



REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 12, 2020



REDEEMER

HELP, HOPE, HOME, IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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WORSHIP... All worship begins with God. He is our Creator and He desires us to be in relationship with Him. He reaches out to us, and, in worship, draws us closer to Him. Jesus whom we come to know through Word and Sacrament, is the way God reveals Himself to us. And more, it is in His name that we approach the throne of the Almighty. In worship the believer through Jesus Christ, reaches out to his heavenly Father. As the Holy Spirit works through Word and Sacrament, we become aware of our need for God, and seek fellowship with God in the company of fellow believers.

LUTHERAN... Originally a derogatory term for those who reminded the Church that it is **“by grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourself; it is a gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”** (*Ephesians 2:8-9*) Now, we embrace Lutheran to mean we are disciples of Jesus Christ who agree with Dr. Luther’s teaching from the Bible as summarized in his Small Catechism.

...DECENTLY AND IN ORDER... (*cf. 1 Corinthians 14:40*) Whether the service is closer to what some would call “traditional” or others “contemporary” - whether we are using hymns that may even pre-date the Reformation or music written in our lifetimes - there is an order to worship comprised of three parts: the Service of Preparation, the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Sacrament. Together, these three sections make up the whole worship order.

HELP, HOPE, HOME, IN THE BODY OF CHRIST... If you have no church home of your own, we encourage you to get to know us and we invite you to participate in the other activities here. And more, we cordially invite you to join God’s family here at Redeemer.

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2020



INTROIT *Ps. 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a*

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.
I will tell of | the decree:*

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.
You shall break them with a | rod of iron*
and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

Serve the | LORD with fear,*
and rejoice with | trembling,
for his wrath is quickly | kindled.*

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

DAILY READINGS

January 12: Ezek. 34:1-24; Rom. 3:19-31; **13:** Ezek. 36:13-28; Rom. 4:1-25; **14:** Ezek. 36:33-37:14; Rom. 5:1-21; **15:** Ezek. 37:15-28; Rom. 6:1-23; **16:** Ezek. 38:1-23; Rom. 7:1-20; **17:** Ezek. 39:1-10, 17-29; Rom. 7:21-8:17; **18:** Ezek. 40:1-4; 43:1-12; Rom. 8:18-39.

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First Reading: **Joshua 1:1–9**

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Second Reading: **1 Timothy 4:13–16**

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 3:13–17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Sunday Servant Team

THIS WEEK - January 12, 2020

Altar Prep:	Sarah Shaver
Communion:	Jim Siebel & Scott Evans
Usher Team:	Judy Knox & Dan Mead
Guest Connection:	Elaine Hackman & Bill Henstock
Hospitality:	TEAM 8 (Corey, Hackman, Johnson, Knox, Moore)
Readers:	Alex McLaughlin & Dan Mead
Nursery:	Leslie Koepsel
Clean Up:	Dawn Chandler, Dan Mead & Jane Charnock
A/V:	Phil Gaarenstroom & Dan Mead
Prayer:	Diana St. Charles

NEXT WEEK - January 19, 2020

Altar Prep:	Diana St.Charles
Communion:	Mike Sisson & Kurt Dolph
Usher Team:	Steve Koepsel & Ron Reimert
Guest Connection:	Fred & Candy Joseph
Hospitality:	TEAM 1 (Joseph, King, Ruffatto, Wojcieszak)
Readers:	Matt & Zachary Giertz
Nursery:	Claire Walker
Clean Up:	J.K. Lilly & Phil Brooks
A/V:	Mindy Simmons & Ted Toler
Prayer:	John Eckerd

Jane Charnock maintains the Sunday Servant Team schedule. If you have a change to communicate, you can reach out to Jane (304) 541-2554

Budget

	1/5/2020	YTD
General Fund Revenue	4,270.00	4,270.00
Budget	5,369.46	5,369.46
Difference (\$ / %)	(1,099.46) / (20.5%)	(1,099.46) / (20.5%)
General Fund Expenses		0.00
Revenues less Expenses		4,270.00
Worship Attendance	97	97

* During the quarter, expenses fluctuate based on entry date. Quarter-end numbers are available through the Executive Leadership Team.

