

Parish Worship Bulletin

THE 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – NOVEMBER 8, 2020

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

1549 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, New York 14615

9:30 A.M.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

800 East Ridge Road, Rochester, New York 14621

11:00 A.M.

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Liturgical Notes

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. St. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory – the marriage feast of the lamb.

Prelude – *a time for silent self-reflection, prayer, and meditation.*

Welcome & Announcements

+Confession & Forgiveness

P/ Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P/ Holy One,

C/ we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using our gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, and open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

P/ Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through + Jesus Christ you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promise prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C/ Amen.

+Greeting

P/ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C/ And also with you.

+The Kyrie

P/ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C/ Lord, have mercy.

P/ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C/ Lord, have mercy.

P/ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C/ Lord, have mercy.

P/ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C/ Lord, have mercy.

P/ Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C/ Amen.

+Prayer of the Day

P/ O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C/ Amen.

First Reading – Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in our community.

L/ The first reading is taken from the prophecy of Amos, the 5th chapter, beginning with the 18th verse.



L/ Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into a house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L/ Word of God. Word of Life.

C/ Thanks be to God.

Psalmody – Psalm 70

L/ Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

C/ Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

L/ Let those who say to me, "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

C/ Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"

L/ But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. St. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

L/ The second reading is taken from St. Paul's first letter to the church at Thessalonica, the 4th chapter, beginning with the 13th verse.

L/ St. Paul writes: We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord,

will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.



L/ Word of God. Word of Life.

C/ Thanks be to God.

+Holy Gospel – St. Matthew 25:1-13

P/ The Holy Gospel appointed for the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost is taken from the Gospel of St. Matthew, the 25th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse.

C/ Glory to you, O Lord.

P/ [Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

Later, the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."



P/ The Gospel of the Lord.

C/ Praise to you, O Christ.

+The Apostles' Creed

P/ Together let us confess the faith of the Church

**C/ I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+Verbal Sharing of the Peace

P/ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C/ And with you and those around us.

+Prayers of Intercession

P/ Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P/ Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt adoration. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer.

Hear us, O God.

C/ Your mercy is great.

P/ Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation. Hear us, O God.

C/ Your mercy is great.

P/ Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Reign over the courtrooms of every land, in the hearts of those who guard the law, and those who stand accused of crimes. Be present in cases when we long for both justice and mercy to prevail. Be with the people of our country as we await voting results in our most recent elections. Give patience and peace to the American people and our leaders. Hear us, O God.

C/ Your mercy is great.



P/ Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. We especially lift up those whose names echo in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

C/ Your mercy is great.

P/ Holy Protector, be with all observing Veterans Day. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. Hear us, O God.

C/ Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P/ Holy and Immortal One, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

C/ Your mercy is great.

P/ Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

C/ Amen.

+The Lord's Prayer

P/ Gathered into one by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught his disciples long ago:

**C/ 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.

+The Benediction

P/ And now may the Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

+The Dismissal

P/ Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C/ Thanks be to God.

+The Offering

Please place your offerings in the plates provided by the designated church exit as you are directed to leave worship this morning.

Postlude - *a time for silent self-reflection, prayer, and meditation.*

Servants in Worship

PRESIDING MINISTER	Rev. Keith S. Campbell, M. Div.
ORGANIST	Linda Moore – St. John’s
ALTAR GUILD	Gary & Wendy Roller – Redeemer Bonnie LaDue – St. John’s
LECTORS	Gary Roller - Redeemer Ron Ross - St. John’s
PROJECTIONIST – ST. JOHN’S	Bill Heeder

Altar Flowers

Our altar flowers at Redeemer Lutheran Church are placed to the Glory of God; and in honor of my great-granddaughter Audrey on her 14th birthday, and in loving memory of my son John, given by Linda Gerow; and in loving memory of my son Michael A. Adams, given by his Mom, Shirley Ann, Jonathan and Kara.

