



REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 10, 2019



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.

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2019



INTROIT *Ps. 115:2-4, 8, 17-18; antiphon: Ps. 115:11*

You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!*

He is their help | and their shield.

Why should the | nations say,*

“Where | is their God?”

Our God is in the | heavens;*

he does all that he | pleases.

Their idols are sil- | ver and gold,*

the work of | human hands.

Those who make them be- | come like them;*

so do all who | trust in them.

The dead do not | praise the LORD,*

nor do any who go down into | silence.

But we will | bless the LORD*[†]

from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

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.

You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!*

He is their help | and their shield.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

DAILY READINGS

November 10: Jer. 23:1-20; Matt. 25:14-30; **11:** Jer. 23:21-40; Matt. 25:31-46; **12:** Jer. 25:1-18; Matt. 26:1-19; **13:** Jer. 26:1-19; Matt. 26:20-35; **14:** Jer. 29:1-19; Matt. 26:36-56; **15:** Jer. 30:1-24; Matt. 26:57-75; **16:** Jer. 31:1-17, 23-34; Matt. 27:1-10.

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Old Testament Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴"When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

¹³Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you

in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . .

¹¹But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹²To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹³So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁵Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁶comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Holy Gospel: Luke 20:27-40

²⁷There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

³⁴And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

Sunday Servant Team

THIS WEEK - November 10, 2019

Altar Prep: Sarah Shaver
Communion: Jim Siebel & Scott Evans
Usher Team: Judy Knox & Dan Mead
Guest Connection: TBA
Hospitality: Congregational Dinner
Readers: Alex McLaughlin & Dan Mead
Nursery: VACANT
Clean Up: J.K. Lilly & Phil Brooks
A/V: Mindy Simmons & Ted Toler
Prayer: John Eckerd

NEXT WEEK - November 17, 2019

Altar Prep: Diana St. Charles
Communion: Mike Sisson & Kurt Dolph
Usher Team: Steve Koepsel & Ron Reimert
Guest Connection: TBA
Hospitality: TEAM 8 (Corey, Hackman, Johnson, Knox, Moore)
Readers: Matt & Zachary Giertz
Nursery: Claire Walker
Clean Up: Dawn Chandler & Alma Chapman
A/V: Phil Gaarenstroom & Dan Mead
Prayer: Dan Mead

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

	11/03/19	YTD
General Fund Revenue	5,730.58	226,757.82
Budget	5,287.40	232,645.60
Difference (\$ / %)	443.18 / 8.4%	(5,887.78) / (2.5%)
General Fund Expenses		207,570.26
Revenues less Expenses		19,187.56
Worship Attendance	88	83

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

Prayer List | November 10, 2019

Herb Pauley (father of Tina Clark) celebrated his 91st birthday last week and is experiencing improved mobility via physical therapy and a walker

Ethan and parents, Mark and Lisa (friends of Tina and Jeff Clark) Ethan suffered a severely broken leg during a skateboarding accident that required surgery. He is re

Josiah Martin wisdom teeth removal rescheduled

John Ruffatto (father of Pastor Frank) has entered hospice care in North Carolina and is awaiting the Lord and His timing.

Cosette Dickenson continuing to heal at home from a particularly severe episode of leg problems .

Marcia Schwalm released from the hospital; no stents needed; condition addressed with medication.

Family of John Taylor (friend of many Redeemer members) passed into eternity 10/22

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

Addison, Andrea Akers, Liz Albitz, Briggs Beard, Virginia Beard, Ed & Kim Booten, Peggy Bowles, Pastor Joel and Amanda Brandt, Billie Brisendine, Amy Brown, Warren Cooley, Kevin Cutler, Diana and Tony, Devona, Becca Dolph, Gus Evans, Pastor Frank, Doris Gerke, Jeff Gilbert, Paula & Frank Hammond, Jackie and Jo Hartley, Ken Hatfield, Randy Hendricks, Roy “Hutch” Hutchison, Susan Hutchison, Ike Ingraham, Jim, Sue Kautz, Kerry, Linda, Sherman Lineberg, Roy and Betty Lindmark, Marcia, Marie Marcum, Jeanneane Maxon, Jada McCallister, Jennifer McIntosh’s Father, Sandy McKinney, Phyllis Miscovich, Bob Mitchell, Lori Nettles, Herb Pauley, Thresa Robinson, Stu Schwalm, Richard Selmon, Carmella Shaver, Karl Shaver, Todd Turpin, Taegan Witcher, Chris Wyman

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

Readings for Next Sunday, November 17, 2019

Psalm 98; Malachi 4:1-6; 2 Thessalonians 3:(1-5) 6-13; Luke 21:5-28 (29-36)

**SPECIAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
AFTER CHURCH TODAY.**



THANKSGIVING DEADLINE NEXT WEEK!

