



1 In Thee is gladness  
 Amid all sadness,  
 Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
 By Thee are given  
 The gifts of heaven,  
 Thou the true Redeemer art.  
 Our souls Thou wakest,  
 Our bonds Thou breakest;  
 Who trusts Thee surely  
 Has built securely;  
 He stands forever: Alleluia!  
 Our hearts are pining  
 To see Thy shining,  
 Dying or living  
 To Thee are cleaving;  
 Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Since He is ours,  
 We fear no powers,  
 Not of earth nor sin nor death.  
 He sees and blesses  
 In worst distresses;  
 He can change them with a breath.  
 Wherefore the story  
 Tell of His glory  
 With hearts and voices;  
 All heav'n rejoices  
 In Him forever: Alleluia!  
 We shout for gladness,  
 Triumph o'er sadness,  
 Love Him and praise Him  
 And still shall raise Him  
 Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

**(\*) CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *(Please stand.)*

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

**(\*) HYMN OF PRAISE**

*(LSB 816, st. 3)*

All praise to God the Father be,  
 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee. Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Whom with the Spirit we adore  
 Forever and forevermore: Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *(Please be seated.)*

+ God Speaks to Us +

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

L: The First Reading for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost is from the first chapter of Zephaniah.

<sup>7</sup> Be silent before the Sovereign LORD, for the day of the LORD is near. The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited. <sup>8</sup> "On the day of the LORD's sacrifice I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all those clad in foreign clothes.

<sup>9</sup> On that day I will punish all who avoid stepping on the threshold, who fill the temple of their gods with violence and deceit. <sup>10</sup> "On that day, " declares the LORD, "a cry will go up from the Fish Gate, wailing from the New Quarter, and a loud crash from the hills. <sup>11</sup> Wail, you who live in the market district; all your merchants will be wiped out, all who trade with silver will be destroyed. <sup>12</sup> At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are

complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, 'The LORD will do nothing, either good or bad.'

<sup>13</sup> Their wealth will be plundered, their houses demolished. Though they build houses, they will not live in them; though they plant vineyards, they will not drink the wine."

<sup>14</sup> The great day of the LORD is near — near and coming quickly. The cry on the day of the LORD is bitter; the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry. <sup>15</sup> That day will be a day of wrath— a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness — <sup>16</sup> a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers. *Zephaniah 1:7-16 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter four.

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. <sup>8</sup> This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup> (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) <sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of

God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. *Ephesians 4:7-16 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.** *(Please stand to sing.)*

**(\*) RESPONSE**

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

**(\*) HOLY GOSPEL**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup> So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

<sup>19</sup> “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ <sup>21</sup> “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

<sup>22</sup> “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ <sup>23</sup> “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You

have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

<sup>24</sup> “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ <sup>26</sup> “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

<sup>28</sup> “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. <sup>29</sup> For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. <sup>30</sup> And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

*Matthew 25:14-30 NIV*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*Please be seated.*)

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE / SECOND GRADE BIBLES**

**HYMN “Counting Every Blessing”**

**I was blind, now I'm seeing in colour.  
I was dead, now I'm living forever.  
I had failed, but You were my Redeemer.  
I've been blessed beyond all measure.**

**I was lost, now I'm found by the Father.  
I've been changed, from a ruin to treasure.  
I've been given a hope and a future.  
I've been blessed beyond all measure.**

*Chorus:* **I am counting every blessing,  
Counting every blessing  
Letting go and trusting when I cannot see.  
I am counting every blessing  
Counting every blessing,  
Surely every season You are good to me.**

**Oh, You are good to me.  
Oh, You are good to me.**

**You were there in the valley of shadows.  
You were there in the depth of my sorrows.  
You're my strength, my hope for tomorrow.  
I've been blessed beyond all measure. *Chorus***

**Surely Your goodness pursues me.  
Surely Your heart is still for me.  
I will remember Your mercies  
All my days  
Through every storm and gale. *Chorus***

*Chorus*

**Oh, You are good to me.  
Oh, You are good to me.**

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**      **“Always Open: Building Project”  
Stewardship Video**

**+ We Respond To God's Word +**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**    **“Family of Faith” – Sounds of Praise**

**(\*) PRAYERS**

P: For...let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

**(\*) THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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.

**BUILDING PROJECT: First Communion**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ..... LSB 686

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I’ve come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,

Wand’ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I’m constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wand’ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

# Redeemer Lutheran Church

## Weekly Announcements and Highlights

### Special Prayer Opportunities:

#### **Health Concerns:**

- ✠ Shari Kmett, Al Schacht, Dewey Wondrasch, Doris "Goldie" Golberg, Myrna Reinartz, LaDue and Darlene Vatland, Blake Hellickson, Jodi Hellickson, Sue Wondrasch, Marcia Christensen, Craig Nelson, Jennifer Pralle

#### **Receiving Hospice Care:**

- ✠ Eldora Krueger; Marlene Urban

#### **Rejoice:**

- ✠ With Jesse and Brooke Meaike upon the Baptism of their daughter, Etta Arvolene.
- ✠ With William and Amber Ihrke upon the Baptism of their daughter, Ila Brooke.
- ✠ With Margaret Nelson and Bob Trebble who were united in marriage on November 14.

#### **Guidance:**

- ✠ Guidance for our state and national leaders

### Praying for our Family of Believers:

- ✠ Stephen and Lyndsey Smith, Eliana, Bennett, and Adalynn
- ✠ Sandra Knopp
- ✠ Kelly and Mandie Anderson, William and Olivia
- ✠ And, for those who will hear the Good News of Jesus from us this week.

