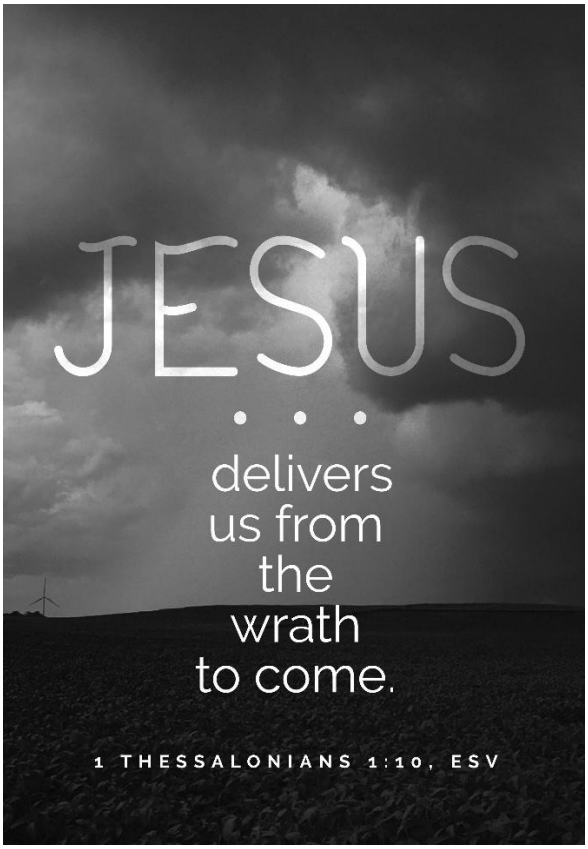
Redeemer Lutheran Church
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October 18, 2026



Pastor: Rev. Brian Handrich
Music Director: Deborah O' Brien
Church Secretary: Melissa Moffett
Sunday Service at 9am
Zoom and podcast available on-line

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Church Mouse

'Knowing Christ and making Christ known since 1954'

The Mission of Redeemer Lutheran Church is to reach the lost, comfort those in need, and build the body of Christ by proclaiming the truthfulness of God's word in love.

If you would like more information on reaching the lost and comfort those in need, please check us out at **www.redeemernewton.net** and follow us on Facebook **Redeemer Lutheran Church LCMS Newton NJ**

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 -**New Testament**: I Thessalonians 2:1-13
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

The attendance for Sunday, October 11 was 28. Please make sure you fill in the attendance sheet so we can keep our records accurate. Financially supporting the many ministries here at Redeemer and seeing them thrive is a blessing. Please feel free to use our easy online giving for a one-time offering or a recurring donation. We have a direct link on our homepage http://www.redeemernewton.net or contact the church office for more information at973-383-3945 Every small donation is a gift to us, thank you for your support!

The Mini-Mouse

To reach the REDEEMER PRAYER CHAIN call Joanne Naumowicz at 973-919-8144 (cell) 973-383-4793 (home) or Emilie Gewecke at 973-534-0127. All requests are confidential.

Preschool Contact information: Krista Geisendorfer Director Phone: 973-383-0217. Email redeemerpreschool@gmail.com website: www.redeemerprschoolnewton.com

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Our president, Congress, and Supreme Court as they seek to govern, make their hearts and ears attentive to what pleases God so that they are doing what is right in His sight. For the men and women who serve our country now and, in the past, and for the sacrifices their families make so that we can all enjoy the blessing of freedom. Those struggling with physical afflictions, that they hear our prayers during their journey of healing.

The Chosen Ones
October 18, 2026 – Pentecost 21A
I Thessalonians 1:1-10

They Devoted themselves to the Fellowship…:

As we gather:

- What "clique" were part of in High School?
- What clique did you want to be part of?
- What does it mean to you that God chose you?

Welcome and Invocation

Opening Song: **Blessed Be Your Name** (P&W 3 #163 p.156)

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where the streams of abundance flow - blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness - blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blssing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say;

Blessed be the name of the Lord! Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord - blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be - blessed be Your name!

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering - blessed be Your name.

Chorus

Confession of Sins and Absolution *LSB 151*

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

…and to the Apostles' teaching…

We Hear the Word of the Lord:

Choir Anthem:

Old Testament: Isaiah 45:1-7 — Pew Bible page 1131

New Testament: I Thessalonians 1:1-10 — Pew Bible page 1837

Response: **Seek Ye First** — (AGPS 207)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22 — Pew Bible page 1535

Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed — LSB back page

Sermon Song: **Ancient Words** — (P&W 3 #149 p. 118)

Holy words, long preserved, for our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart; O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where'er we roam ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you.
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice, O heed the faithful words of Christ;
Holy words, long preserved, for our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.

Chorus

Sermon

…And to Prayer

L: Let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer is spoken together

To the breaking of bread…

The Words of Institution are spoken

Distribution in continuous fashion

Distribution Song: **In Christ Alone** — (P&W3 #138 p. 82)

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,

firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here i the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sins curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine; bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of Hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

The Thanksgiving Prayer

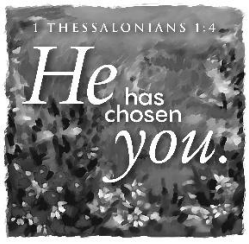
The benediction is given

The announcements are made

Closing Song: **Spread the Reign of God, the Lord** LSB 830

Common Doxology

Dismissal





LWML Lakeland Zone Fall Rally: This Sunday**,** Oct, 18, 2026 3_5:30pm At Our Savor Lutheran Church in Stanhope, NJ. The Gues Speaker: Margaret Cotton author of Th Radiance of Grace. The True story of how Christian women defended faith during America's first conflict between religious nationalism and religious freedom

Activities/volunteer request list: Reminder, **p**lease submit your completed Activities/volunteer form. If you don't have the one from last week's bulletin, there are forms on the Narthex table. Redeemer needs your help so we can continue to provide our outreach programs and upcoming activities. Kindly return the completed form to the church secretary. Thank you.

TRUNK OR TREAT- October 25h 2:00pm-4:00pm in Redeemer parking lot.
We are in need of decorated trunks. If you wish to participate, please sign up on the sheet in front of the office. Decorating trunk time is between 12:45pm and 1pm so the trunks are ready by 2pm when the trick-or-treaters arrive. Candy donations are needed for this event. Candy can be placed in the container on the table in front of the office or brought to the office M-W-F from 9:30 1pm. Thank you.

Redeemer Preschool Board: The Preschool board is looking for additional members. Please contact the office secretary(redeemersec37@gmial.com) if interested.

Redeemer Preschool donations**:** If anyone would like to help with supplies for the Preschool, donations of paper towels, dish and hand soap, baby wipes, and disinfection wipes would be appreciated. Please label the donations Preschool and leave them in the kitchen. Thank you.



Sunday, October18	9am	Worship Service
	10am	Sunday School
	10am	Adult Bible Study
	3-5:30pm	LWML Fall Rally at Our Savior, Stanhope
Tuesday, October 20	7pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday, October 21	7pm	Zoom Table Talk w/Pastor
Sunday, October 25	9am	Reformation Sunday Worship at
	10am	Sunday School
	10am	Adult Bible Study
	2pm	Trunk or Treat Redeemer parking lot.
Tuesday, October 27	7pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday, October 28	7pm	Zoom Table Talk w/Pastor

***A copy of the October Calendar is on the Narthex table.**