



**REDEEMER**  
TRAVERSE CITY

*August 29, 2021*



# 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 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

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.

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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 29, 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 147:1-3*

Praise the LORD!  
For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.  
The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.  
He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

† **Opening Hymn** #100 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

### † 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**

*Matthew 6:1-6*

Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

**"Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground. 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**

*John 3:16-18*

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

## † Hymn of Assurance #499 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

### Prayers of Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer

#### Scripture Reading

*Revelation 21:1-7*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

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 4-5*

<sup>4</sup> “And you, son of man, take a brick and lay it before you, and engrave on it a city, even Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> And put siegeworks against it, and build a siege wall against it, and cast up a mound against it. Set camps also against it, and plant battering rams against it all around. <sup>3</sup> And you, take an iron griddle, and place it as an iron wall between you and the city; and set your face toward it, and let it be in a state of siege, and press the siege against it. This is a sign for the house of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>“Then lie on your left side, and place the punishment of the house of Israel upon it. For the number of the days that you lie on it, you shall bear their punishment. <sup>5</sup>For I assign to you a number of days, 390 days, equal to the number of the years of their punishment. So long shall you bear the punishment of the house of Israel. <sup>6</sup>And when you have completed these, you shall lie down a second time, but on your right side, and bear the punishment of the house of Judah. Forty days I assign you, a day for each year. <sup>7</sup>And you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, with your arm bared, and you shall prophesy against the city. <sup>8</sup>And behold, I will place cords upon you, so that you cannot turn from one side to the other, till you have completed the days of your siege.

<sup>9</sup>“And you, take wheat and barley, beans and lentils, millet and emmer, and put them into a single vessel and make your bread from them. During the number of days that you lie on your side, 390 days, you shall eat it. <sup>10</sup>And your food that you eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day; from day to day you shall eat it. <sup>11</sup>And water you shall drink by measure, the sixth part of a hin; from day to day you shall drink. <sup>12</sup>And you shall eat it as a barley cake, baking it in their sight on human dung.” <sup>13</sup>And the LORD said, “Thus shall the people of Israel eat their bread unclean, among the nations where I will drive them.”

<sup>14</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I have never defiled myself. From my youth up till now I have never eaten what died of itself or was torn by beasts, nor has tainted meat come into my mouth.” <sup>15</sup>Then he said to me, “See, I assign to you cow’s dung instead of human dung, on which you may prepare your bread.” <sup>16</sup>Moreover, he said to me, “Son of man, behold, I will break the supply of bread in Jerusalem. They shall eat bread by weight and with anxiety, and they shall drink water by measure and in dismay. <sup>17</sup>I will do this that they may lack bread and water, and look at one another in dismay, and rot away because of their punishment.

**5** “And you, O son of man, take a sharp sword. Use it as a barber’s razor and pass it over your head and your beard. Then take balances for weighing and divide the hair. <sup>2</sup>A third part you shall burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are completed. And a third part you shall take and strike with the sword all around the city. And a third part you shall scatter to the wind, and I will unsheathe the sword after them. <sup>3</sup>And you shall take from these a small number and bind them in the skirts of your robe. <sup>4</sup>And of these again you shall take some and cast them into the midst of the fire and burn them in the fire. From there a fire will come out into all the house of Israel.

<sup>5</sup>“Thus says the Lord GOD: This is Jerusalem. I have set her in the center of the nations, with countries all around her. <sup>6</sup>And she has rebelled against my rules by doing wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries all around her; for they have rejected my rules and have not walked in my statutes. <sup>7</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because you are more turbulent than the nations that are all around you, and have not walked in my statutes or obeyed my rules, and have not even acted according to the rules of the nations that are all around you, <sup>8</sup>therefore thus says the

Lord GOD: Behold, I, even I, am against you. And I will execute judgments in your midst in the sight of the nations. <sup>9</sup> And because of all your abominations I will do with you what I have never yet done, and the like of which I will never do again. <sup>10</sup> Therefore fathers shall eat their sons in your midst, and sons shall eat their fathers. And I will execute judgments on you, and any of you who survive I will scatter to all the winds. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, as I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely, because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your abominations, therefore I will withdraw. My eye will not spare, and I will have no pity. <sup>12</sup> A third part of you shall die of pestilence and be consumed with famine in your midst; a third part shall fall by the sword all around you; and a third part I will scatter to all the winds and will unsheathe the sword after them.

