vengeance on them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm ~ Psalm 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
vindicate me by your might.

²Hear my prayer, O God;
listen to the words of my mouth.

³Arrogant foes are attacking me;
ruthless people are trying to kill me --
people without regard for God.

⁴Surely God is my help;
the Lord is the one who sustains me.

⁵Let evil recoil on those who slander me;
in your faithfulness destroy them.

⁶I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;
I will praise your name, Lord, for it is good.

⁷You have delivered me from all my troubles,
and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.

Epistle Reading ~ James 3:13-4:10

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

¹⁴But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure, then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

4 ¹What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ²You desire but do not have, so

you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁴You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? ⁶But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”

⁷Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.** (sing) **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel ~

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark,
the 9th chapter, verses 30-37

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

³⁰They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³²But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

³⁶He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷”Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcome me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, 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 resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: #851 from our Lutheran Service Book

“Lord Of Glory You Have Bought Us”

1. Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand.

2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.
3. Wondrous honor You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?
4. Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew.

Sermon ~ "Wisdom of God or the World"

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 Leader 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. Therefore with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels and with all the

company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus: (sing) page 195

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.

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

**Communion Hymn: #50 from our Favorite Hymns Booklet
“Standing On The Promises”**

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God. **Refrain...**

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. **Refrain...**

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love’s strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit’s sword,
Standing on the promises of God. **Refrain...**

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List’ning ev’ry moment to the Spirit’s call,
Resting in my Savior, as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God. **Refrain...**

Refrain: Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God my
Savior; Standing, standing,
I’m standing on the promises of God

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.

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: 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: #41 from our Favorite Hymns Booklet **“God Be With You”**

1. God be with ‘til we meet again,
By His councils, guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you ‘til we meet again. **Refrain...**

2. God be with ‘til we meet again,
‘Neath His wings securely hide you,
Daily manna still provide you,
God be with ‘til we meet again. **Refrain...**

3. God be with ‘til we meet again,
When life’s perils thick confound you,
Put His arms unfailing ‘round you,
God be with ‘til we meet again. **Refrain...**

4. God be with ‘til we meet again,
Keep love’s banner floating o’er you,
Smite death’s threatening wave before you,
God be with ‘til we meet again. **Refrain...**

Refrain... ‘Til we meet... ‘Til we meet,
‘Til we meet at Jesus’ feet;
‘Til we meet... ‘Til we meet,
God be with you ‘til we meet again.

This Week's Families To Pray For:

Kurzdorfer ~ Jeff & Toni, Alyssa, Ashley

Kurzdorfer ~ Kim, Jason

Kurzdorfer ~ Matt & Marilyn

Lizauckas ~ June

Lorkowski ~ Jil & Kraig, Kalyb, Ella

Myers ~ Rich & Tami & family

Papke ~ Tricia & Doug, Colton

Parlier ~ Rhea, Suzette

Pierce ~ Earl & Jan

Robertson ~ Kim, Lauren

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This Week's Birthdays: 9/19 thru 9/25

