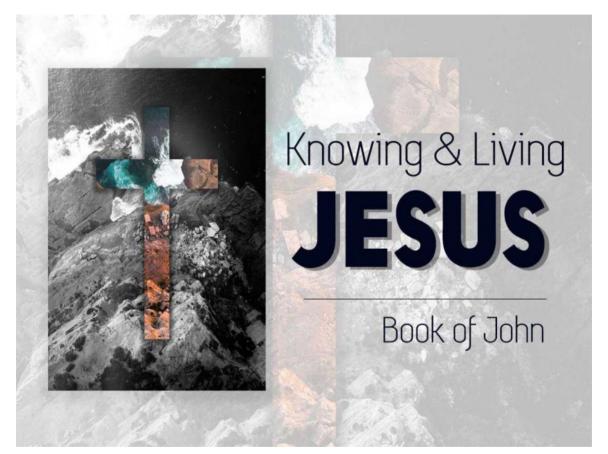


April 18, 2021



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

For those who have young children, please relax and take a deep breath! We want them in the sanctuary during our worship service and they are not a distraction. Having our children with us will allow them to not only learn the importance of worship but they 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

April 18, 2021

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 66:1-3a, 4Pastor:Shout for joy to God, all the earth;People:sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!Pastor:Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!People:All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name."

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

1. We Christ, true Son of God and 0 you, man. come. to your blood paid; 2. You the Way God, our ran - som to are liv -Truth! All wis - dom dwells in you, 3. You the ing are live Life. know you is to 4. You to on -1v are true Sav - ior and our King, 5. We Lord Christ, our wor - ship you, whom all things con - sist, in whom all life be - gan: in you a by Judge and Mak - er Be - fore the un - a - fraid. you we face our in Source of ev - ery skill, the one ter - nal TRUE! 0 great I · the e a - bun - dant life that earth can nev - er give: 0 ris - en the more you our youth and strength a - dor - ing ly we bring: SO fill our to Г ing in your love. we live and move, and have our be lone your law's de mand. throne ab - solved stand, your love has met we • AM! quest. swer to our ev ery In you we rest, sure an life new! each day your re -Lord! We live in you: in us hearts, that life and turn you. all may view your in us. to

† Opening Hymn #181 "We Come, O Christ, to You"

† 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

Confession of Sin

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.

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Father as we come this morning we confess that our blindness to your glory and slowness to accept the magnitude of your grace, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. We are more sorry for what we do than who we are. We are more prone to confess after we have sinned, and have been caught, rather than continually repent because we continually sin. We focus more on what our hands do than where our hearts are. We put more effort into explanations and excuses for our sin, rather than receiving and resting on your mercy. Holy Spirit help us never to confuse true repentance with its fruit. May our posture always reflect that of the Psalmist - Search me and know me, try me and see if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

 r_{igh} Titus 3:4-7

¹⁵ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior
 e appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly
 h through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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!

+ Hymn of Assurance #261 "What Wondrous Love is This"



Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 5:1-11

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at vour word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

John 21:15-25

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

²⁰ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" ²¹ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" ²² Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" ²³ So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Follow Me (Take 2)"

Reverend Andrew VanderMaas

Outline:

- 1) A Light in a Dark Place
- 2) A Way to Truth and Life
- 3) A Shepherding Lifestyle

+ Sermon Hymn #188 "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"



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.

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

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.

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

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. | |
| | .1 |

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

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 #295 "Crown Him with Many Crowns



Matthew Bridges, 1851

DIADEMATA S.M.D. George J. Elvey, 1868

+ Benediction+ Benediction Response #735 "Gloria Patri"



Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Joeann Bissell, pray for wellness and improved health.
- Jack Horstman (son-in-law of Roger & Linda Rowe) who passed away from Covid. Please keep his wife Laurie and the Rowe family in your prayers.
- McKinzie Robinson is home from the hospital, pray for healing and strength.
- Marsha (Barb Boersma's sister). She is suffering from terminal cancer.
- Marie Goins (Randy's mother), pray for her failing health and for faith in our great God.
- Megan Harris (niece of Jo Wolfe) has terminal cancer. Please keep the Harris family (husband Andy & 3 young daughters) in your prayers.
- Susan Johnson, pray for healing and strength.
- Praise for the many pastors who have preached at Redeemer during this transition season.
- Pray for Pastor Austin as he prepares for his exams and for Austin & Michelle as they transition.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Providence, Fort Wayne - Pray for faithful preaching and teaching, for the session and congregation as they plan for the future.

Christ the King, Hastings - Pray for the upcoming leadership training classes we are planning.

Reverend Robert Knuth - Pray for wisdom about how to care for Michigan students as they are scattered across the country due to the virtual semester.

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Financials

| Year to Date | Feb. 28, 2020 | Feb. 28 2021 | 2021 Budget | (Under) <u>Budget</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Total Giving + Rentals: | \$52,957 | \$49,816 | \$55,482 | (\$5,666) |
| Total Expenses | \$55,426 | \$31,688 | | |

Announcements

Sunday Services - This morning we welcome Reverend Andrew VanderMaas who will preach on John 21:15-25.

Save the Date, Ladies! - May 15th, 10 am to 12 pm Bridal Shower for Matthew Scott and Pasha Kantlehner. More details to follow.

This Week at Redeemer:

Ladies Study - Monday, 7 pm or Thursday, 10 am (via Zoom) Weber Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 7 pm (via Zoom) Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon Husted Small Group - Thursday, 6:30 pm

Community Groups and meeting information:

<u>Husted:</u> 6:30 pm, 2nd & 4th Thursday
<u>Paladino:</u> 7 pm, every Wednesday
<u>VanDyk</u>: 12:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 13 (then alternate Tuesdays)
<u>vonDrehle</u>: Zoom on Sunday, contact Cherie vonDrehle for details
<u>Weber</u>: 6 pm, every Wednesday <u>except</u> the 2nd Wednesday of each month

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| Fri | 23 | 30 |
| Thu | 22 Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Study, 10 am Prayers, 12 noon Husted SG, 6:30 pm | 29 3 Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Study, 10 am Prayers, 12 noon |
| Wed | 21 Weber SG, 6 pm 7 pm 7 pm | 28 Weber SG, 6 pm Paladino SG, 7 pm |
| Tue | 20 | 27 VanDyk Small Group, 12:30 pm |
| Mon | 19 Ladies Study, 7 pm | 26 Ladies Study, 7 pm |
| Sun | 18 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am | 25 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am vonDrehle Small Group |

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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!

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

Regular Attendee:____

Member:____

Music Copy License Number: 2539700



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

Prayer Requests:

Share with congregation: _____ Private: _____ **The Session** Fred Janke Bill Morrison Tom Nussdorfer Fred Weber David Schafer (Emeritus)

> The Deacons Tim Schramm II Dave VanDvk

Redeemer Staff

Jeff Kozisek, Treasurer Deb Long, Office Administrator/ Bookkeeper

Send me information about :

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

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