<sup>13</sup> “Thus shall my anger spend itself, and I will vent my fury upon them and satisfy myself. And they shall know that I am the LORD—that I have spoken in my jealousy—when I spend my fury upon them. <sup>14</sup> Moreover, I will make you a desolation and an object of reproach among the nations all around you and in the sight of all who pass by. <sup>15</sup> You shall be a reproach and a taunt, a warning and a horror, to the nations all around you, when I execute judgments on you in anger and fury, and with furious rebukes—I am the LORD; I have spoken— <sup>16</sup> when I send against you the deadly arrows of famine, arrows for destruction, which I will send to destroy you, and when I bring more and more famine upon you and break your supply of bread. <sup>17</sup> I will send famine and wild beasts against you, and they will rob you of your children. Pestilence and blood shall pass through you, and I will bring the sword upon you. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon Title:** “The City Builder”

Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline:

- 1) A Living Parable
- 2) A City Destroyed

**Sermon Hymn** #347 “The Church’s One Foundation” (**Verses 1-5 only**)

## 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 #535 "Jesus Shall Reign"

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc cess - ive jour - neys run;  
 2. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; The pris - ner leaps to lose his chains;  
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue Dwell on His love with sweet - est song;  
 4. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring Bless - ing and ho - nor to our King;

His king - dom stretch from shore to shore, Till sun shall rise and  
 The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest, And all the sons of  
 And in - fant voi - ces shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings  
 An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the

set no more.  
 want are blessed.  
 on His Name.  
 loud a - men!

**Refrain**

To our King be high - est praise Ris - ing through e - ter - nal days.  
 Just and faith - ful - He shall reign: Je - sus shall  
 reign!

† Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 "Gloria Patri"

## Prayer Requests

### Redeemer Family:

- Stephen Ruhl. He is having open heart surgery this Tuesday. Pray for wisdom for the doctors, healing and strength.
- McKinzie Robinson, pray for continued controlled breathing.
- 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:

**Christ, Grand Rapids** - Praise for God's multi-faceted provision through these tumultuous time. Pray that the weary would find a welcome in Christ and that our focus on mission would bear fruit.

**Good Shepherd, Kalamazoo** - Pray for our officer training, that the Lord would call the right men for this task and provide His grace to lead them.

**Heart City, Elkhart** - Praise that the Gospel is being proclaimed, for adding a new family at Heart City and for building new relationships in the community. Pray that God will raise up leadership, Children's Ministries that are starting in the fall, for visitors to come and finances for building renovations.

## **Announcements**

**Sermon today** - Pastor Austin Reed will preach on Ezekiel 3:4-5

Coffee is available under the portico after the worship services.

**Update - We plan to return to one service on Sunday, September 19th at 10:15 am!**

**Baby Shower for Ashby Mizell** - Diapers, Wipes and Wisdom Baby Shower Saturday September 18th, 10am-12pm at the Botanic Gardens- Ladies, let's shower Ashby Mizell with diapers (any size), wipes, and most importantly, your favorite mothering wisdom (on a card or note)!

### ***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:**

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

**Community Groups and meeting information:**

**Husted:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm

**Paladino:** 6 pm, every Wednesday

**VanDyk:** Dates will vary over the next months (contact Angie for more info)

**vonDrehle:** After 10:30 am service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in September

**Weber:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6 pm

**Financials**

	<b><u>July 31, 2020</u></b>	<b><u>July 31, 2021</u></b>	<b><u>2021 Budget</u></b>	<b>Over (Under) Budget</b>
Year to Date				
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$195,574	\$181,690	\$194,187	(\$12,497)
Total Expenses	\$186,834	\$134,063		

# August 2021

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
29 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am	30	31				

# September 2021

			1  Paladino SG, 6 pm  Weber SG, 6 pm	2 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon	3	4



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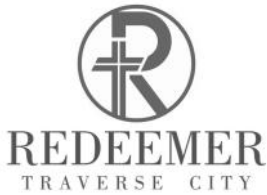
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1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

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**

Pastor Austin Reed

Fred Janke

Bill Morrison

Tom Nussdorfer

Fred Weber

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**Sunday School: (suspended)**

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

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