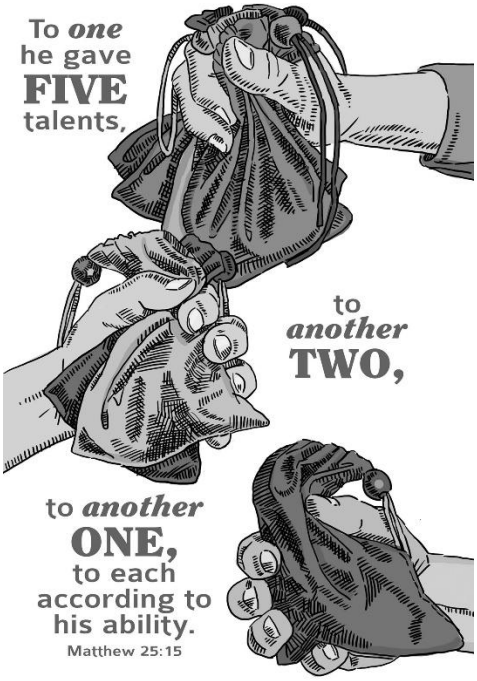
# Redeemer Lutheran Church

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November 15, 2026




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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:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24-**New Testament:** I Corinthians 15:20-28
**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

The attendance for Sunday, November 08 was28. 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.

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**Ministry Board Members**

## 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.

It's just good business
November 15, 2026 – 2nd last Sunday
Matthew 25:14-30

## They Devoted themselves to the Fellowship…:

As we gather:

- What is your definition of success?
- Why is there bitterness toward those who are successful?
- How would you define "stewardship"?

Welcome and Invocation

Opening Song: ***Speak, O Lord*** (P&W 6 #319 p.174)

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your holy Word**
**Take Your truth, pant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in Your likeness**
**That the light of Christ might be seen today**
**In our acts of love and our deeds of faith**
**Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility**
**Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity**
**Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see**
**Your majestic love and authority**
**Words of pow'r that can never fail, let You truth prevail over unbelief**

**Speak, O lord, and renew our minds. Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us**
**Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity**
**And by grace we'll stand on Your promises**
**And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.**
**Speak, O Lord, 'til Your Church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.**

**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:

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| Old Testament: Zephaniah 1:7-16 | Pew Bible page 1463 |
| New Testament: I Thessalonians 5:1-11 | Pew Bible page 1840 |

Response: ***Open the Eyes of my Heart, Lord***

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.**
**I want to see You. I want to see You.**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.**
**I want to see You, I want to see You.**

***To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory***
***Pour out Your power and love as we sing "Holy, Holy, Holy."***

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart**
**I want to see You, I want to see You.**

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| Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 | Pew Bible page 1541 |
| Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed | LSB back page |
| Sermon Song: We Give Thee but Thine Own | LSB 781 |
| Message: A *talented* man of business | Matthew 25:14-30 |

## …and to Prayer…

P: 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: Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King (P&W6 #294 p. 69)

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy praise.**
**Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.**
**Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.**
**Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.**

**I was lost in utter darkness, 'til You came and rescued me;**
**I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free**
**Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home.**
**Now Your grace is always with me and I'll never be alone**

***Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King.***
***Come Thou precious Prince of Peace.***
***Hear Your Bride, to You we sing.***
***Come Thou Fount of our blessing.***

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be**
**Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.**
**Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it**
**Prone to leave the one I love.**
**Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.**

***Chorus***

The Thanksgiving Prayer

The benediction is given

The announcements are made

Closing Song: At the Name of Jesus LSB 512

Common Doxology

Dismissal




**Holiday Food Collection: -** Today is the deadline for collecting food items for Benny's

**Senior Luncheon:** The next Senior Luncheon is **Friday, November 20th** from 12 -2pm. in Redeemer Hall. Theme Thanksgiving Feast. Turkey with gravy, roasted potatoes and choice if Apple or Cranberry drink will be provided. Please bring a side dish. The sign-up sheet will be in front of the church office. Bring a friend and enjoy our feast.

***Thanksgiving Eve Service*** The service will be November 25th at 7:30pm.

**Combined Worship Service:** Sunday, **November 29th**, the first Sunday in Advent,**10am at Redeemer**. There will be a Fellowship Hour following the service. We need members to help by providing food for Fellowship time There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in front of the office for you to sign up. If you can help with set-up that would be great!
Since it is the first Sunday in the Advent Season, we wanted to make our fellowship fun and memorable, so we will be decorating Christmas cookies!!! We ask for volunteers to bake some plain cookies! (No nuts please due to allergies) Perhaps you have a favorite recipe for sugar, shortbread, or gingerbread cookies that would be good to decorate.




**December 6 – Hanging of the greens after service**
**December 13 Choir will lead the worship**
**December 20 – Sunday School will participate in worship**
**December 24 7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight service.**

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| Sunday November 15 | 9am | Worship Service |
| | 10am | Sunday School |
| | 10:15am | Adult Bible Study |
| Tuesday November 17 | 7pm | Women's Zoom Bible Study |
| Wednesday November 18 | 7pm | Zoom Table Talk w/Pastor |
| Thursday November 19 | 10am-1pm | Manna House |
| Friday November 20 | 12pm | Senior Luncheon (harvest Festival) |
| Sunday November22 | 9am | Worship Service (Christ the King Sunday) |
| | 10am | Sunday School |
| | 10:15am | Adult Bible Study |
| Wednesday November 25 | 7:30pm | Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service |
| Thursday November 26 | HAPPY THANKSGIVING | |
| Sunday November 29 | 10am | Combined Worship/ 1st Day of Advent |

Coffee hour and Christmas cookie decorating following the service.