



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

December 5, 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

December 5, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude 'A Cradle Carol'

Sung by Carrie Berkompass

Lord Jesus, Savior, infant weak, why come to earth as one so meek?

A newborn babe, helpless and small; and yet Creator of us all.

Thou has no beauty, form, or grace; no fortune, rank, no fame, no place

That men should see Thee and adore a babe so humble and so poor.

But to the soul whose eyes are healed, to whom the Truth has been revealed,

Thy glory challenges the sun; Thou art a thousand joys in One.

Though strangers see a babe in straw, Thy children see the Lord of all

Who laid aside his rightful reign to take away our sin and shame.

This sacrifice of love divine, this condescension to mankind

With beauty robes Thy lowly frame and sanctifies Thy simple name.

O aid my worship, Mighty King, that I might with the angels sing,

"Glory to God on high!" Now crowned again beyond the sky!

Oh, help me see Thee and adore

This little child

my God and Lord.

*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

Isaiah 45:22

“Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.”

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

† Opening Hymn #208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 2. God of God, Light of Light;
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

REFRAIN
 born the King of an - gels;
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let
 in the high - est;
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

† 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

Genesis 3:17-19

And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

*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.*

Prayer of Confession

“Our Father in Heaven

In this season of Advent, we confess to you our need for a Savior. Following our first father, Adam, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Remember your mercy, O Lord and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not our sins or transgressions, blot them out entirely. Make known to us your ways, O Lord, teach us your paths. We ask all of this 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

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

† Hymn of Assurance #501 "Just As I am, Without One Plea" (Verses 1-5)

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
 2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my
 3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 4. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,

blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
 soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in

come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
 wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 because thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am, thy love unknown
 has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

† Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

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

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: “The Annunciation”


Pastor Reed

Sermon Outline:


1) The Annunciation

Sermon Hymn #213 "What Child Is This"

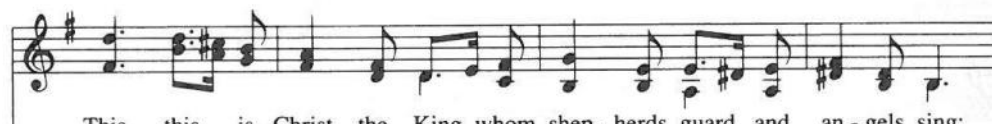
Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? Matt. 2:2



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox - and ass are feed - ing?
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

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 Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 8.2

The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that the two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and humanity, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which Person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

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,

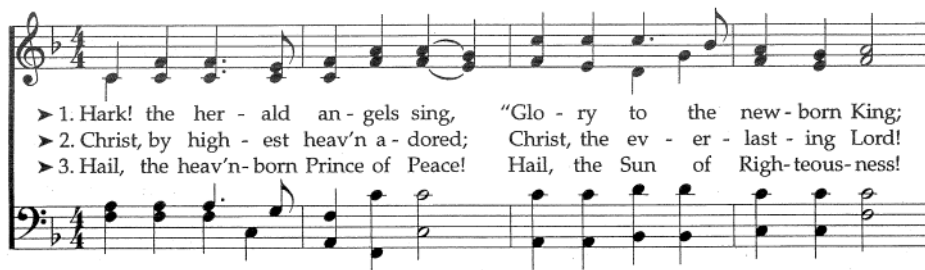
Holy is the Lord.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

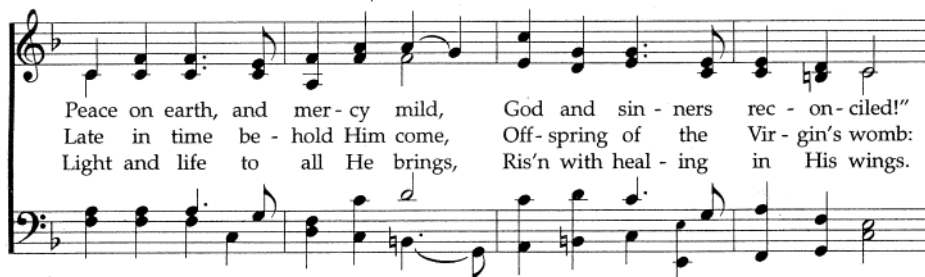
Prayer after Communion

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.

