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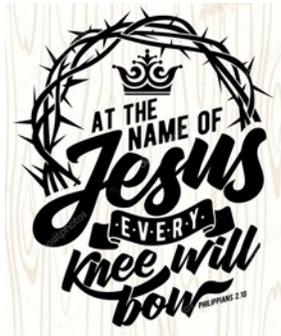
Redeemer's Christian Connection

November Newsletter

Pastor's Page



This month includes the close of the readings will focus on the End Times. our Lord Jesus Christ, neither the us to our eternal home is a depressing faith in Jesus Christ makes this trans-promised, *"I am the resurrection and die, yet shall he live, and everyone*



Church Year, during which our Scripture Thankfully, because of God's promises in end times or the day on which our Lord calls or scary thing. That's because our God given sition not an unknown but a known. Jesus the life. *Whoever believes in me, though he who lives and believes in me shall never die."*

The words of our hymn of the month for November, "At the Name of Jesus," (which is in the End Times section of the Lutheran Service Book) are therefore comforting and joyful words to sing and meditate on. The text of this hymn was written by Caroline Marie Noel (1817-1877) when she was an invalid during the last twenty years of her life. Many of her poems during this time reflected on her long years of suffering and the faith that was strengthened in her through her suffering. Miss Noel, in her life and poetry, reflected on St. Paul's words in Romans 5:3-5. *"Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."*

One of the parts of Scripture on which this hymn is based is Philippians 2:5-11. *“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus:*

*who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.*

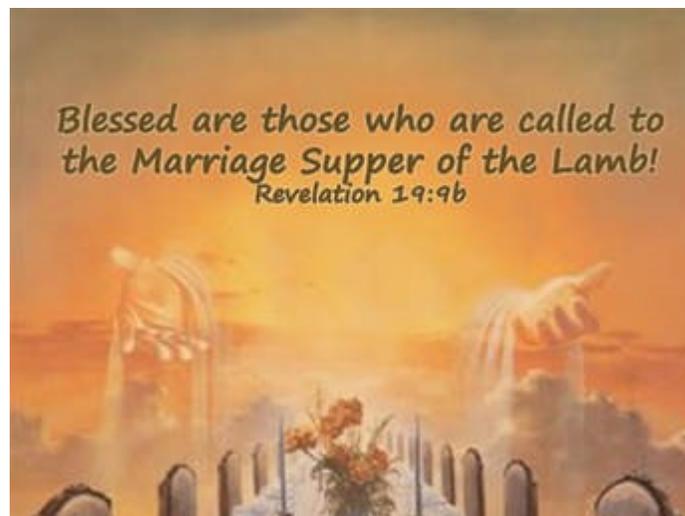
*And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.*

*Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.”*

While it doesn't always appear this way in our English translations, verses 6-11 (above) are written in the Greek as a hymn. These verses summarize the entire work of Christ for our salvation. His nature as true God and true Man, His death and resurrection, as well as what will happen on the Last Day when every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (believers in great joy, unbelievers in great despair).

Jesus' name in Hebrew is Y'shua, which means “Yahweh saves.” This is the most important of names since it does what it says, “Yahweh saves.” One of the most ancient confessions of the Church comes from Romans 10:9, “Jesus is Lord.” To say that “Jesus is Lord,” as Jesus pointed out to the religious leaders of His day in Matthew 22:41-45, is to say that He is not only true man, the Son of David, but also true God, the Son of God. What an awesome thing to meditate on, the Good News that the Creator of the universe loves us so much that He was willing to go through hell to save us.

This Good News is the reason we will be singing this hymn not to the more somber tune in our hymnal, but to a more joyful tune, which the Lutheran Church in England uses. What a great way to express our Christian faith, singing joyfully about our departure from this world, or the end of this world, when we will join the angels, arch angles and all the company of heaven for the victorious feast of our God!



Congregation Officers and Board Members

Members of Redeemer are being asked to prayerfully consider serving as a Congregation Officer or on one of the various Boards listed below.