Food Baskets for the Holidays

THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATION **DEADLINE NOVEMBER 17**

Redeemer will be providing 10 struggling families with food baskets for Thanksgiving. Not only do we try to provide families with the items needed to make a “traditional” holiday dinner but also other items to help out with a couple other meals. **Please bring your food donations to church by November 17th.**

Baskets will be distributed on November 24th (1 - 3 p.m.). Please see Barbara Eckerd if you would like to help with the distribution. A few delivery drivers may also be needed. We also need to borrow some coolers on the day the baskets are given out.

Coolers will be needed the day the day the baskets are given out.

Suggested Items:

Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams	Cranberries (canned)
Stuffing	Marshmallows
Turkey Gravy	Corn
Green beans	Instant mashed potatoes
Cornbread mix	Macaroni and Cheese
Rice	Spaghetti
Canned fruit	Spaghetti sauce
Chunky soup	Saltine Crackers

Thank You!

NOTE: We are also accepting donations of Paper Towels, Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Hand Soap, and Hand Sanitizer that will be included with the food baskets.



Food Basket Fund Raiser

TODAY!

immediately following church

Church Dinner and Market

*Freewill offering accepted for dinner.
To-go boxes are available. (Notify Kris Mills)*

**MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT
THE MARKETPLACE AFTER CHURCH TODAY!**



Seven Questions with a Servant

1. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Phil
Gaarenstroom

5. HOW HAS SERVING AT REDEEMER IMPACTED YOU?

Nancy and I have no relatives living nearby, but people in Redeemer seem like an extended family to us.

2. WILL YOU PLEASE SHARE A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF?

Grew up in Fairmont, Minnesota; graduated from Carleton College in Minnesota and went to graduate school at Purdue University (Ph. D. in Chemistry). Moved to Charleston in 1977 to work for Union Carbide. Nancy and I met at Purdue and we married in 1978. I retired from Dow Chemical in 2013. Nancy works part time from home doing bookkeeping. Our daughter, Amanda, is a paramedic in Morgantown. Our son, Eric, is a construction inspector in Columbia, Maryland. Onyx, our black cat, keeps us entertained at home.

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

My twin brother, Steve, and I each married a Nancy, so there are two Nancy Gaarenstrooms. This has caused confusion among some Facebook users in Michigan and West Virginia.

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

I started attending Redeemer in 1977. I have served as a board member or church officer most years. I served as President 1986-87 and 2001 to present.

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

Church Council and Voters Assembly
First Friday Fellowship
Men's Wednesday Bible Study
Church's representative to Cub Scout Pack and Scouts BSA Troop
Feed My Sheep food delivery
Hand bell Choir
Technical Arts team
No favorite, I like them all.

7. WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT REDEEMER?

The church is very scripturally-based in theology, but willing to engage with the world. And we have fun. How well the members get along with one another.

**VOTERS'
MEETING**
NOVEMBER 17
NEXT WEEK
after Divine Worship.
Election of
2020 Boards and Officers,
set 2020 budget, other
needed business.

This Week at Redeemer

SUNDAY, 11/10

9:30 a.m.	Sunday Study	Various classrooms
10 a.m.	Redeemer's Refuge	WCHS 580
10:45 a.m.	Divine Worship	Sanctuary
Noon	Special Council Meeting	Large Classroom A
12:15 p.m.	Food Basket Fund raiser: Church Dinner and Marketplace	

MONDAY, 11/11

6:30	Revelation Bible Study	Dan Mead	Large Classroom A
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TUESDAY, 11/12

6:30	Siebel Share Group	Jim or Teresa Siebel	Siebel Home
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WEDNESDAY, 11/13

8 a.m.	Men's Share Group	Dan Mead	304.541.3221
3:30 p.m.	Announcement Deadline	commdirector@redeemerwv.org	
7 p.m.	Dolph Share Group	Kurt or Jackie Dolph	Dolph Home

THURSDAY, 11/14

1 a.m.	2nd & 4th Thursday Share Group	Rod and Elaine Hackman	
6 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting	Various classrooms	
7 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting	Large Classroom A	
7:17 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Ed Booten	Sanctuary

SATURDAY, 11/16

10 a.m.	Community Care Team Meeting	Church
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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



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this week are given by The Tolers in celebration of their wedding anniversary, November 11.

On-going Reminders

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

11/3 Jackie Dolph	11/19 Jo Hartley
11/3 Marcia Schwalm	11/21 Kelly Reimert
11/5 Patience Evans	11/25 Pat Walker
11/13 Alma Chapman	11/29 Ron Sheets
11/15 Hayden Brooks	11/30 Rachel Evans
11/17 Gretchen Evans	

Anniversaries

11/11 Ted & Barb Toler

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.

NOVEMBER MARTHA MINISTRY TEAM

Leader: J.K. & Patricia Lilly – 304.382.4154 or 304.545.7668

Tee Boyd – 304.539.6500; Barb Eckerd – 304.344.9309;

Candy Joseph – 304.543.0529; Kris Mills – 304.380.6986; Sheri Moore – 304.549.0104

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

Don King, Elder c: 304-421-2064

J.K. Lilly, Elder c: 304-545-7668

Jim Siebel, Elder

Mike Sisson, Elder

Steve Winans, Elder

c: 304-541-3441

c: 304-550-3578

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.