Prayer List | January 12, 2020

Peggy Corea (friend of Patricia Lilly) undergoing cancer treatment.

Donnie (son-in-law of Sarah Shaver's colleague) stationed in Kuwait and on alert.

Josiah Martin recovering from wisdom teeth extraction

Makayla and husband Brook (friends of Kelly Reimert) who was deployed from NC to serve overseas.

Mary Jo Hanson suffering from lymphedema in her legs.

Cosette Dickenson is taking steps to begin treatment.

Chris Akers (friend of Pastor Frank and Kelli) diagnosed with pneumonia.

Caroline White. She has some health issues she is working on with her doctor.

Ron Sheets recovering at home following foot surgery.

Jo Hartley underwent surgery for a kidney stone and is still dealing with some pain.

Linda (acquaintance of Kelly Reimert) several prayer requests for family experiencing health challenges.

Marian (step-mother of Tina Clark) has been discharged from the hospital and is now in rehab at a skilled nursing facility.

Tom Janicki (father of Jennifer McIntosh) suffered a fall and a hematoma on his head

Betty (friend of Marcia Schwalm) has a heart problem and is experiencing rather serious depression.

Terry (friend of Marcia Schwalm) recovering well from kidney surgery.

Meagan (daughter of Hutch Hutchison) is in an undisclosed crisis, but in desperate need of our prayers for her salvation.

Jim and Marlene Hanson Jim is in rehab from a very serious bout of pneumonia; Marlene has been released from in-patient rehab and is continuing with in-home rehab.

Others with health related issues or recovering from surgery, etc:

Andrea Akers, Liz Albitz, Ed & Kim Booten, Pastor Joel and Amanda Brandt, Billie Brisendine, Catherine, Cosette Dickenson, Becca Dolph, Ethan, Jim Farley, Gus Evans, Doris Gerke, Selena Heise, Roy "Hutch" Hutchison, Susan Hutchison, Ike Ingraham, Sue Kautz, Sherman Lineberg, Roy and Betty Lindmark, Marie Marcum, Marian and Deby, Jeanneane Maxon, Jada McCallister, Sandy McKinney, Bob Mitchell, John and Lisa Nazzaro, Lori Nettles, Herb Pauley, Marian Pauley, Terry, Thresa Robinson, Donna Ruffatto, Stu and Marcia Schwalm, Richard Selmon, Carmella Shaver, Karl Shaver, Reid Strader, Terry, Todd Turpin

All diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, and their caregivers;
All diagnosed with any form of Cancer; All diagnosed with any incurable (even if treatable) disease.

For our congregation - that we would pursue God's will for us as His people gathered here to bring Him glory as we make disciples being help, hope, home in the body of Christ.

Email Prayer Chain Ministry

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. -Galatians 6:2

Currently 85 people are on the list. Many will pray for those in need.

If you wish to participate in this ministry, please send an email or text to Nila Johnson, nila.johnson@gmail.com, or 304-553-6414

Seven Questions with a Servant



1. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Daniel Mead

2. WILL YOU PLEASE SHARE A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF (WHERE YOU'RE FROM, WHERE YOU WORK, ABOUT YOUR SPOUSE, CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, PETS, ETC)?

I am from South Charleston. Except for a 5 year stint in Houston Texas (1-5th grade), I have Lived in WV my whole life. I have been Married to Emily for 29 years. I work for the State of WV as a database administrator.

3. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ATTENDING/SERVING AT REDEEMER?

Since June 2015

4. IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU OR HAVE YOU SERVE(D) AT REDEEMER AND WHICH IS/WAS YOUR FAVORITE WAY?

