

November 8, 2020



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 Gods' 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 (not available at this time). 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.

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

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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!

Call to Worship

Luke 2:10-14

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

† = Stand if able **Bold Words** = Congregation

† Opening Hymn "Come Praise and Glorify"



† Invocation

Psalm 124:8

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Let us pray.

† The Greeting

1 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son,

and the Holy Spirit.

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 aatherina of perfect people. we are all sinners in various stages of recovery.

Confession of Sin

Psalm 51:2-4

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find thy mind in thy Word, of neglect to seek thee in my daily life.

My transgressions and short-comings present me with a list of accusations,
But I bless thee that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ;
Go on to subdue my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them. Amen. (taken from Valley of Vision)

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!

The Declaration of Forgiveness

Joel 2:12-13

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

† Hymn of Assurance "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"



Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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

Psalm 72

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

- ² May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!
- ³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

- ⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!
- ⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- ⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- ⁹ May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!
- May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
- ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!
- ¹² For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.
- ¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.
- Long may he live;may gold of Sheba be given to him!May prayer be made for him continually,and blessings invoked for him all the day!
- May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field!
- ¹⁷ May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!

- ¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
- ¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!
- ²⁰ The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "God's Righteous King"

Reverend Ryan Potter

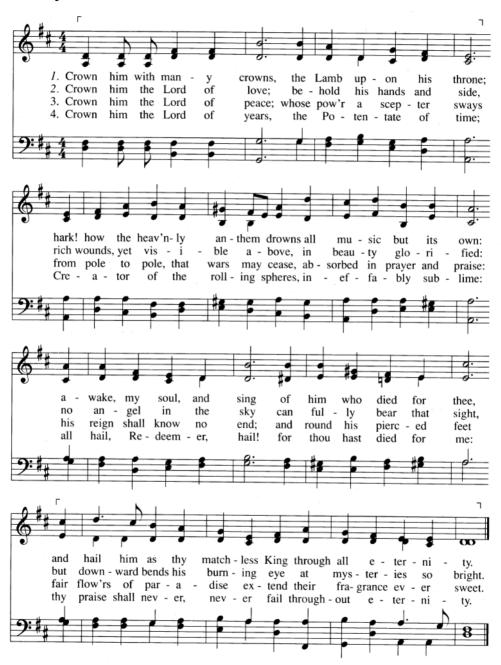
I. The King's Righteous Requirement

II. The King's Enduring Peace

III. The King's Praise Among the Nations

IV. The King We Should Be Waiting For

† Sermon Hymn #295 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"



Holy Communion

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

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 The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, (*universal) the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen 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.

Great God of Highest Heaven, who are we that we should be invited to such a feast as this? We are not worthy to come, we have no merit of our own that would make us worthy to receive your body and blood. But thanks be to you O God, that you invite us to this table and promise to refresh us and strengthen us by your grace in Christ. Now we thank you for the gift of this holy supper, and we magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus

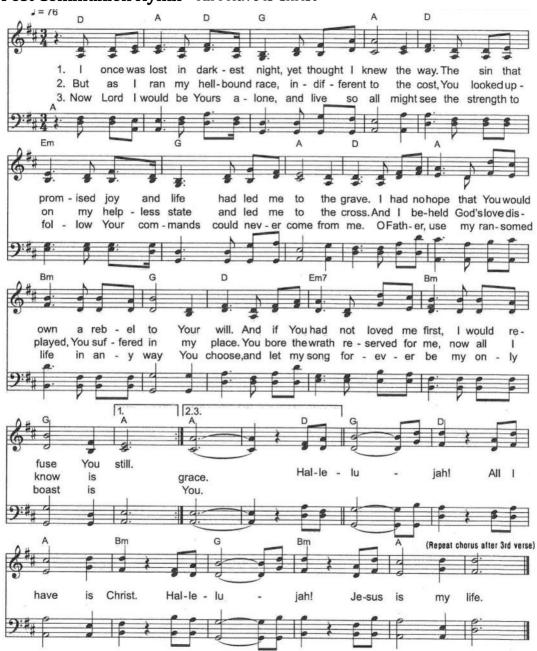
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of his glory, the whole earth is full of his glory, the whole earth is full of his glory, Holy is the Lord.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, you love us, have chosen us, and redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, who took on flesh and dwelt among us, and who gave His life willingly for our salvation. Give us joy in His coming, and greater hope in His coming again. Until that day, help us by your Holy Spirit to go into this world to love and serve you and others in His name, and for His glory. Amen.