Prayer List

We keep in prayer Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop John Macholz and their staffs as they lead the national and regional expression of our church during these tumultuous times. We keep in prayer our President, Vice-President, Senators, Representatives, Governors, Mayors, town supervisors, our President-elect, Vice-President-elect, as well as all others recently elected to office. We hold in prayer all health workers, doctors, nurses, funeral directors, police and fire responders, and all emergency first responders. We also keep in prayer all servicemen and servicewomen of our nation; those affected the Coronavirus around the world, and for those whose names echo in our hearts – especially the family of James McKnight, Sue Hodge, Omar Harriff, Linda Weitzel, Stephanie Robinson, Bonnie LaDue, Pamela Parker, Aleksandr Polushin, Glenn & Sandy Neumann, Dave Nordenhold, Kurt Cashman, Michael Moran, Landon Gleffe, Ron Cotropia, Sr., Richard Larson, Inge Nordenhold, Debra Gustafsen, the Ross family in Homestead, PA, Steven Toal, Irene Warner, Angelo Santiago, Sandy Jankowski, Jordan Foser, Kathy Pellegrin, Polly Hawkins, Josie Saviano, Carol Bonnewell, Rebecca Peper, Barbara Shortz, Michael Peper, Nancy Frearson, Barbara Reiss, Tyler Mattison, Jacob Gersley, and David Brewerton.

Redeemer Church 2021 Calendars

Thanks to the generosity of Younglove-Smith & Ryan Funeral Home (777 Long Pond Road, Rochester, NY 14612), our congregational 2021 yearly calendars have arrived. They have been placed on the bulletin board by the entrance to our sanctuary. Simply remove the thumbtack holding your copy up, and take your calendar home!

Our Sympathies

The sympathies of our parish, and our assurance in the promise of the resurrection, are extended to the family and friends of James McKnight, who entered eternal life on Sunday, November 1, 2020. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Campbell on Thursday, November 5, 2020; and interment took place at Falls Cemetery. Please keep the McKnight family in your prayers.

Parish Weekly Messenger

ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – NOVEMBER 8, 2020



Welcome to Worship!

It is with great joy that we return to our sanctuaries for worship, and we welcome all guests and visitors who have joined us this day in doing so. We pray that your time in our fellowship strengthens and increases your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. During this time of “re-opening” for worship, we ask that all congregants be patient as we follow the directives instituted by the New York State Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control. Thank you.

What are the directives and requirements for “in-person” worship?

During the coming months these directives will remain in force:

1. At the present time, our facilities are being opened for worship ONLY. There will be no office hours during the week, no meetings of outside groups that use our facilities, no coffee hours, dinners, church group meetings, Sunday School classes, choir rehearsals, Bible study groups, etc. Those will only be allowed as we enter a new phase of our re-opening.
2. Please wear a mask upon entering our church facilities. That mask must be kept on whenever moving around our worship space. Once situated in your pew, you may remove your mask while seated. If you need to use the bathroom facilities, a mask must be worn. If you move from pew to pew, a mask must be worn.
3. Please register your attendance with our attendance log people at the church entrance. The Dept. of Health requires that we keep contact information on all attendees each week, so that if the need for tracking occurs because of COVID-19 exposure, we will be able to comply with the New York State Dept. of Health.
4. Please note the permitted entrance ways and exits at each of our congregations:
AT REDEEMER CHURCH all congregants will enter through our Chapel entrance and leave through our Dewey Avenue front entrance.
AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH all congregants will enter through our back parking lot CENTER entrance and leave through our back parking lot CORNER exit. Please be patient in the use of our elevator. It needs to be disinfected after each use. ONLY ONE FAMILY UNIT AT A TIME MAY USE THE ELEVATOR.
5. Bathroom facilities are limited to the following:
AT REDEEMER CHURCH the two bathrooms located adjacent to our sanctuary by Dewey Avenue are available. Please be patient in use – they need to be cleaned and disinfected after each use.
AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH the bathroom located adjacent to our sanctuary is the only one available for us. Please be patient in such use – the bathroom needs to be cleaned and disinfected after each use.
6. Please sit in the designated allowed pews at each of our congregations. They have been marked for your ease.

