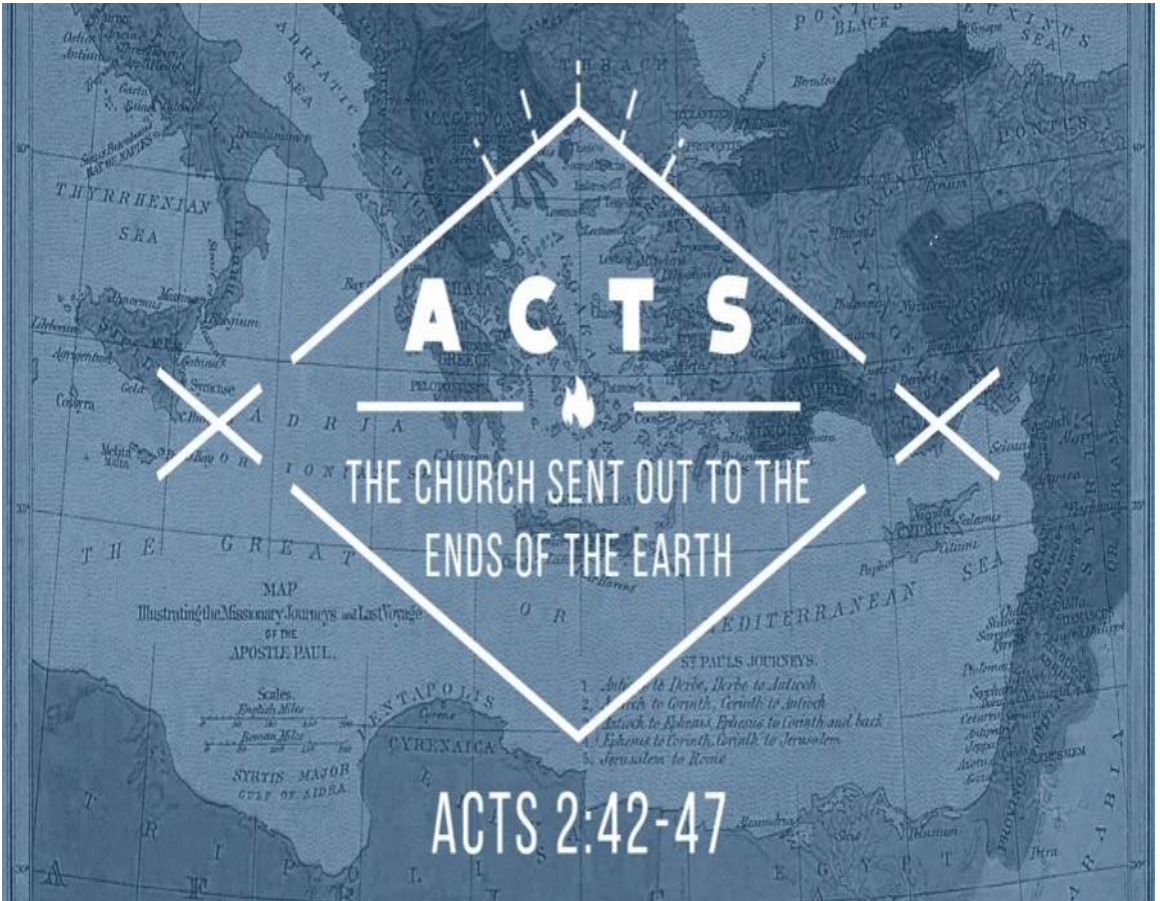




**REDEEMER**  
TRAVERSE CITY

*January 17, 2021*



## 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

We have a staffed nursery available for children ages 0-4 (**not available at this time**). For those who have younger children remaining in the service, please relax and take a deep breath! We want them in the service and they are not a distraction. Keeping our children in as much as possible is one of the best gifts we can give them, as they will not only learn the importance of worship but will 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

January 17, 2021

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

*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: 1-2; 10-11*


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.  
“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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


† Opening Hymn #92 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”




1. A might - y For - tress is our God, A Bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,  
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our Help - er he a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.  
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.  
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sid - eth;



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sab - a - oth his  
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we can en -  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may



great; And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.  
 Name, From age to age the same, And he must win the bat - tle.  
 dure, For lo! his doom is sure; One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; His king - dom is for ev - er.

