



REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 17, 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-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2019



INTROIT *Ps. 121:1–2, 5, 7–8; antiphon: Luke 21:33*

Heaven and earth will | pass away,*
but my words will not | pass away.
I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*
From where does my | help come?
My help comes | from the LORD,*
who made | heaven and earth.
The LORD is your | keeper,*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.
The LORD will keep you from all | evil;*
he will | keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

**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.**

Heaven and earth will | pass away,*
but my words will not | pass away.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, 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 17: Jer. 33:1–22; Matt. 27:11–32; **18:** Jer. 37:1–21; Matt. 27:33–56; **19:** Jer. 38:1–28; Matt. 27:57–66; **20:** Dan. 1:1–21; Matt. 28:1–20; **21:** Dan. 2:1–23; Rev. 18:1–24; **22:** Dan. 2:24–49; Rev. 19:1–21; **23:** Dan. 3:1–30; Rev. 20:1–15.

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Old Testament Reading: Malachi 4:1-6

¹"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-28

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." ⁷And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the

sign when these things are about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it. ²²For these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Sunday Servant Team

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK - November 24, 2019

Altar Prep:	Barb Eckerd
Communion:	Steve Winans & Alex McLaughlin
Usher Team:	Phil Brooks & Alex McLaughlin
Guest Connection:	TBA
Hospitality:	TEAM 1 (Joseph, King, Ruffatto, Wojcieszak)
Readers:	Jim Siebel & Sarah Shaver
Nursery:	Leslie Koepsel
Clean Up:	Alex McLaughlin & Mary Jo Hansen
A/V:	Mindy Simmons & Ted Toler
Prayer:	J.K. Lilly

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

	11/10/19	YTD
General Fund Revenue	6,187.50	232,945.32
Budget	5,287.40	237,933.00
Difference (\$ / %)	900.10 / 17.0%	(4,987.68) / (2.1%)
General Fund Expenses		208,460.29*
Revenues less Expenses		24,485.03*
Worship Attendance	86	83

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

Prayer List | November 17, 2019

Reid (friend of Rick and Sarah Shaver) experiencing a significant setback following a severe stroke in late summer. The prognosis does not look good.

Selena Heise (niece of Patricia Lilly) breast cancer diagnosis and surgery in early December.

Ethan (young friend of Jeff and Tina Clark) continues to heal, but will have a long recovery from his injury and surgery.

Marian Pauley (step-mother of Tina Clark) recovering from a severe fall and UTI. Is at home at the nursing facility with Tina's dad after another all and trip back and forth to the hospital.

John and Lisa Nazzaro (friends of Susan Hutchison) John was recently diagnosed with ALS.

John Ruffatto (father of Pastor Frank) remains in hospice care in North Carolina.

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, Cosette Dickenson, Becca Dolph, Ethan, 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 and Marcia 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

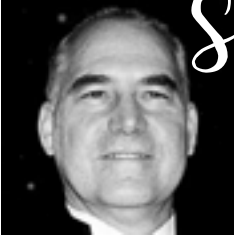
Currently 85 people are on the list. Many will pray for those in need.

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

VOTERS' MEETING

TODAY after Divine Worship.

We will be setting 2020 Boards and Officers and the 2020 budget and settling other needed business.



Seven Questions with a Servant

1. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

J. K. Lilly

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

West Virginia has always been home except for my Navy years. I'm dad to three daughters, but one died from complications of diabetes. Patricia Sherman found me wandering Charleston's mean streets barefoot and shivering; she couldn't resist adopt me as a bedraggled stray. Imagine, a Presbyterian sharing wedding cake with a Catholic. Thank God for providing a welcoming Lutheran church in which to worship Him. Her Doctorate is in Education and mine is in Medicine... both from WVU. Our Masters degrees are from Marshall so are united in Christ but divided by diplomas.

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

My wife and I have been regular attendees for just over 4 years. We came to 1 Deerwalk Lane after a decade at St. Timothy. LCMC, NALC, ELCA, there seems to be a Lutheran flavor for almost everyone. Of course Redeemer is the best!

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

We took the Spiritual Gifts Survey and the results were not surprising. Her strong suits are administration and exhortation. Mine are teaching with caring and helping a close second. As a member of our Elder Board, I am blessed to exercise both gifts to assist Pastor Frank and our entire congregation. Monday night Bible Study has been an especially tender ministry wherein giving and receiving are generously involved.

5. HOW HAS SERVING AT REDEEMER IMPACTED YOU?

I am always amazed when the liturgy service is High Church; the chanting and responses are such a unique way to share our love for and with the Lord.

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

My mom, a lefty, changed me to a righty when I was younger. She maintained that only a few left handed school desks existed, phone booths were designed by a righty and left handed golf clubs are as scarce as hens teeth. Please humor your Elder who sometimes doesn't know his left from his right.

7. WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT REDEEMER?

The Holy Spirit is alive and well in this church.



Thursdays
on
NEWLIFE 94.5



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BASKET DEADLINE IS TODAY!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED FOOD ITEMS AND/OR MONETARY DONATIONS.

Baskets will be distributed on Sunday, November 24th. If you would like to help with the distribution at the church or if you are able to deliver a basket please speak with Barb Eckerd.

A few coolers are also needed on distribution day. If you have a large cooler we could borrow for the day please bring it to church by Sunday morning. Please put your name on your cooler so we can get it back to you.

Thank you.

REDEEMER *First Friday* FELLOWSHIP



f3wv.org

Friday, December 6 | 6-9 p.m. | f3wv.org

It's time to start talking up December's First Friday Fellowship event, Santa's Rest Stop!

We are teaming up again with NewLife 94.5 for a fun event for those needing some time to do some "solo shopping" for Christmas!

Here's how it works:

Drop off the kids at the church starting at 6 pm for a safe, fun-filled evening of holiday games, crafts, music and snacks while their folks hit the shopping trail in peace! IT'S FREE... kids' pick up is by 9!

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW:

- VOLUNTEER TO HELP!** Attend the volunteer organizational meeting next week after church.
- TALK IT UP on social media** - like posts, share posts, comment! The more you engage, the more people will see our posts!
- PRAY.** As always, we ask that you pray, pray, pray for all we are doing at Redeemer to bring the Gospel to folks. Pray that the right folks will be prompted to volunteer (maybe that's you??). Pray that folks who need to hear and feel the love of Christ are brought to us. Pray that God makes the ground fertile for our words, actions and all our love for our community.



[Have an announcement?]

When you need to communicate
to the entire congregation:

Simply send an email to Kelli Ruffatto
commdirector@redeemerwv.org

Weekly deadline for this booklet is Wednesday at 3:30

This Week at Redeemer

SUNDAY, 11/17

9:30 a.m.	Sunday Study		Various classrooms
10 a.m.	Redeemer's Refuge		WCHS 580
10:45 a.m.	Divine Worship		Sanctuary
Noon	Voters' Meeting		Large Classroom A

MONDAY, 11/18

6:30	Revelation Bible Study	Dan Mead	Large Classroom A
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TUESDAY, 11/19

6:30	Siebel Share Group	Jim or Teresa Siebel	Siebel Home
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WEDNESDAY, 11/20

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, 11/21

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

**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

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.