VBS, Bell Choir, Education committee member, Bible Study teacher (my favorite), Small group leader, Redeemer players

5. HOW HAS SERVING AT REDEEMER IMPACTED YOU?

I have grown in faith and waistline

6. WHAT'S SOMETHING ABOUT YOU NOT MANY FOLKS KNOW?

I had a disabling fever when I was 8 months old. My speech was not understandable. After five years of speech therapy and many prayers, God healed my ability to speak.

7. WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT REDEEMER?

Emily says: All of Jesus and none of the guilt, except when eating all of the good food.

Daniel says: the faithful preaching of the Gospel and the great fellowship.

We both think it is great to be where people honor What God's word says, not what they want it to say, or think it should say.



Seven Questions with a Servant

1. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Jane Charnock

groups. I also serve on the Altar Guild. Altar preparation is my favorite, because it reminds me of helping my mom prepare the altar at my childhood church.

2. WILL YOU PLEASE SHARE A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF?

I'm a lifelong Charlestonian and work for the Attorney General's office as counsel for the Divisions of Natural Resources, Forestry and the Tourism Office. While I don't have children, I live with my boys (dogs Phillip and Truman, cats Omar and René and antique Amazon parrot Dirk).

5. HOW HAS SERVING AT REDEEMER IMPACTED YOU?

I now recognize that it is a joy, honor and privilege to serve the Lord.

3. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ATTENDING/SERVING AT REDEEMER?

Four years.

6. WHAT'S SOMETHING ABOUT YOU NOT MANY FOLKS KNOW?

I'm a pen diva—I will only write with a fountain pen.

4. IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU OR HAVE YOU SERVE(D) AT REDEEMER AND WHICH IS/WAS YOUR FAVORITE WAY?

I ring with handbell choir, overact with the drama team and I have participated in several share

7. WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT REDEEMER?

Everyone is loving and welcoming and the teaching is Bible-based. Redeemer is truly my help, hope, home, in the body of Christ.

**2020 OHIO DISTRICT
JR. HIGH YOUTH GATHERING**

March 13-15 in Columbus

See oh.lcms.org for more details.

Thank you!

Dear Redeemer Family,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gifts!

We consider it an honor to serve at Redeemer. We pray you all have a peaceful and grace-filled church year.

We are so grateful for you,
The Staff of Redeemer

NEXT WEEK

LEADERSHIP

INSTALLATION

JANUARY 19

2020 SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 1
**CONGREGATIONAL
SUMMIT**

...fan into flame the gift of God,
which is in you...

This Week at Redeemer

SUNDAY, 1/12

9:30 a.m.	Sunday Study	Various classrooms
10 a.m.	Redeemer's Refuge	WCHS 580
10:45 a.m.	Divine Worship	Sanctuary

MONDAY, 1/13

6:30 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study	Large Classroom
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TUESDAY, 1/14

6:30 p.m.	Lilly Bible Study	Lilly Home
6:30 p.m.	Siebel Share Group	Large Classroom

WEDNESDAY, 1/15

8 a.m.	Men's Share Group	Redeemer
3:30 p.m.	Announcement Deadline	commdirector@redeemerwv.org
7 p.m.	Dolph Share Group	Dolph Home

THURSDAY, 1/16

6 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting	Redeemer
7 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting	Redeemer
7:17 p.m.	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary

SATURDAY 1/18

10 a.m.	Community Care meeting	Redeemer
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SUNDAY, 1/19

9:30 a.m.	Sunday Study	Various classrooms
10 a.m.	Redeemer's Refuge	WCHS 580
10:45 a.m.	Divine Worship	Sanctuary

**To have your announcement or church-associated event added to the calendar or revised, please email the church office by Wednesday at 3:30
commdirector@redeemerwv.org**

On-going Reminders

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

1/4 Sue Reed	1/18 Frank Ruffatto
1/8 Stephanie Daly	1/19 George Mitchell
1/9 Claudia Simmons	1/22 Ike Ingraham
1/13 Stu Schwalm	1/22 Angie King
1/15 David Simmons	1/22 Klaus Mangold
1/17 Michael Henderson	1/26 Roman Fredeking

Anniversaries

1/4 Frank & Kelli Ruffatto
1/20 Steve & Leslie Koepsel
1/23 David & Mindy Simmons
1/23 Jim & Angie Henderson

DID WE MISS SOMEONE?