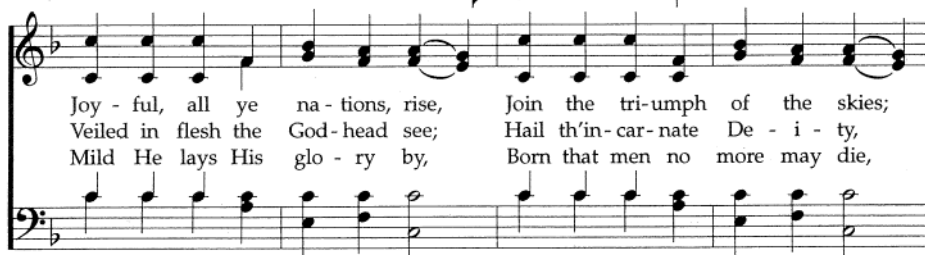
† Post Communion Hymn #203 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"



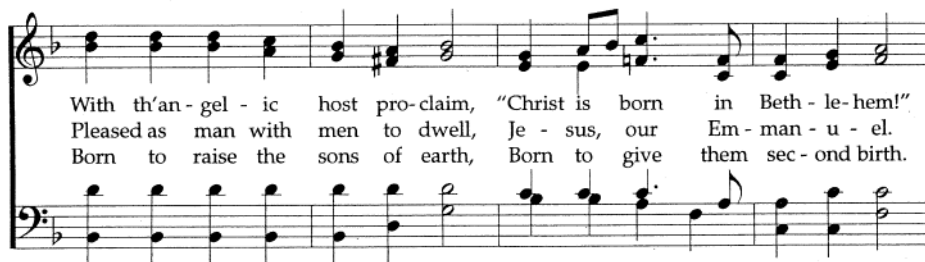
> 1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 > 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 > 3. Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



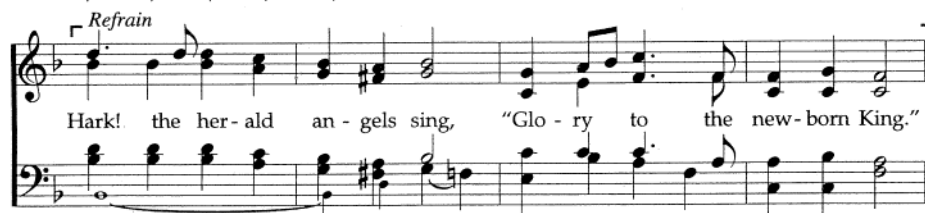
Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb:
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that men no more may die,



With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Refrain
 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

† 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:

- Addi Winters, infant daughter of Matthew & Haylee (Matthew is the pastor of The Salvation Army congregation here in TC). Addi is out of the hospital and back home with her family. Please pray for continued healing.
- 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:

New City, Ferndale - Praising and thanking God for His faithfulness!

Knox, Harrison - Pray that God will be glorified and His Word heard.

Financials

Year to Date	<u>Oct. 31, 2020</u>	<u>Oct. 31, 2021</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	Over (Under) <u>Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$271,778	\$267,900	\$277,410	(\$9,510)
Total Expenses	\$259,502	\$209,135		

Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Reed will preach on Luke 1:26-38

Children and adult Sunday School will be held before the worship service at 9:00 am. The Worship Service will be at 10:15 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!

Start Up of Children's Ministry - Johanna Lashbrook is coordinating, please contact her for more information. Events will be coordinated and announced in advance so all children can participate.

Save the Date! - Ladies Christmas Tea & Cookie Exchange; Saturday, December 11, from 10 am to 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Invitations (with more information) are located on the table in the narthex.

Children's Christmas Party - Saturday, December 18th from 10 am to 12 pm. You can drop your children off at Redeemer. Ages preschool to high-school are welcome!

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.

Nursery Volunteers Needed - Please contact Johanna Lashbrook to volunteer.

This Week at Redeemer:

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

Husted Small Group - Thursday, 6:30 pm

Ladies Christmas Tea and Cookie Exchange - Saturday, 10 am

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service, 10:15 am	6	7	8	9 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon Husted SG, 6:30 pm	10	11 Ladies Christmas Tea and Cookie Exchange 10 am
12 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service, 10:15 am	13	14	15 Paladino SG, 6 pm Weber SG, 6 pm	16 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon	17	18 Children's Christmas Party, 10 -12 pm
19 No Sunday School Worship Service, 10:15 am vonDrehle SG	20	21	22	23 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon Husted SG, 6:30 pm	24 Christmas Eve	25 Merry Christmas!
26 No Sunday School Worship Service, 10:15 am	27	28	29 Paladino SG, 6 pm	30 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon	31 New Year's Eve	

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:

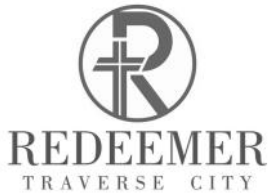
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1st Time Guest: ____

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)

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Worship Services: 10:15 am

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