



REDEEMER  
TRAVERSE CITY

*August 23, 2020*

I AM THE  
**ALPHA**  
AND THE  
**OMEGA**  
SAYS THE LORD GOD

REV.  
1:8

## Welcome to Redeemer!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. Especially if this is your first time with us, we are glad you are here. Please don't hesitate to ask one of our greeters or anyone with a nametag regarding location of the nursery, restrooms, or just a cup of coffee!

We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar, so there are notes in the margins that will help you participate and offer some explanations. Our service is designed to be both biblical and Christ centered, as each week we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel. We gather weekly not for a lecture, conference, or concert, but for an encounter with God, and so our service follows the pattern God gave his people thousands of years ago: God speaks and we respond.

- Calling – Worship begins with God's invitation to worship. He always takes the initiative and moves towards us.
- Cleansing – God reminds us that we are forgiven in Christ and loved as his children
- Consecration – God builds us up through his Word
- Communion – God brings us as children to his table to affirm his relationship with us.
- Commission – God sends us out in the power of his Spirit to live as his ambassadors before a watching world.

Whether you are a committed believer, skeptic, or somewhere in the middle, we are glad you are here today. Please feel free to participate actively or just listen and observe. Jesus Christ makes audacious and wonderful claims, and our church is a place where you can process those freely and safely.

We would love to know that you were here this morning. The back of this bulletin contains a tear off sheet that you can put in the offering basket during service. If there is any way we can pray for you, or you have questions about Christianity or our church, you can indicate that as well. There is more information about our church activities, events, and beliefs in the back pages of this bulletin and on our website.

## A Word to Parents with Young Children

We have a staffed nursery available for children ages 0-4. For those who have younger children remaining in the service, please relax and take a deep breath! We want them in the service and they are not a distraction. Keeping our children in as much as possible is one of the best gifts we can give them, as they will not only learn the importance of worship but will also pick up much more than we sometimes think. Feel free to sit up front where it is easier for your kids to see and hear what is happening. So again, relax and take a deep breath. The noises and excitement that comes with having children in our worship is not a distraction, but a gift from God to our entire church.

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## Redeemer at a Glance

We are a church that seeks to Glorify God by making disciples who are growing in love for God, love for each other, and love for our neighbor. Please join us for any of our weekly events, more information is in the back of the bulletin.

- Community Groups
- Men's & Women's Ministry
- Service opportunities

# The Lord's Service

August 23, 2020

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

## Call to Worship

*The Call to  
Worship gives  
God the first  
word in our  
service. God  
always comes  
to us before we  
come to him.  
God graciously  
invites us to  
enter His  
presence with  
Thanksgiving!*

*Psalm 99:1-3*

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!  
The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.  
Let them praise your great and awesome name!  
Holy is he!

† = Stand if able

**Bold Words** = Congregation

† Opening Hymn #310 "Rejoice the Lord is King" (Vss. 1 -3, & 5 only)

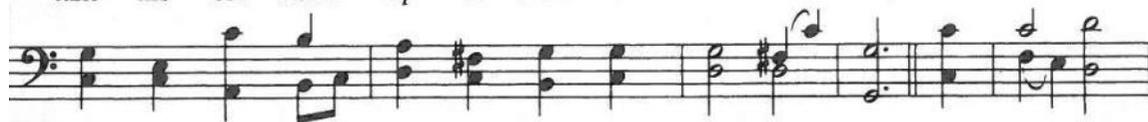


1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and
5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and



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joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your  
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.  
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!



## † Invocation

*Psalm 145:18*

Pastor: The Lord is near to all who call on him,

**People: to all who call on him in truth.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

## † The Greeting

*Revelation 1:4b-5a*

Pastor: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

**People: Amen**

*The Call to Confession invites us to honest expression before God that we are not as we were made to be. The church is not a gathering of perfect people, we are all sinners in various stages of recovery.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*1 John 1:8-10*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.**

*The Declaration of Forgiveness breaks through the accusations of our conscience, the lies of the evil one, and proclaims the amazing truth of the gospel to our heart!*

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

*Revelation 1:5b-6*

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

† Hymn of Assurance #172 "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

(Vss. 1, 3, & 5 only)