7. Please note that the chancel area will only be used by the pastor and lector for the day. The pulpit has been designated as Pastor's space area, and the lectern as the lector's space area.
8. No singing of hymns, choir anthems, or sung liturgy will be a part of our worship services for the time being. This ensures that any possible droplets of COVID-19 in the air will not be projected.
9. HOLY COMMUNION will not be celebrated at the present time.
10. Offering envelopes may be deposited at each of the offering plates at our designated exits for worship. There will be no collection made by ushers, or the transfer of offering plates between congregants.
11. Each week everyone on our e-mail contact list will be sent a copy of the upcoming parish worship bulletin. Please print out a copy at home and bring it with you to worship – in that way we're assured that you alone have touched your copy. For those people who do not have computers, a limited supply of worship bulletins will be available from the attendance person at our respective church entrances. Be assured that these have been put together with care for your health and well-being. There are NO hymnals, Bibles, pencils, offering envelopes, etc. in the pew racks. Please dispose of your copy of our worship bulletin when you return home. Do not leave them here at church.
12. No fellowship time either before or after the worship service is at the present time allowed. If you have a need to see someone after worship, please follow them to their vehicle, rather than staying in the church sanctuary.

We're Moving On!.....to the next phase of re-opening!

Everything has gone so well during the first phases of the reopening of our facilities. Thank you to everyone for their cooperation and patience!

With that said, we've begun the next phases which will include staff and organizational meetings for our congregations. Please take note of the upcoming meetings being scheduled on our parish calendar, and if a part of the group meeting, please put the date(s) on your calendar! We're in this together....let's continue putting safety and health first!

Monday, November 9th	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting St. John's Social Hall
Tuesday, November 10th	10:00 a.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church – Worship & Music Committee Mtg. Church Parlor
	7:00 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church – Executive Comm – Budget Planning Church Parlor
Monday, November 16th	7:00 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church Council Meeting Church Parlor
Sunday, November 22nd	11:45 a.m.	St. John's Lutheran Church – Worship & Music Committee Mtg. St. John's Social Hall
Sunday, December 13th	10:30 a.m.	REDEEMER'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Redeemer Lutheran Church Sanctuary



ST. ANN'S
COMMUNITY
Full of Life

sharing hope

Sharing Hope in These Times

Each month, Pastor Campbell conducts Protestant ecumenical worship services for the St. Ann's Community at Portland Avenue and at the Cherry Ridge Living Center in Webster. This past week, Pastor was informed that the closed-circuited worship services that he's been leading twice a month will now be offered on YouTube livestream.....opening up the reach of those services to a worldwide internet of people!

Pastor conducts worship services at St. Ann's on the first and third Tuesday of each month starting at 11:15 a.m. St. Ann's Community invites all of our parish's shut-ins, homebound, as well as any of the other members and friends of our congregations who have computer access, to participate in this community outreach worship service by going to StAnnsCommunity.com/pastoral-care to access the YouTube channel under the Pastoral Care link for these events. A thank-you to the entire St. Ann's Community, especially the Pastoral Care Dept., as they share their technologies to reach members and friends of our own parish near and far!

Scheduled services for the remainder of 2020 include:

Tuesday, November 17, 2020	11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, December 1, 2020	11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, December 15, 2020	11:15 a.m.

Annual Reports & Meetings



While we know that this year's annual congregational meetings will be different from those in years past, we currently plan on holding those meetings and producing an annual report of sorts. If you are responsible for submitting reports for our annual meetings, we ask that you do so by e-mail to the parish offices – redeemer1549@frontier.com. Thank you!

Redeemer Lutheran Church will hold their annual meeting on **Sunday, December 13th** in the church sanctuary after our worship for the day.

St. John's Lutheran Church still has to set its annual meeting date. We will share that date with you as soon as it is available.