† Post Communion Hymn "All I Have is Christ"



† Benediction

† Benediction Response 674 "I Need Thee Every Hour" (Refrain only)

I need thee, O I need thee, ev'ry hour I need thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- For the work of our pulpit search committee, the elders, and our church during this transition season.
- Jean VanDyk (Dave's mother) pray for continued healing and strength.
- Pansy Peckham, praise for her return home and pray for continued good health.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Michiana Covenant, Granger - Pray for wisdom for the elders in making disciples during a pandemic, for the deacons in caring for the friendless and for elder and deacon interns.

Trinity, DeMotte - Pray for faithfulness and that the Lord may use us in these days. Praise for Gabi Van Eck's completion of chemo treatments.

Faith, Jenison - Praise God for our first group of people coming into membership and for our exploratory classes for elders & deacons.

Reverend Paul Engle - Pray for the ability to arrange Zoom classes for Middle Eastern pastors this fall, for the ability during global travel cancellations to make good use of my time in developing new class curricula and for resources to equip church leaders in areas where little training is available.

<u>Financials</u>				Over (Under)
Year to Date	Sept. 30, 2019	Sept. 30, 2020	2020 Budget	<u>Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$231,184	\$251,936	\$259,083	(\$7,147)
Total Expenses	\$239,785	\$235,902		

Announcements

Welcome - This morning we welcome Reverend Ryan Potter. He currently serves as the assistant pastor at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Kalamazoo. He is primarily working to help establish a campus ministry at Western Michigan University and assists in the regular preaching and teaching ministry of the church. He has been married to his perfect companion, Sarah, for 12 years and they currently have three children: William (8), Gwendolyn (6), and Calvin (4). In his spare time Ryan likes rooting for the Spartans, exploring nature with his family, and building in his woodshop.

Reminder - Congregational meeting today after both services.

From Love Thy Neighbor - "LTN is again reaching out in our community with our Adopt a Family Christmas Program. We need your help! Please consider adopting a family for Christmas. Be the hands and feet of Jesus that brings a smile to a child's face and joy to a parent's heart. Call the Love Thy Neighbor office at 231-941-5683 to participate in this wonderful program." Deadline for applicants is November 16th. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

This Week at Redeemer:

Congregational meeting - Today after both services

Ladies Bible Study - Monday, 7 pm (Zoom) or Thursday 10 am (at church)

VanDyk Small Group - Tuesday, 12:30 pm

Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

Husted Small Group - Thursday, 6:30 pm

Community Groups and meeting information:

Husted: 6:30 pm, 2nd & 4th Thursday

Paladino: Wednesday, 6 pm

<u>VanDyk</u>: 12:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 13 (then alternate Tuesdays)

vonDrehle: Following our 8:30 am worship service on the 1st & 3rd Sunday

Weber: (schedule information coming soon)

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16 18 Ladies Bible Study, Group, 6 pm Group, 6 pm
23 24 25 VanDyk Small Ladies Bible Study, Group, Group, 6 pm (Bostelaar)



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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Date:
Name:
Email:
Best Contact (Call/Text):
Address:
City:
State/Zip:
How did you hear about us:
1st Time Guest:
2 nd 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: ____ Send me information about: ____ Becoming a Christian

___ Baptism
___ Membership

Other

___ Serving on a Team

___ Small Groups

The Session

Fred Janke
Bill Morrison
Tom Nussdorfer
Fred Weber
David Schafer (Emeritus)

The Deacons
Tim Schramm II
Dave VanDyk

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Sunday School: (suspended) Worship Service: 8:30 & 10:30 am

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