The Lord gives each of us a role of service in our congregation. Each believer has a valuable role of service to fulfill in his or her church, whether leading or attending to other duties. The services of God's house require our faithful support in word and deed. When you are discouraged or overwhelmed by the needs of our congregation, entrust your cares to the Lord of heaven, who oversees all things for your benefit. He will bless you through the service of Word and Sacrament offered in His name. Do not despise anyone's office of service, for any unfulfilled office disrupts the work of all. Along with your office, the Lord will grant you His Spirit and gifts, which will build you up.

Lord, Your Son, Jesus, humbled Himself to serve us, grant me joy and contentment in my calling. Help me to see the greater purpose and need of my congregation and teach me my role in my congregation, and equip me for every good work of my calling. Amen.

If after deliberating in prayer you have an interest to serve in one of the following positions please let Phil Dwyer or one of the various Board members know. You can also leave a note of your interest in the box provided in the Narthex.

Officers are elected for a 2 year term

- ___ - **President (men only)**
- ___ - **Vice President (men only)**
- ___ - **Secretary**
- ___ - **Treasurer**
- ___ - **Financial Secretary**

Board Members are elected for a 3 year term

- ___ - **Board of Elders (men only)**
- ___ - **Board of Evangelism**
- ___ - **Board of Trustee**
- ___ - **Board of Education**
- ___ - **Board of Stewardship**
- ___ - **Board of Youth Ministry**
- ___ - **Parish School Board**

To get a better understanding of the duties performed by each of the various positions reference the Redeemer Lutheran Church Constitution and Bylaws.

We are reminded in Thessalonians and Timothy that labor in God's kingdom is not a one-person job. We must work in God's kingdom by joining hands with our brothers and sisters. You have the privilege to serve others through special congregational offices, boards and service organizations. When given the chances to express Jesus' love in deeds of service, it is easy to pass on these opportunities. But, in truth, God calls every Christian to follow His example of self-giving service. To answer God's calling and His mission for Redeemer Lutheran we need ready and willing men and women to serve.

Ordering Our Days in His Peace

Reflecting on the Church Year we are still in the season that is referred to as the “Time of the Church.” This is the time of the Church Year that focuses on the Spirit renewing the Church through Word and Sacrament; including the day of Pentecost and extending through the end of the Church Year. This season is sometimes called the non-festival half of the Church Year.

Reformation Day

Prior to observing All Saint’s Day the church sets aside time to remember Reformation Day, which occurs on October 31st. The man of the Reformation was Martin Luther. The beginning of the Reformation may be traced to his question, “How do I obtain a gracious God?” and the answer he found in 1514 in Psalms 31:1; 71:2 and Romans 1:17. For Martin Luther, the problem was not primarily the morality of the clergy, nor even its ineptitude, but rather how the Church thought and taught about salvation. He saw that at the very center there was deformation and error in the Church of his time. This error had consequences not only for the understanding of how people are saved but also in the area of how Sacraments are understood, what the Church is, what the Church’s ministry is, and what the Christian life looks like. The Lutheran Reformation was conservative in that it changed only what was necessary to change and did not try to start afresh and discard fifteen hundred years of Church history. When Luther found that through indulgences the people were taught a false way of salvation, he posted 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church on October, 31, 1517. His goal was to start discussions about indulgences and other questionable practices of the Catholic Church in order to reform (fix) it. This year, on October 31st, we celebrated Reformation Day at our Saturday evening Divine Service. The color red is used when celebrating Reformation.

All Saints’ Day

Every believer who has been cleansed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism is a holy child of God. Everyone who trusts in the salvation that Jesus has won for us is one of God’s saints, His holy ones. On November 1st, the church colors are in white and the Church begins to look forward to the end of all things by observing All Saints Day. We give thanks to those who have gone before us in the faith and look forward to our reunion with them in the resurrection of the dead.