**PRAYER CHAINS** – If you have a prayer request, call Gail Sim (289-2087), the church office (289-5147), or send an email to Lori Hameister at [littlebitmoo@gmail.com](mailto:littlebitmoo@gmail.com).

## THANKSGIVING DONATIONS FOR CHANNEL ONE

Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, Channel One is asking for monetary donations this year. If you would like to make a donation to Channel One this Thanksgiving, please use the "Special Offering" line on your contribution envelope indicating **Channel One** and the amount that you would like to donate. You can also send a separate offering to the church office or drop off in the offering boxes at any indoor worship service. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 507-289-5147 or via email: [office@redeemer-rochester.com](mailto:office@redeemer-rochester.com).

## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

### Live Stream Worship Sundays at 8 am on:

**Facebook page:** Redeemer Lutheran Church - Rochester, MN

**YouTube:** RLC - Family of Believers

### Indoor Worship with Communion: (Sanctuary)

**Thursdays** at 6 pm

**Sundays** at 10:45 am

## DIGGING DEEPER

- ✠ Join a Life Group or use materials located on the website under the Life Group heading.
- ✠ Adult Education—watch live (or later) on Sundays at 9:30 am via our Facebook and YouTube channels.

## BAPTIZED

- ✠ On November 15, during a private service is Etta Arvolene Meaike, daughter of Jesse and Brooke Meaike, born October 29, 2020. Her sponsors are Bo and Tara Fullner and Micah and Brooke Fullner.
- ✠ On November 15, during a private service is Ila Brooke Ihrke, daughter of William and Amber Ihrke, born on August 25, 2020. Her sponsors are Zachary Watkins and April Elliott.

## ROSE ON THE ALTAR

is in honor of Hisako Hedden's 83rd birthday on November 20.

## STEWARDSHIP NOTES:

- ★ 2021 offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please pick up the packet with your name on it.
- ★ 2021 Pledges are due by November 22. Please return to the offering plate or the church office. Extra copies at the Welcome Center.



# This Week At Redeemer

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

New Beginnings CC—NFH—10 am  
 Bob Trebble/Margaret Nelson Wedding—2 pm

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Livestream WORSHIP - 8:00 am  
 Sunday School—In Person—9:15 am  
 SS Virtual (3 and 4 yrs. - 9:30 am)  
 SS Virtual (Kindergarten/Grades 1 & 2) - 10 am  
 SS Virtual (Grades 3-6) - 11:30 am  
 SS Virtual (Grades 7-12) - 11:30 am  
 INDOOR WORSHIP/COMMUNION - 10:45 am  
 Alleluia Singers—Google Meets—1:45 pm  
 IGNITE—6 pm  
 Partners in Christ CC—Zoom—6:30 pm

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Quilters—NFH—8 am  
 Transition Team—4 pm

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Men's Bible Study via Conference call - 9 am  
 Faithfully Fit Forever—SFH—9:30 am  
 All Staff Meeting - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
 Money Counters—Rm 102—10 am

## Blessed to Serve

**Preaching** ..... Pastor Adam Koglin

**Children's Message** ..... Michael Harvey, DCE

**Organist** ..... April Beckman, DPM

### Elder:

6:00 pm ..... Scott Feeder

8:00 am ..... Dan Zeccardi

10:45 am ..... Tony Fick

### Greeter:

6:00 pm ..... Jeff and Judy Lee

10:45 am ..... Lois Norby

**Lector** ..... Megan Grudem

### Technology:

6:00 pm ..... Tom Werle

8:00 am ..... **Help Needed**

10:45 am ..... Heidi Diercks

### Ushers:

6:00 pm ..... Megan Grudem and Ric Thieke

10:45 am ... Dan Kluge, Mark Fister, Ryan Nelson

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Seekers CC—NFH—1:00 pm  
 Cherub Choir—Zoom—6 pm  
 Confirmation—6:15 pm  
 Angelic Chimes—Zoom—6:30 pm  
 Sounds of Praise—Zoom—7 pm  
 Distance Confirmation—Zoom—7 pm

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Stephen Ministry—Upper Rm—12:30 pm  
 Grief Support Group—3:00 pm  
 INDOOR WORSHIP/COMMUNION—6 pm  
 CC Equippers—Zoom—6:30 pm  
 Technology Team—7:00 pm

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Library Committee—9:30 am

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Walters Wedding—12 pm

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Livestream WORSHIP - 8:00 am  
 Sunday School—In Person—9:15 am  
 SS Virtual (3 and 4 yrs. - 9:30 am)  
 SS Virtual (Kindergarten/Grades 1 & 2) - 10 am  
 SS Virtual (Grades 3-6) - 11:30 am  
 SS Virtual (Grades 7-12) - 11:30 am  
 INDOOR WORSHIP/COMMUNION - 10:45 am  
 Contactless Wreath Pick-Up—Noon to 1:00 pm  
 Alleluia Singers—Google Meets—1:45 pm  
 Partners in Christ—Zoom—6:30 pm

## Quick Notes

- ★ **Attention Snowbirds!** Leaving soon? Already left? Please be sure to update your address with church office. Thank you!
- ★ **Weekly E-News Blast:** If you are not receiving our weekly announcement updates on Thursday in your email inbox, please contact the church office to get signed-up.
- ★ **Elder Reading Drive:** If you would like to receive a weekly email from our Elders spotlighting our theme and scripture readings for the coming weekend, please contact the church office (507-289-5147 or office@redeemer-rochester.com)

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