## † 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**

*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 1:22*

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

**O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have failed in love toward one another, our neighbors, and our enemies.**

**In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. 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**

*Ephesians 2:4-5*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

# † Hymn of Assurance "His Mercy is More"



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?  
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?  
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us.



Om - nis - cient, all - know - ing, He counts not their sum.  
What Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home?  
His blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost.



Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore.  
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.



Our sins, they are man - y—His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord,



His mer - cy is more. \_\_\_\_\_ Strong - er than dark - ness,



new eve - ry morn; our sins, they are man - y—His mer - cy is more.

# Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

## Scripture Reading

*2 Timothy 3:16-4:5*

<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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

*Acts 2:42-47*

<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "The Church is a Devoted Community"

Pastor Scott Korljan

† Sermon Hymn "Every Promise of Your Word" (Vss. 1 & 4 only)

1. From the break - ing of the dawn to the set - ting of the sun, I will  
 2. When I stum - ble and I sin, con - dem - na - tion press - ing in, I will  
 3. When I'm faced with an - guished choice, I will lis - ten for Your voice and I'll  
 4. Hope that lifts me from de - spair, love that casts out ev - 'ry fear, as I

stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. Words of pow - er, strong to  
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. You are faith - ful to for  
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. Through this dark and trou - bled  
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. Not for - sak - en, not a -

save, that will nev - er pass a - way; I will stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your  
 give that in free - dom I might live, so I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your  
 land You will guide me with Your hand as I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your  
 lone, for the Com - for - ter has come, and I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your

Word. For Your cov - e - nant is sure and on  
 Word. Guilt to in - no - cence re - stored, You re -  
 Word. And You've prom - ised to com - plete ev - 'ry  
 Word. Grace suf - fi - cient, grace for me, grace for

this I am se - cure - I can stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word.  
 mem - ber sins no more - So I'll stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word.  
 work be - gun in me - So I'll stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word.  
 all who will be - lieve - We will stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word.

## 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, just ask the minister when you come forward. 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**    Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus,  
Though he was in the form of God,  
Did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
But emptied himself,  
Taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form  
He humbled himself  
And became obedient to the point of death—  
Even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
And gave him the name that is above every name,  
So that at the name of Jesus  
Every knee should bow,  
In heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
And every tongue should confess the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord! 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

## **Special Communion Music**

"Lead Me On" (Audrey Assad)

You are my shepherd - there's nothing I shall want  
Beside still waters You lead my spirit on  
Your hand will guide me no matter where I walk  
Through darkest valley Your love is not far off  
And I will dwell in Your house forever...  
Lead me on

I fear no evil, for You are with me  
You set this table before my enemies  
And You anoint me - You overflow my cup  
And they will follow me: Your goodness and Your love  
And I will dwell in Your house forever...  
Lead me on

Your rod and Your staff are a strange mercy  
In a world where I'm not yet home  
And I will dwell in Your house forever...  
Lead me on

## **Prayer after Communion**

**We thank you Father for the hope this meal gives us. We thank you for the testimony that Christ has died for us, but also that he will return and we will celebrate this supper with him in heaven. Now may this meal enable us to increase in faith, persevere in hope, and grow up in love. Send us out from this place by your Spirit, our ears open to your Word, our minds alert to the calling you give us, our hearts full of love for your coming kingdom, our voices confessing the name of Jesus, our Lord and our God. Amen.**

## † Post Communion Hymn "Behold the Lamb" (Vss. 1, 3, & 4 only)



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us - and we re-mem - ber  
 2. The bo - dy of our Sav - iour Je - sus Christ, torn for you - eat and re-mem - ber;  
 3. The blood that clean - ses ev - ery stain of sin, shed for you - drink and re-mem - ber  
 4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to res - pond - and to re-mem - ber



the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we  
 The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we  
 He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we  
 our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His bo - dy here on earth. As we



share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our  
 share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our  
 share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our  
 share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the



bonds of peace a - round the tab - le of the King.  
 bonds of love a - round the tab - le of the King.  
 bonds of grace a - round the tab - le of the King.  
 feast of heaven a - round the tab - le of the King.