After the Divine Service, we here at Redeemer we also recognized new members who have been received into our Church over the past year.

The End of the Church Year

The Church Year began with Advent (starting four Sundays before Christmas) and the joyful hope and expectation of Jesus coming to save the world with His Nativity. The Church Year comes to a close in much the same way as it began; the closing Sundays of the Church Year teach of the second coming of Jesus for the resurrection of the dead and the Last Judgment. For those who know and trust in Jesus, His return is only the beginning of eternal delight. Lord Jesus, come swiftly to take us to the wedding feast of the Lamb, which has no end!

The color green is used when celebrating the last Sunday of the Church Year.

Birthdays

Jackie Robirds—November 9
Chuck Sidor—November 9
Hannah Wacker—November 11
Kasey Sidor—November 14
Ralph Seeley—November 22
Frank Candelaria—November 24
Marie Buchholz—November 28
Nicole Oberheu—November 30

Wedding

Emmett & Janice Main—November 22

Baptismal Birthdays

Gordon Wagner—November 6
Mary Hinz—November 7
Sandy Holden—November 10
Char Waggoner—November 12
John Koppes—November 15
Alisha Clubb—November 15
Kasey Sidor—November 18
Mary Miller—November 19
Jordan Oeltjenbruns—November 20
Renee` Beck—November 24
Hannah Wacker—November 24
Zach Weber—November 25
Eveli Strassle—November 28

THE LORD'S MINISTRY

Redeemer Lutherans attendance figures and financial blessings that were given for the month of October to further maintain the Lord's ministry.

Date	Attendance	Communicants	Offerings Received Gen./Designated Funds	Needed Operating Budget
10-3 & 4-2020	68	51	\$2,817.50/\$132.00	\$4,455.06
10-10 & 11-202	73	63	\$3,775.00/\$295.00	\$4,455.06
10-17 & 18-2020	74	73	\$5,770.00/\$625.00	\$4,455.06
10-24 & 25-2020	70	56	\$3,011.00/\$318.00	\$4,455.06

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

November 1 – Pentecost XXII (Proper 26A) – Abortion often offers cover for sexual immorality, like pre-marital intercourse, infidelity, and abuse. Forgiveness and everlasting life in Jesus Christ release us from enslavement to such lusts (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7). We get to engage our bodies in lives of holy worship to God and righteous service to one another. And since we share one Father (Matthew 23:9), we pursue purity not only for our own bodies but for each other's, as brothers' and sisters' keepers.

November 8 – Pentecost XXIII (Proper 27A) – Surprise pregnancies bring real burdens. Terminal diagnoses come with genuine hurts. But we need not grieve them like those who have no hope (2 Thessalonians 4:13b). Whenever anyone's oil runs out, there Jesus our Lord arrives and intervenes (Matthew 25:6). Until then we encourage each other with compassion and courageously carry crosses together rather than seeking cheap escapes.

November 15 – Pentecost XXIV (Proper 28A) – Isn't abortion at least a little like wrapping precious treasure in a napkin and throwing it in a hole? Isn't assisted suicide literally burying unappreciated talents in the ground (Matthew 25:18)? Jesus warns it's a one-way ticket to weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 25:28-30). But what joy awaits us when we receive both our lives and everyone else's as a gift and expect that each will improve the other (Matthew 25:20-21)!

November 22 – Last Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 29A) – “As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). Jesus has consecrated your life in His incarnation and crucifixion. And in the same way He has sanctified every human life, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. When we behold our unborn neighbors, when we care for incapacitated ones, when we advocate for embryos or elderly, we encounter God.

November 29 – Advent I – Restore us, O God (Psalm 80:7)! Restore us by Your humble coming among us. Restore our courage to speak for those vulnerable to using death as a solution. Restore our compassion to serve their survival and salvation as You have ours. Restore our congregations to welcome, receive, and embrace every human life. Restore our communities to accompany instead of abandoning. And restore our country to protect and provide for unborn and elderly.

