



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

October 17, 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.

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 17, 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 138:1-3

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love
and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.
On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

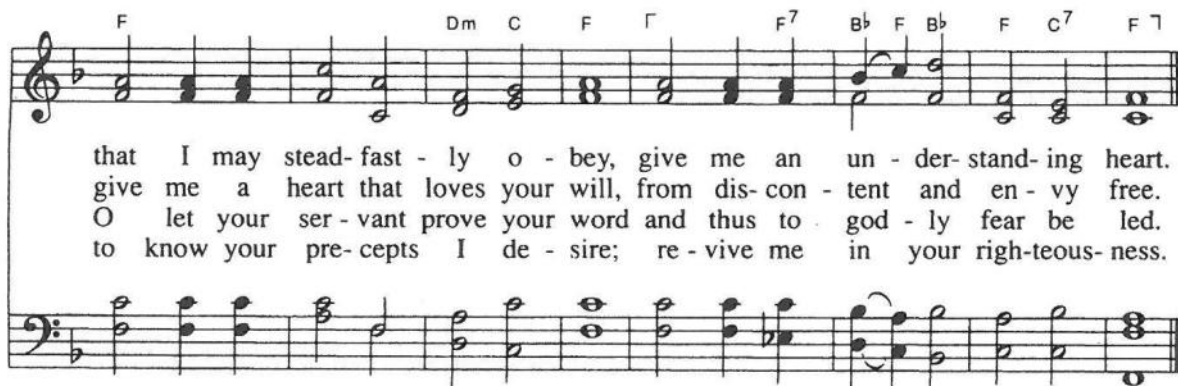
† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

† Opening Hymn #149 "Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth"



1. Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth, and from it I will not de - part;
 2. In your com-mand-ments make me walk, for in your law my joy shall be;
 3. Turn now my eyes from van - i - ty, and cause me in your ways to tread;
 4. Turn a - way my re - proach and fear; your righ-teous judg-ments I con - fess;



that I may stead-fast - ly o - bey, give me an un - der-stand-ing heart.
 give me a heart that loves your will, from dis-con - tent and en - vy free.
 O let your ser - vant prove your word and thus to god - ly fear be led.
 to know your pre-cepts I de - sire; re - vive me in your righ-teous-ness.

† 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**

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

1 John 4:1-6

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

“Our Father in Heaven

We confess to you that we have not exalted your name and your word above all else. Instead, we have sought wisdom within ourselves and from this world. Our hearts have led us into false worship, and have led us to seek to control you rather than submit to you. Forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness through the blood and Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose 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

1 John 4:9-10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

† Hymn of Assurance “Before the Throne of God Above”

1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
 2 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me
 3 Be - hold him there! The ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him
 spot - less righ - teous - ness; the great un - chang - e - able I

Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 there, who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the
 AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

gra - ven on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by his

heart; I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can
 free; for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

† Scripture Reading

2 Peter 2:1-3

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

† 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 13

The word of the LORD came to me: ²“Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel, who are prophesying, and say to those who prophesy from their own hearts: ‘Hear the word of the LORD!’ ³Thus says the Lord GOD, Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! ⁴Your prophets have been like jackals among ruins, O Israel. ⁵You have not gone up into the breaches, or built up a wall for the house of Israel, that it might stand in battle in the day of the LORD. ⁶They have seen false visions and lying divinations. They say, ‘Declares the LORD,’ when the LORD has not sent them, and yet they expect him to fulfill their word. ⁷Have you not seen a false vision and uttered a lying divination, whenever you have said, ‘Declares the LORD,’ although I have not spoken?”

⁸ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Because you have uttered falsehood and seen lying visions, therefore behold, I am against you, declares the Lord GOD. ⁹ My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and who give lying divinations. They shall not be in the council of my people, nor be enrolled in the register of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord GOD. ¹⁰ Precisely because they have misled my people, saying, 'Peace,' when there is no peace, and because, when the people build a wall, these prophets smear it with whitewash, ¹¹ say to those who smear it with whitewash that it shall fall! There will be a deluge of rain, and you, O great hailstones, will fall, and a stormy wind break out. ¹² And when the wall falls, will it not be said to you, 'Where is the coating with which you smeared it?' ¹³ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: I will make a stormy wind break out in my wrath, and there shall be a deluge of rain in my anger, and great hailstones in wrath to make a full end. ¹⁴ And I will break down the wall that you have smeared with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be laid bare. When it falls, you shall perish in the midst of it, and you shall know that I am the LORD. ¹⁵ Thus will I spend my wrath upon the wall and upon those who have smeared it with whitewash, and I will say to you, The wall is no more, nor those who smeared it, ¹⁶ the prophets of Israel who prophesied concerning Jerusalem and saw visions of peace for her, when there was no peace, declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁷ "And you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own hearts. Prophecy against them ¹⁸ and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Woe to the women who sew magic bands upon all wrists, and make veils for the heads of persons of every stature, in the hunt for souls! Will you hunt down souls belonging to my people and keep your own souls alive? ¹⁹ You have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, putting to death souls who should not die and keeping alive souls who should not live, by your lying to my people, who listen to lies.