## † Benediction

### † Benediction Response “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” (Verse 4 only)

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through him who with us sideth.  
Let good and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.

## Prayer Requests

### Redeemer Family:

- Susan Johnson who is recovering from back surgery; pray for healing and strength. For Darryl, pray for comfort and peace.
- For the work of our pulpit search committee, the elders, and our church during this transition season.

### Churches in our Presbytery:

**Michiana Covenant, Granger** - Pray for wisdom for the elders in making disciples during a pandemic, for elder and deacon interns, and for youth and adult discipleship ministries.

**Trinity, DeMotte** - Pray that we will remain faithful to the Lord, for families dealing with health issues and that we will be able to meet regularly and ask the Lord to bring new members.

**Faith, Jenison** - Praise God for new office training, continued growth, and a warm and welcoming group of people that make up our congregation.

**Reverend Paul Engle** - Pray for the ability to arrange Zoom classes for Middle Eastern pastors this fall, for the ability during global travel cancellations to make good use of my time in developing new classes and for resources to equip church leaders in areas where little training is available.

## Financials

Year to Date	<u>Dec. 31, 2019</u>	<u>Dec. 31 2020</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<b>Over (Under) Budget</b>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$350,414	\$326,936	\$345,444	(\$18,508)
Total Expenses	\$322,164	\$302,639		



## Announcements

**Sunday Services** - This morning Pastor Scott Korljan will preach on Acts 2:42-48.

**First Quarter Benevolence Offering** - Next Sunday

**Congregational Meeting** - Sunday, January 31, 2021

**Ladies Winter Book Study** - January book; The Covenantal Life: Appreciating the Beauty of Theology and Community. February book; Becoming Elisabeth Elliott. This group will meet the last week of the respective month (Monday, 7 pm & Thursday 10 am) via zoom. See Heidi Van Till for more details.

**Redeemer Pen Paliday** Please contact Cherie vonDrehle to sign up your child or to participate (248-514-7110 or cherylvondrehle@gmail.com).

**Thank You!** - Mike & Deb Laslo, Bill & Jenny Morrison, Ron Sabotka, Dave & Angie VanDyk and Joyce Weise for serving dinner to the guests at Safe Harbor!

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

vonDrehle Small Group - Today via Zoom

Women's Ministry Study - Tuesday, 9:30 am (church) & Thursday, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

VanDyk Small Group - Tuesday, 12:30 pm (Zoom)

Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm via Zoom

Weber Small Group - Wednesday 6 pm

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

### **Community Groups and meeting information:**

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

**Paladino:** 6 pm, every Wednesday

**VanDyk:** 12:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 13 (then alternate Tuesdays)

**vonDrehle:** Following the 8:30 am worship service on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

**Weber:** 6 pm, every Wednesday **except** the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

# January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>17  <b>Worship Service,                      8:30 &amp; 10:30 am</b>                      vonDrehle Small                      Group</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19                      Women's Ministry                      Study, 9:30 am at                      church                      VanDyk Small Group,                      12:30 pm</p>	<p>20                      Paladino Small                      Group, 6 pm                      Weber Small Group                      6 pm</p>	<p>21                      Men's Study, 7:30 am                      Prayer Gathering,                      12 noon                      Women's Ministry                      Study, 6:30 pm                      (Zoom)</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
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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  
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*Thank You!*

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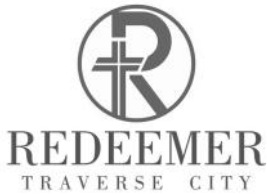
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Regular Attendee: \_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_



**The Session**

Fred Janke  
Bill Morrison  
Tom Nussdorfer  
Fred Weber  
David Schafer (Emeritus)

**The Deacons**

Tim Schramm II  
Dave VanDyk

**Redeemer Staff**

Deb Long, Office Administrator/  
Bookkeeper

*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
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- \_\_\_ Other

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