

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

October 10, 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 95:1-2

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

† = Stand if able Bold Words = Congregation

† Opening Hymn #64 "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"



- 5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.
- 6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

† Invocation

Psalm 124:8

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

People: who made heaven and earth.

† 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

Matthew 24:45-51

"Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed,' and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Our Father in Heaven

We humbly confess our sins to you, trusting in your everlasting mercy in the Lord Jesus Christ. We confess that our eyes and hearts have rested upon the things of this world. We have failed to watch diligently for the return of our King. Forgive us of our sin. Let us become the faithful and wise servant, looking always for his master. We place our faith in Christ, and look for his coming again. 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.

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 #257 "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"



Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

† Scripture Reading

2 Peter 3:8-13

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

† 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 12

The word of the LORD came to me: ² "Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see, but see not, who have ears to hear, but hear not, for they are a rebellious house. ³ As for you, son of man, prepare for yourself an exile's baggage, and go into exile by day in their sight. You shall go like an exile from your place to another place in their sight. Perhaps they will understand, though they are a rebellious house. ⁴ You shall bring out your baggage by day in their sight, as baggage for exile, and you shall go out yourself at evening in their sight, as those do who must go into exile. ⁵ In their sight dig through the wall, and bring your baggage out through it. ⁶ In their sight you shall lift the baggage upon your shoulder and carry it out at dusk. You shall cover your face that you may not see the land, for I have made you a sign for the house of Israel."

⁷ And I did as I was commanded. I brought out my baggage by day, as baggage for exile, and in the evening I dug through the wall with my own hands. I brought out my baggage at dusk, carrying it on my shoulder in their sight.

⁸ In the morning the word of the LORD came to me: ⁹ "Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, 'What are you doing?' 10 Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: This oracle concerns the prince in Jerusalem and all the house of Israel who are in it.' 11 Say, 'I am a sign for you: as I have done, so shall it be done to them. They shall go into exile, into captivity.' 12 And the prince who is among them shall lift his baggage upon his shoulder at dusk, and shall go out. They shall dig through the wall to bring him out through it. He shall cover his face, that he may not see the land with his eyes. ¹³ And I will spread my net over him, and he shall be taken in my snare. And I will bring him to Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans, yet he shall not see it, and he shall die there. ¹⁴ And I will scatter toward every wind all who are around him, his helpers and all his troops, and I will unsheathe the sword after them. ¹⁵ And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I disperse them among the nations and scatter them among the countries. ¹⁶ But I will let a few of them escape from the sword, from famine and pestilence, that they may declare all their abominations among the nations where they go, and may know that I am the LORD."

¹⁷ And the word of the LORD came to me: ¹⁸ "Son of man, eat your bread with quaking, and drink water with trembling and with anxiety. ¹⁹ And say to the people of the land, Thus says the Lord God concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem in the land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with anxiety, and drink water in dismay. In this way her land will be stripped of all it contains, on account of the violence of all those who dwell in it. ²⁰ And the inhabited cities shall be laid waste, and the land shall become a desolation; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

²¹ And the word of the LORD came to me: ²² "Son of man, what is this proverb that you have about the land of Israel, saying, 'The days grow long, and every vision comes to nothing'? ²³ Tell them therefore, 'Thus says the Lord God: I will put an end to this proverb, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel.' But say to them, The days are near, and the fulfillment of every vision. ²⁴ For there shall be no more any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel. ²⁵ For I am the LORD; I will speak the word that I will speak, and it will be performed. It will no longer be delayed, but in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word and perform it, declares the Lord God."

²⁶ And the word of the LORD came to me: ²⁷ "Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, 'The vision that he sees is for many days from now, and he prophesies of times far off.' ²⁸ Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord God: None of my words will be delayed any longer, but the word that I speak will be performed, declares the Lord God."

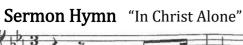
This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: "Looking For The King" Pastor Reed

Sermon Outline:

- 1) An Exiled King
- 2) An Unbelieving People





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. 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

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 "Come Praise and Glorify"



† Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 "Gloria Patri"



Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Dave VanDyk will be having shoulder surgery tomorrow, pray for healing and a good post-surgery outcome.
- Jo Wolfe, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Bobbie Van Til (sister-in-law of Ethan & Dirk), still fighting cancer.
- 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:

Redeemer, Holland - Pray for an increasing desire to be outward focused in our ministries.

Covenant, Holland - Pray that gifted men will consider serving as deacons.

Trinity, DeMotte - Pray that Gabi Van Eck will sustain her chemotherapy for a second cancer that developed.

Financials				Over (Under)
Year to Date	Aug. 31, 2020	Aug. 31, 2021	2021 Budget	<u>Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$225,738	\$216,123	\$221,928	(\$5,805)
Total Expenses	\$212,184	\$169,801		

Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Reed will preach on Ezekiel 12.

Next Sunday: Sunday School will resume at 9 am & worship will return to one service at 10:15 am.

New Member Class - Next meeting, Wednesday, October $20^{\rm th}$ (6 pm) at the church. Led by Pastor Reed.

Leadership Training Course - meeting October 12, and 19 with the 26^{th} reserved as possible overflow. The class will meet at the church from 6 - 7:30pm. All men nominated for office should do their best to be in attendance. All men who are interested in future service in church office are encouraged to attend.

Ladies Fall Bible Study in Micah - please join us Fridays 9:30-11 am in person, in the sanctuary or Mondays 7-8:30 pm via Zoom! Please see Heidi Van Til or Cherie vonDrehle for details.

Biblical Theology Workshop for Women with Nancy Guthrie - University Reformed Church on March 4-5, 2022! For details see link in email sent out on Sept. 30. Registration opens Nov. 1st, prayerfully consider coming!

Baby Bottle Boomerang - Please return filled bottles back to church by Sunday, October 17th. You can leave them in the basket where you picked them up. Thank you!

Communion Teams - We need more teams to set up communion and clean up when the service is over. Please text Barb Weber if you are interested. Time commitment is about 30 minutes.

This Week at Redeemer:

Ladies Bible Study - Monday, 7 pm Leadership Training - Tuesday, 6 pm Paladino SG - Wednesday, 6 pm Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon Husted SG - Thursday, 6:30 pm

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am	11 Ladies Bible Study, 7-8:30 pm	12 Leadership Training, 6 pm	13 Paladino SG, 6 pm	14 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon Husted SG, 6:30 pm	15 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30-11 am	16
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31 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service, 10:15 am Benevolence Offering						

Community Groups and meeting information:

<u>Husted:</u> 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6:30 pm <u>Paladino:</u> 6 pm, every Wednesday

VanDyk: Dates will vary over the next months

(contact Angie for more info)

vonDrehle: Check with Jim or Cherie for dates &

times.

Weber: 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesday at 6 pm

Music Copy License Number: 2539700



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:
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

Share with congregation: ____

Prayer Requests:

Private: ____

The Session Pastor Reed Fred Ianke Bill Morrison Tom Nussdorfer Fred Weber David Schafer (Emeritus)

> The Deacons Dave VanDvk

Redeemer S	Staff
Jeff Kozisek, Treası	ırer
Deb Long, Office Administra	tor/
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