

+ ANNOUNCEMENTS +

UNDERSTANDING WORSHIP: Following THE DISMISSAL from the communion rail, the congregation joins in singing THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE. One of two options are used in the *Lutheran Service Book* depending on which setting of the Divine Service is used. "THANK THE LORD" is based on the opening verses of **Psalm 105**. In ancient times, **Psalms 34** and **145** were sung as people were communing. Because this version of THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE is praise that utilizes the "*Alleluia*," it is not used during Lenten or Advent seasons. The other option for THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE is the NUNC DIMITTIS which is traditionally used in Vespers and Compline services and is a sung version of Simeon's song from **Luke 2:25-32**. This is a distinctively Lutheran addition to the Communion liturgy of Western Christianity. Simeon's beautiful expression of spiritual satisfaction a remark of appreciation for God's gift in Christ and is therefore most appropriate in the seasons of Lent and Advent.

MASKS & DISTANCING: As of July 27, 2021, the CDC has updated its recommendations for mask-wearing in light of the B.1.617.2 Delta variant of COVID-19. Their recommendation is for those who are fully vaccinated to wear a mask in public indoor settings of substantial or high transmission. Redeemer Lutheran is NOT enforcing a mask mandate, however, we encourage mask use and distancing measures out of love and concern for one another when we gather (**Matt. 25:40**).

REMEMBER: If you have been exposed to someone who is COVID positive, or if you yourself feel ill or have tested positive for COVID, please refrain from attending public worship. We'd love for you to take part in our radio programming or internet worship services. Also, we ask that you notify us at the church office, so that we can ensure the safety and health of others by making them aware of an exposure.

KTLO: Worship services at Redeemer Lutheran are being broadcast on local radio station KTLO 97.9 FM on Sunday Mornings at 10:00AM. Beginning with the opening hymn and concluding with the sermon, this service will share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our whole community! It will also be available on our church's website as well as KTLO's website as a digital downloadable podcast.

WEATHER: In case of inclement weather, we will do all that we can to have our weekend services. If it is unsafe to go out, you may enjoy our services online. Listen to the radio station, KTLO-97.9 for any cancellations or check its website. Also you can check www.redeemermtnhome.org. It will be updated by 7AM each Sunday with any cancellations.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP: Join us for Thanksgiving Evening Worship on Wed., Nov. 24th where we hear God's Word and celebrate the greatest Thanksgiving Meal ever served in the Lord's Supper. This will also mark the beginning of our Advent Series *Beautiful Savior, King of Creation* sermon series.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Calling all 3-year-old thru 5th grade Sunday School Students: Come get your Passport to Faith's Odyssey TODAY between Worship services (9:45 AM – 10:45 AM).

CONFIRMATION: Is underway for our 6-8th grade students. If you have or know of a student who should be enrolled, please contact the church office. Adult Confirmation classes will be scheduled for a different time in the future – please watch the bulletin for details.

NURSING HOMES & HOSPITALS: Will not allow access to the patient registry due to HIPAA laws. If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital or nursing home, please notify the church office and be aware: in-person visits are limited due to COVID-19. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS: Are provided by Patsy Ellsworth and Marj Huebner in memory of their husbands.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Your Life, Death, Heaven, The Interim State, Resurrection, and the New Creation. This multi-part Bible Study will be on Sunday Mornings between worship services NOW IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL – WITH SNACKS ☺ (9:45-10:45) with Pastor McReynolds.

NEW BIBLE STUDY TIME: Starting Monday, December 6, 2021, at 10:00, Pastor Gadbow will begin a new Bible study of the End Times by CPH in the Fellowship Hall.

PULL TABS: Please save your pull tabs from aluminum cans only to be given to Ronald McDonald House in Springfield, MO. It is a home away from home for children who are sick. There is a collection box in the Narthex. Please contact Carolyn Clark with questions. 435-2957

SERENITYINC: Are you willing to volunteer for the Serenity Donation Station or for the Women's Shelter? If so, please call Katherine Arnold, Volunteer coordinator at (870) 424-7576 or email volunteer@serenityinc.org. Thank you!

VESPER SOCIETY HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE, Saturday, December 4 in the Fellowship Hall. Detailed information available at the Visitor's Center, Pick up a poster and share with your friends and neighbors. All funds raised used to support local charities and missions.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Per article 5a of Redeemers' by-laws will be held on Dec. 5th, 2021 at 10:00 AM for the approval of the 2022 budget.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR, KING OF CREATION: Don't miss our Thanksgiving -> Epiphany Midweek Sermon Series, "*Beautiful Savior, King of Creation.*" This time of Thanksgiving includes thanks to God for sending His Son, Jesus Christ and culminates with His revelation to the whole World! The sermons will be grounded in the Creation Psalms, but you will also find connection to the Gospel readings throughout Advent. Thanksgiving Worship services will be held at 6:00PM, and Midweek Advent Worship will be held at 10:00AM and 6:00PM.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Make plans to join us for Christmas Eve worship at 4:00PM or for Candlelight Worship at 6:00PM. Christmas Day Worship will be at 10:00AM with Holy Communion, and *there will only be ONE worship service on 12/26/21 at 10:00AM (With NO Bible Class).*

CHRISTMAS WISH 2021

The Angel Tree is now up in the Narthex. Christmas Wish children are there for you to adopt for Christmas. The families have been split into each individual child so each angel is one child, not a family. Information on each child includes age, girl or boy, and some ideas of the child's interests, sizes, etc. You may purchase as much or as little as you wish.

The gifts are NOT to be wrapped. The deadline for bringing your gifts to the church is Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Make sure to include the ornament from the tree because it has the corresponding number to the child.

Please make this Christmas an example of Jesus' love for his children in our community by participating.



Please bring cookies

for our reception on

Sunday, December 12th.

Thanks!!

Please come & join in the fun, as we



decorate our church for *Christmas*.

Thursday, December 2nd at 9 a.m.

Enjoy coffee, hot chocolate,



Behold, A Savior!

Songs & Messages of His Birth

Christmas Concert Worship Service

Sunday, December 12th - 9:30 a.m.

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

******This will be the only worship service on that Sunday.******

