



**REDEEMER**  
TRAVERSE CITY

*September 12, 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

September 12, 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 46:1-5*

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved.

† **Opening Hymn** #92 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

### † Invocation

*Psalm 124:8*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**People: who made heaven and earth.**  
Pastor: Let us pray.

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

## † 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 gathering of perfect people, we are all sinners in various stages of recovery.*

## Confession of Sin

*James 2:1-13*

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

**“Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your great compassion. Before you we stand guilty of the whole law. We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. Rather, we have given the devotion of our hearts to all manner of idols. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Instead, we have committed the sin of partiality and made judgments about our neighbors. We have exalted ourselves to be law givers, instead of humbling ourselves to be law keepers. Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us through our Lord Jesus Christ who always lives to make intercession for us. Grant us hearts from now on to love even as you love and to be holy even as you are holy. Hear us for we pray in the name of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 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**

*1 Peter 1:3-5*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**† Hymn of Assurance #308 “Jesus Paid It All”**

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

## **Scripture Reading**

*Revelation 18:10-17*

They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, “Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come.”

And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble, cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls.

“The fruit for which your soul longed has gone from you, and all your delicacies and your splendors are lost to you, never to be found again!”

The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud, “Alas, alas, for the great city that was clothed in fine linen, in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold, with jewels, and with pearls! For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid waste.”

And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off

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 7*

The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“And you, O son of man, thus says the Lord God to the land of Israel: An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land. <sup>3</sup>Now the end is upon you, and I will send my anger upon you; I will judge you according to your ways, and I will punish you for all your abominations. <sup>4</sup>And my eye will not spare you, nor will I have pity, but I will punish you for your ways, while your abominations are in your midst. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> “Thus says the Lord GOD: Disaster after disaster! Behold, it comes. <sup>6</sup> An end has come; the end has come; it has awakened against you. Behold, it comes. <sup>7</sup> Your doom has come to you, O inhabitant of the land. The time has come; the day is near, a day of tumult, and not of joyful shouting on the mountains. <sup>8</sup> Now I will soon pour out my wrath upon you, and spend my anger against you, and judge you according to your ways, and I will punish you for all your abominations. <sup>9</sup> And my eye will not spare, nor will I have pity. I will punish you according to your ways, while your abominations are in your midst. Then you will know that I am the LORD, who strikes.

<sup>10</sup> “Behold, the day! Behold, it comes! Your doom has come; the rod has blossomed; pride has budded. <sup>11</sup> Violence has grown up into a rod of wickedness. None of them shall remain, nor their abundance, nor their wealth; neither shall there be preeminence among them. <sup>12</sup> The time has come; the day has arrived. Let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn, for wrath is upon all their multitude. <sup>13</sup> For the seller shall not return to what he has sold, while they live. For the vision concerns all their multitude; it shall not turn back; and because of his iniquity, none can maintain his life.

<sup>14</sup> “They have blown the trumpet and made everything ready, but none goes to battle, for my wrath is upon all their multitude. <sup>15</sup> The sword is without; pestilence and famine are within. He who is in the field dies by the sword, and him who is in the city famine and pestilence devour. <sup>16</sup> And if any survivors escape, they will be on the mountains, like doves of the valleys, all of them moaning, each one over his iniquity. <sup>17</sup> All hands are feeble, and all knees turn to water. <sup>18</sup> They put on sackcloth, and horror covers them. Shame is on all faces, and baldness on all their heads. <sup>19</sup> They cast their silver into the streets, and their gold is like an unclean thing. Their silver and gold are not able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD. They cannot satisfy their hunger or fill their stomachs with it. For it was the stumbling block of their iniquity. <sup>20</sup> His beautiful ornament they used for pride, and they made their abominable images and their detestable things of it. Therefore I make it an unclean thing to them. <sup>21</sup> And I will give it into the hands of foreigners for prey, and to the wicked of the earth for spoil, and they shall profane it. <sup>22</sup> I will turn my face from them, and they shall profane my treasured place. Robbers shall enter and profane it.

<sup>23</sup>“Forge a chain! For the land is full of bloody crimes and the city is full of violence. <sup>24</sup>I will bring the worst of the nations to take possession of their houses. I will put an end to the pride of the strong, and their holy places shall be profaned. <sup>25</sup>When anguish comes, they will seek peace, but there shall be none. <sup>26</sup>Disaster comes upon disaster; rumor follows rumor. They seek a vision from the prophet, while the law perishes from the priest and counsel from the elders. <sup>27</sup>The king mourns, the prince is wrapped in despair, and the hands of the people of the land are paralyzed by terror. According to their way I will do to them, and according to their judgments I will judge them, and they shall know that I am the LORD.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon Title:** “The End”

Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline:

- 1) The End
- 2) The Beginning

**Sermon Hymn** #318 “Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending”



## 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 "He Will Hold Me Fast"

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er  
 2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in his  
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just-ice has been

would pre-vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my hold  
 ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His  
 sat-is-fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life,

Through life's fear-ful path; For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me  
 Prom-is-es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me  
 He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
 fast.  
 last!

For my Sa-vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

† Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 "Gloria Patri"

## Prayer Requests

### Redeemer Family:

- Stephen Ruhl, pray for 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:

**Great Lakes Presbytery** - Please pray for those men attending the Great Lakes Presbytery meeting on Friday & Saturday, September 17 & 18. Pray for a fruitful meeting and safe travel for those attending.

**Gracehill, Grand Rapids** - Please pray for a fruitful ministry.

**Tyrone Covenant, Fenton** - Pray for our various fall ministries kicking off; music program, parenting class, men's book study, women's Bible study, children's ministry and youth ministry.

**Reverend Elliott Pinegar** - Pray for the faithfulness, unity, and fruitfulness of the PCA. Praise God for the privilege of proclaiming His Word.

### *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!"

## **Announcements**

**Sermon today** - Pastor Austin Reed will preach on Ezekiel 7.

**Coffee is available under the portico after the worship services.**

**Update - We plan to return to one service next 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)!

**Ladies Fall Bible Study**- Join us for a 7 week study in Micah! Fridays 9:30-11am (in person) and Mondays 7-8:30pm (via zoom) beginning October 8 and 11, through November. Books will be provided at the first meeting. Come explore the treasures of God's truth with your sisters in Christ!

### **This Week at Redeemer:**

vonDrehel SG - Today after the 10:30 am worship service

Paladino SG - Wednesday, 6 pm

Weber SG - Wednesday, 6 pm

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

Baby Shower for Ashby Mizell - Saturday, 10 am

### **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

# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am vonDrehle SG, after 10:30 am service	13	14	15 Paladino SG, 6 pm Weber SG, 6 pm	16 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon	17 Great Lakes Presbytery Meeting	18 Baby Shower for Ashby Mizel 10 am to 12 noon
19 Worship Service, 10:15 am	20	21	22 Paladino SG, 6 pm	23 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon Husted SG, 6:30 pm	24	25
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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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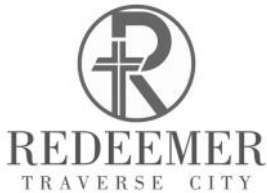
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Member: \_\_\_\_



*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

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\_\_\_ Serving on a Team

\_\_\_ Small Groups

\_\_\_ Other

**The Session**

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**Sunday School: (suspended)**

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

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