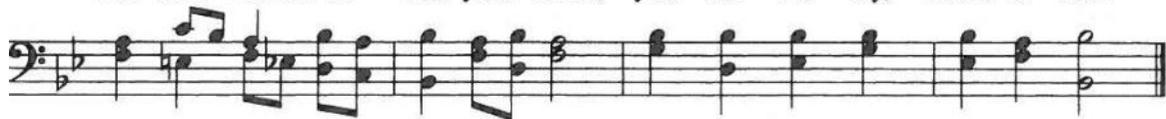
1. Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Sav-ior's name!
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp-ta - tion threat-en hard to bear us down!
4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and point to mer - cy's store;
5. Let us praise, and join the cho - rus of the saints en-throned on high;



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der, he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame:  
 called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
 • For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion, holds in view the con-qu'ror's crown:  
 when through grace in Christ our trust is, jus - tice smiles and asks no more:  
 here they trust - ed him be - fore us, now their prais-es fill the sky:



he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.  
 he has washed us with his blood, he pre - sents our souls to God.  
 • he who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.  
 he who washed us with his blood has se - cured our way to God.  
 "You have washed us with your blood; you are wor - thy, Lamb of God!"



**Profession of Faith:** (10:30 am service)

Ian Weber, Cassidy Weber

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

**Questions to the Congregation:**

Do you as a congregation now welcome Ian and Cassidy Weber as members of this body?

**We do.**

Do you promise to take seriously your responsibilities to build up these new members and to seek to practice with them true Christian community and true Biblical church life?

**We do.**

## Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

### Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 44:6-8*

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any."

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

### † Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## † Sermon Text Reading

### *Revelation 1:1-19*

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup> who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. <sup>3</sup> Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup> saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. <sup>19</sup> Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "Knowing the ABCs of the Gospel and Your Salvation" Reverend Walter Lorenz

† Sermon Hymn "O Church Arise" (Vss. 1 & 4 only)



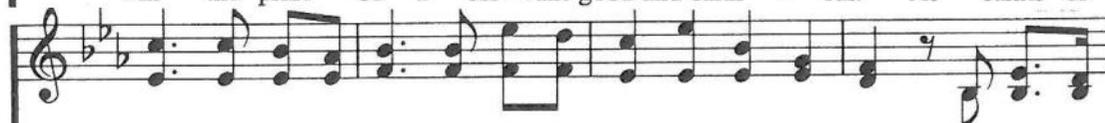
1. O church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; Hear the  
 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, But to  
 3. Come, see the cross where love and mer - cy meet, As the  
 4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, Give



call of Christ our cap - tain; For now the weak can say that  
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the  
 Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -  
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, That we may run with faith to



they are strong In the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of  
 wound - ed whole We will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with  
 neath His feet, For the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the  
 win the prize Of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of



faith and belt of truth We'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies; An arm - y  
 trials on ev - 'ry side, We know the out - come is se - cure, And Christ will  
 stone is rolled a - way, And Christ e - merg - es from the grave, This vic - t'ry  
 old still line the way, Re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, We hear their



bold whose bat - tle cry is "Love!" Reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
 have the prize for which He died - An in - her - i - tance of na - tions.  
 march con - tin - ues till the day Ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.  
 calls and hun - ger for the day When, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

## Holy Communion

*We celebrate communion each week to remember what Christ has done and to be nourished spiritually.*

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

*We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, have been baptized, and are in good standing with any church that proclaims the Gospel. Please note that we use wine for Communion, but the inter rings (colored cups) contain non-alcoholic wine if you prefer. A gluten free wafer is available in place of bread, just ask the minister when you come forward. We come forward in two lines as each row is dismissed. We encourage children to come forward, but ask that they not take the elements unless they have met with their Elders to make a profession of their faith. There is no pressure to take communion if you are not ready. Feel free to stay in your seat or come forward but indicate that you are not partaking.*

*We recite a creed each week as a way to prepare for communion and also to connect our worship to generations of Christians who have gone before us.*

### **Affirmation of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism

#### Question and Answer #1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I, with body and soul, both in life and death,  
am not my own,  
but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,  
who with his precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins,  
and delivered me from all the power of the devil,  
and so preserves me  
that without the will of my heavenly Father  
not a hair can fall from my head;  
indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation,  
therefore by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life  
and makes me heartily willing and ready, always,  
to live for him.**

*The "Sursum Corda" (Lift up your hearts!) has been used in Christian worship for centuries. The prayer that follows asks God to set apart the ordinary bread and wine for this special use.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration**

The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

Lamentations 3:41

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 118:1

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise for you are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. As we come now to the supper which he gave to us, we ask for the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that the bread that we break and the cup that we bless would be a participation in the body and blood of our Lord. And now, with the angels, and all the company of heaven, we magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

## **Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.**

**The whole earth is full of his glory,**

**the whole earth is full of his glory,**

**the whole earth is full of his glory,**

**Holy is the Lord.**

## **Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Post Communion Hymn "My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness"

1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain; Who  
 2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side; Who  
 3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove; Whose

plumed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain; Who  
 floods my weak-ness - es and strengths and caus - es fear to fly; Whose  
 wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love; For

crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His light, And  
 ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take, Sus -  
 ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King. So

wrote His law of right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.  
 tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.  
 I will give my life, my all to love and fol - low Him.