Please contact the church office with any changes or omissions

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Flower Chart is in the office for those who would like to sign up to fund the flowers for Sunday morning. The cost is \$25 per vase and we encourage you to note any special celebration or 'in memory of' designation.

LOVE FUND & PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Please consider in your giving, these two funds. Redeemer's Love Fund helps those within our congregation, as Scripture says: "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10) The Pastor's Discretionary Fund supports ad hoc ministry needs and the needs of the greater community. You can find envelopes for your contributions in the Connection Center.

MARTHA MINISTRY TEAM

January Leader: Elaine Hackman – 304.543.3279

Holly Evans – 248.765.3563, Judy Knox – 304.546.6741, Barb Toler – 304.550.8265,
Cosette Dickenson – 304.541.8683, Theresa Robinson – 304.531.6363

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Assistive listening devices for use during the service are available at the media booth at the back of the church.

GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS & GRAPE JUICE

Both are available for communion. Check with an elder or the pastor.

NOTE: A portion of today's service may be broadcast or streamed live or shown via recording. By entering the area, your consent is given to be photographed, filmed or otherwise recorded. The cameras are expected to capture most activities within the sanctuary space.

IN AN EMERGENCY:

Pastor Frank Ruffatto	c: 704-608-4200	Jim Siebel, Elder	c: 304-541-3441
Don King, Elder	c: 304-421-2064	Mike Sisson, Elder	c: 304-550-3578
J.K. Lilly, Elder	c: 304-545-7668	Steve Winans, Elder	p: 304-757-3008

Concerning the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper was commanded by Jesus Himself. (**1 Corinthians 11:23-25**) It is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. We are also called upon to examine ourselves before participating in this holy meal. (**Cf. 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-29; Mathew 26:28; John 6:53-58**)

Q. Do you acknowledge your sins and are you willing to turn from them with the aid and assistance of the Holy Spirit?

A. Yes, I acknowledge my sin and seek the Lord's mercy. (1 John 1:8-9)

Q. Do you believe that God, for Jesus' sake, has forgiven you all your sins?

A. Yes, Christ died for me and suffered the punishment that I deserved. (Isaiah 53:4-6; Romans 6:21-23)

Q. Do you believe that the Lord offers Christians His body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and the wine for the strengthening of faith and the forgiveness of sins?

A. Yes, I believe the Scripture which teaches, "Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?" (2 Corinthians 10:16)

Q. Why did Jesus willingly sacrifice Himself on behalf of lost and condemned sinners like us?

A. For His great love for the Father and for me and other sinners as it is revealed in John 3, John 11, Romans 5, and 1 John 3.

Q. Should Christians with weak faith receive the sacrament?

A. The Sacrament is especially offered for those of weak faith. (Isaiah 42:3; John 6:37)

Q. What conditions should cause a Christian to refrain from receiving the Sacrament?

A. Disbelief (Hebrews 11:6), unwillingness to forgive another (Matthew 6:14-15), hatred (John 4:19-21), a refusal to repent (Acts 17:30), and refusal to recognize the body and blood of the Lord in the Sacrament. (1 Corinthians 11:28-29)

Q. How then, does the Christian live?

A. The entirety of the Christian's life is offered to the Lord as a "living sacrifice." (Romans 12:1-2)

Members of the LCMS and Redeemer Lutheran Church believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and affirm the statements above. If you agree, without reservation, to these statements above, you are invited to come to His Table. If you do not agree with one or more of these statements, please refrain from participating in Holy Communion. Our communion practice is not intended to offend or exclude, but is an expression of our concern for people and our high regard for the Sacrament as Christ instituted it. We encourage you to speak with our Pastor or Elders about any statement(s) of disagreement and/or regarding the Holy Supper and the process of joining our congregation.

Gluten-free communion wafers and grape juice are available. Speak with the pastor.