²⁰ “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against your magic bands with which you hunt the souls like birds, and I will tear them from your arms, and I will let the souls whom you hunt go free, the souls like birds. ²¹ Your veils also I will tear off and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand as prey, and you shall know that I am the LORD. ²² Because you have disheartened the righteous falsely, although I have not grieved him, and you have encouraged the wicked, that he should not turn from his evil way to save his life, ²³ therefore you shall no more see false visions nor practice divination. I will deliver my people out of your hand. And you shall know that I am the LORD.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: “Oracle Against False Prophets”

Pastor Reed

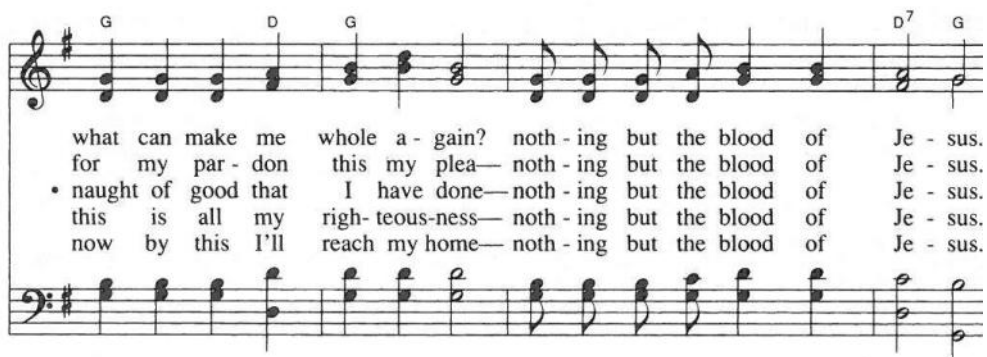
Sermon Outline:

- 1) The Devil’s Ministers
- 2) The True Prophet

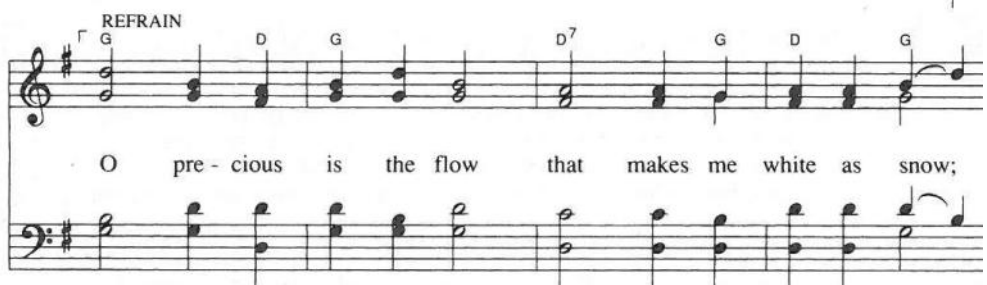
Sermon Hymn #307 "Nothing But the Blood"



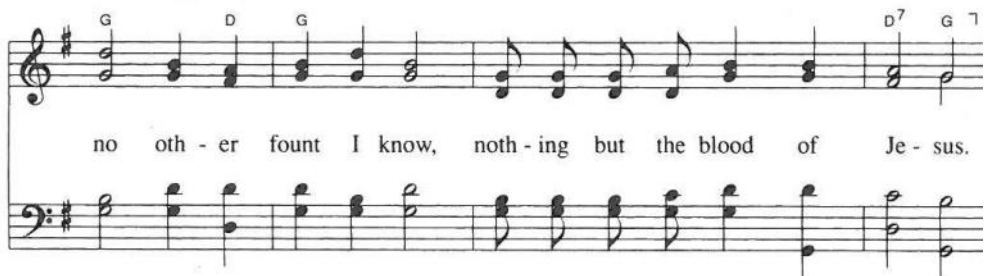
1. What can wash a - way my sin? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 2. For my cleans - ing this I see— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 4. This is all my hope and peace— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 5. Now by this I'll o - ver - come— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;



what can make me whole a - gain? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 for my par - don this my plea— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 • naught of good that I have done— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 this is all my righ - teous - ness— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 now by this I'll reach my home— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.



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 O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;



no oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

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.