## † Benediction

### † Benediction Response “May the Peace” (Verse 1 only)

May the peace of God our Heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ the risen Son,  
and the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within His love.  
And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,  
from the depths of earth to the heights of Heav'n;  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain-  
Christ eternal the King of Kings!

## **Prayer Requests**

### **Redeemer Family:**

- John Van Til, pray for comfort and peace. Visits are appreciated and encouraged. Please contact Traverse Manor to schedule a visit.
- Jean VanDyk (Dave's mother) who is recovering from a fall that left her with a fractured neck, hip, and broken arm. Pray for strength and a relief from pain.
- Pansy Peckham for strength and healing.
- For the work of our pulpit search committee, the elders, and our church during this transition season.

### **Churches in our Presbytery:**

**Good Shepherd, Valparaiso** - Pray for the Youth Bible Study that we may again minister to the youth in our congregation.

**Reverend Satoshi Kawachi** - Pray for His blessings upon our efforts to reach out to our neighbors and new friends.

## Announcements

**Congregational Meeting** - There will be a congregational meeting following both services on August 30. Please plan to attend.

**Giving Envelopes** - Please pick up your giving envelopes located in the narthex.

**Ladies Fall Bible Study**- Wouldn't you love to be wise and know the God who is Wisdom himself? Our 10-week study mines the OT Wisdom Literature not only for wise principles for living, but for the wise person these books point to-Jesus. We begin September 21 and 24, 7-8:30pm via zoom for the 1st 2 weeks (then each group will decide zoom or in person). Mondays Cherie vonDrehle and Angie VanDyk facilitate, and Thursdays Corky Crimmins and Heidi VanTil. Please let Angie vanDyk know if you will join Monday or Thursday (text 517-242-2904 or email [davandyk5@gmail.com](mailto:davandyk5@gmail.com)). Also, please order your own book online (The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books, by Nancy Guthrie) or contact Angie vanDyk (who will have extras for free). Can't wait to learn and grow together!

**Life Skills Classes by Love Thy Neighbor** - Classes start in September. For a list of all classes please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

In June of 2017 we welcomed Chris Stevens to the staff at Redeemer. Next Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> we will say goodbye and best wishes to Pastor Chris, Megan, Phineas, and Tobias as they leave for his new call in Louisiana. Please wish them well at a cake reception between services!

## Financials

	<u>July 31, 2019</u>	<u>July 31, 2020</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Year to Date				
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$173,712	\$195,574	\$201,509	(\$5,935)
Total Expenses	\$184,628	\$186,834		

# August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am Congregational Meeting after both services	31					



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*1st or 2nd time visitor?*

*Have a Prayer need?*

*Want to be on our weekly newsletter?*

*Want more info about ministry or  
service at Redeemer?*

*Please fill out and place in the  
Offering plate.*

*Thank You!*

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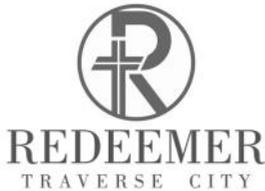
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1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

Regular Attendee: \_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_



*If you would like to be prayed for  
please fill out and place in the  
Offering Plate*

**Prayer Requests:**

Share with congregation: \_\_\_\_

Private: \_\_\_\_

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**Send me information about :**

- \_\_\_ Becoming a Christian
- \_\_\_ Baptism
- \_\_\_ Membership
- \_\_\_ Serving on a Team
- \_\_\_ Small Groups
- \_\_\_ Other

**The Session (Pastors and Elders)**

Rev. Scott Korljan, Pastor  
Rev. Chris Stevens, Associate Pastor  
Fred Janke  
Bill Morrison  
Tom Nussdorfer  
Fred Weber  
David Schafer (Emeritus)

**The Deacons**

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**Sunday School: (suspended)**

**Worship Service: 8:30 & 10:30 am**

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