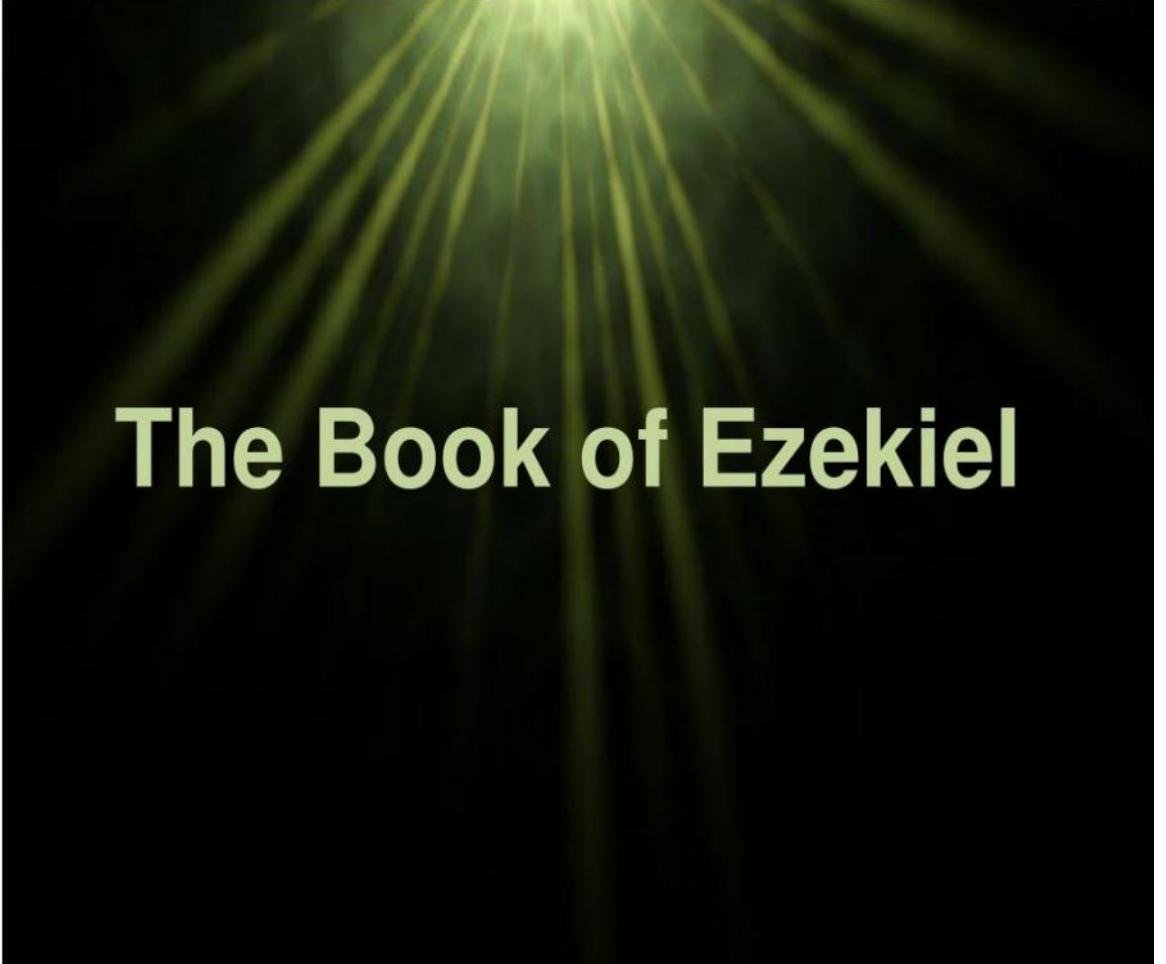




August 15, 2021

REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

The Book of Ezekiel



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

August 15, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

*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

Psalm 146:1-2

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

† Opening Hymn #57 "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul"

† 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

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

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

James 1:19-21

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

“Almighty and everlasting God,

We humble ourselves before you and seek your forgiveness for our sin. We like sheep have gone astray and have gone our own way in our hearts. Instead of receiving your word, we often times reject it. And our manner of lives have not been worthy of the high calling you have given us. We confess our sin before you in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy upon us, O God. Forgive us of our sins and cleanse us with the blood and Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. In Him we place our hope, and in His name we pray, 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

Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

† Hymn of Assurance #246 “Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?’— when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of 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

Ezekiel 2-3:15

And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." ²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. ⁷And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house.