Psalms 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

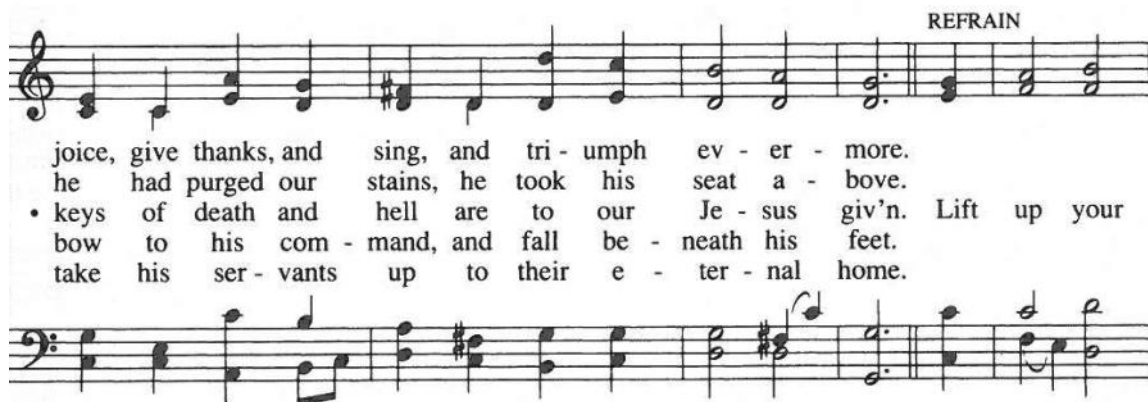
Gracious God, you love us, have chosen us, and redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, who took on flesh and dwelt among us, and who gave His life willingly for our salvation. Give us joy in His coming, and greater hope in His coming again. Until that day, help us by your Holy Spirit to go into this world to love and serve you and others in His name, and for His glory. Amen.

† Post Communion Hymn #310 "Rejoice the Lord is King" (Verses 1-4)

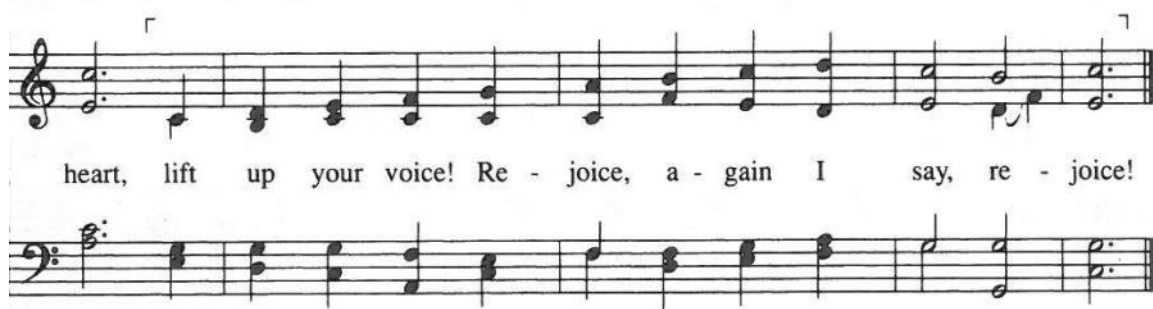


1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
 4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and
 5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

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joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

† Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 "Gloria Patri"

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in

the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Dave VanDyk, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- 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:

Good Shepherd, Valparaiso - Pray for officer nominations and the transition of leadership as we prepare to elect new elders and deacons. Praise for the growth of families and for those attending our new member class.

Reverend Satoshi Kawachi - Pray that the Lord continues to bless our ministry to refugees & migrants, to network with Italian churches, and to raise up more workers.

Financials

Year to Date	<u>Sept 30, 2020</u>	<u>Sept 30, 2021</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	Over (Under) <u>Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$251,936	\$242,858	\$249,669	(\$6,811)
Total Expenses	\$235,903	\$192,424		

The *Adopt A Family* Program will again be sponsored by Love Thy Neighbor. All information about the 2021 program and sponsor sheets are located on the bulletin board. Deadline to sign up is November 18th.

Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Reed will preach on Ezekiel 13.

This week we return to one service at 10:15 am. Children and adult Sunday School will be held before the worship service at 9:00 am.

Pastor Reed will be leading the Adult Sunday School class in a study of reformed covenant theology. We will be learning the biblical and confessional grounds for the concepts of the Covenants of Redemption, Works, and Grace. The Lord willing this will provide us with a helpful lens through which to read all of the Scriptures. All are welcome to attend!

New Member Class - Next meeting, Wednesday, October 20th (6 pm) at the church. Led by Pastor Reed.

Leadership Training Course - meeting October 12, and 19 with the 26th 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.

Farmers Market Stroll- all ladies of Redeemer are invited to a casual pop-up event at the Farmers Market on Saturday October 23, meeting next to the Visitor Center at 10am. Grab a friend and join us for fresh air, fresh food, fellowship, and shopping at one of the last Farmers Markets of the year!

Baby Bottle Boomerang - Please return filled bottles back to church by today. 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:

Leadership Training - Tuesday, 6 pm
New Member Class - Wednesday, 6 pm
Paladino SG - Wednesday, 6 pm
Weber SG - Wednesday, 6 pm
Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am
Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon
Ladies Bible Study - Friday, 9:30 am

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service, 10:15 am	18	19 Leadership Training, 6 pm	20 New Member Class, 6 pm Weber SG, 6 pm Paladino SG, 6 pm	21 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon	22 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30-11 am	23
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31 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service, 10:15 am Benevolence Offering						

Community Groups and meeting information:

Husted: 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6:30 pm

Paladino: 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



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:

Music Copy License Number: 2539700

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 Reed

Fred Janke

Bill Morrison

Tom Nussdorfer

Fred Weber

David Schafer (Emeritus)

The Deacons

Dave VanDyk

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Worship Services: 10:15 am

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