⁸"But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you." ⁹And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. ¹⁰And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

3 And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." ²So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

⁴ And he said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. ⁵For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— ⁶not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. ⁷But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me: because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. ⁸Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. ⁹Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." ¹⁰Moreover, he said to me, "Son of man, all my words that I shall

speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears.¹¹ And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God,’ whether they hear or refuse to hear.”

¹² Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great earthquake: “Blessed be the glory of the LORD from its place!” ¹³ It was the sound of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the sound of the wheels beside them, and the sound of a great earthquake. ¹⁴ The Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the LORD being strong upon me. ¹⁵ And I came to the exiles at Tel-abib, who were dwelling by the Chebar canal, and I sat where they were dwelling. And I sat there overwhelmed among them seven days.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: “The Prophet We Need”

Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline:

- 1) The Heart of the People
- 2) The Prophet's Ministry

Sermon Hymn #521 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Sermon Notes:

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. 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

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

Eternal God, you love us, have chosen us, and redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, whose body was broken and whose blood was shed for us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to serve you and others through Christ our Lord. Amen

† Post Communion Hymn #172 “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” (**Vs. 1, 4, & 5**)

† Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 “Gloria Patri”

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- McKinzie Robinson, pray for continued controlled breathing.
- Pansy Peckham who fell, pray for relief from pain and better sleeping.
- Joyce Weise, pray for relief from back pain.
- 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.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Good Shepherd, Valparaiso- Pray for wisdom for the session and unity of the body.

Redeemer, Traverse City - Praise to God for all the many blessings He has bestowed upon us.

Reverend Satoshi Kawachi - Pray that the Lord continues to bless our efforts to share the good news with the refugees and migrants living on the street in an Italian town across the border, for our efforts to get to know our new friends and neighbors, and for His guidance as we resume our participation of in-person activities.

Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Austin Reed will preach on Ezekiel 2-3:15

Coffee & Fellowship - After each service in the Fellowship Hall.

Summer Picnic!

Sunday, August 22nd at the **Greilickville Harbor Pavilion**. Redeemer will provide the meat, you bring a dish to pass, beverage and beach items. Please meet at the Pavilion after the 10:30 am service.

Baby Shower for Ashby Mizell - save the date! September 18th, more details to follow.

Summer LOVE - Love Thy Neighbor is having a picnic fundraiser on Wednesday, August 18th at 1109 E. Front Street from 4-7 pm. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more details!

From Pastor Reed:

"Dear Congregation, perhaps you have noticed that I have not been wearing the ministerial robe. I just want to assure you, the robe is coming! We have ran into a few issues with the vendor regarding size, style, and shipping, so it is taking longer to arrive than originally anticipated. The Lord willing, it will arrive in the next few months. Thank you for your patience! God bless you all!"

This Week at Redeemer:

VanDyk SG - Tuesday, 1pm
Weber SG - Wednesday, 6 pm
Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am
Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

Community Groups and meeting information:

Husted: 6:30 pm, will not meet in July, will meet on the 4th Thursday in August

Paladino: 6 pm, every other Wednesday (Summer schedule)

VanDyk: (check calendar for exact date & time)

vonDrehle: After 8:30 am service, one Sunday a month

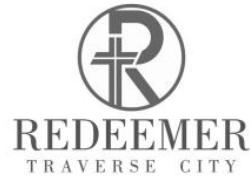
Weber: 6 pm, 1st & 3rd Wednesday (Summer schedule)

Financials

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	Over (Under) <u>Budget</u>
Year to Date	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$166,348	\$155,196	\$166,446	(\$11,250)
Total Expenses	\$156,534	\$177,178		

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am	16 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am	17 VanDyk SG 1 pm at the Filling Station	18 Weber SG, 6 pm	19 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayer Gathering, 12 noon	20	21
22 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am	23 Summer picnic at the Greifelkville Harbor Pavilion	24 Paladino SG, 6 pm	25 26 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayer Gathering, 12 noon Husted SG, 6:30 pm VanDyk SG, 6pm	27	28	
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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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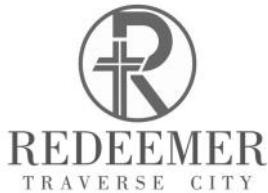
How did you hear about us:

1st Time Guest: ____

2nd 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
- Serving on a Team
- Small Groups
- Other

The Session
Pastor Austin Reed
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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