

February 13, 2022

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 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

Nursery: Christina & Jenny

The Lord's Service

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude The King of Love My Shepherd Is (arr. Dan Forrest)

The King of love my shepherd is Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me, And on His shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing brought me.

The King of love my Shepherd is, My Shepherd is the King of love; And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever.

† = Stand if able Bold Words = Congregation

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 116:5-9

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.
Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

+ Opening Hymn "Come Praise and Glorify"





† Invocation

Psalm 124:8

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

† Prayer

† 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

Psalm115:4-8

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

Prayer of Confession

"Our Father in Heaven,

With humble hearts we come before you this morning confessing our idolatry. We have looked to this world to provide our comfort in both life and in death, rather than looking to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. We repent of our sins this morning and ask for your merciful forgiveness. We trust that as we are faithful to confess our sins, you are faithful to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We pray and we trust in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen."

Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 43:1-3

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you, when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel your Savior.

+ Hymn of Assurance "In Christ Alone"

1. In Christ a - lone hope is found. He is my my Christ full - ness 2 In a - lone who took on flesh, of 3. There in the ground His dv lav. Light of the bo -No guilt in life, fear in death. this is the 4. no this Cor this sol - id light, my strength, song; ner - stone, my gift of God in help less babe! This love and right - eous slain: burst - ing world by dark , ness then forth in glor - ious from life's Christ first сгу fi - nal power of in me; to the fier - cest drought and What heights of Ground. firm through storm. the ones He came to 'til that ness. scorned by save: on from the grave He rose gain! And as He day. up a breath, Je sus com - mands my des ti ny. No power of --love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings died, cross as Je - sus the wrath of God was sa - tis sin's curse lost stands in vic - tor -Y has its grip on take hell. scheme of ev - er from His no man, can me My cease! Com - for - ter, my A11 in All, here in the laid; fied. for ev егу sin on Him was here in the -He bought with the me, for I am His and is mine, hand; 'til calls here in the He re - turns OT me home, 3 love of Christ I stand. death of Christ Ι live. prec ious blood of Christ. power of Christ I'11 stand!

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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 23

The word of the LORD came to me: ² "Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother. ³ They played the whore in Egypt; they played the whore in their youth; there their breasts were pressed and their virgin bossoms handled. ⁴ Oholah was the name of the elder and Oholibah the name of her sister. They became mine, and they bore sons and daughters. As for their names, Oholah is Samaria, and Oholibah is Jerusalem.

⁵ "Oholah played the whore while she was mine, and she lusted after her lovers the Assyrians, warriors ⁶ clothed in purple, governors and commanders, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding on horses. ⁷ She bestowed her whoring upon them, the choicest men of Assyria all of them, and she defiled herself with all the idols of everyone after whom she lusted. ⁸ She did not give up her whoring that she had begun in Egypt; for in her youth men had lain with her and handled her virgin bosom and poured out their whoring lust upon her. ⁹ Therefore I delivered her into the hands of her lovers, into the hands of the Assyrians, after whom she lusted. ¹⁰ These uncovered her nakedness; they seized her sons and her daughters; and as for her, they killed her with the sword; and she became a byword among women, when judgment had been executed on her.

¹¹ "Her sister Oholibah saw this, and she became more corrupt than her sister in her lust and in her whoring, which was worse than that of her sister. ¹² She lusted after the Assyrians, governors and commanders, warriors clothed in full armor, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men. ¹³ And I saw that she was defiled; they both took the same way. ¹⁴ But she carried her whoring further. She saw men portrayed on the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portraved in vermilion, ¹⁵ wearing belts on their waists, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them having the appearance of officers, a likeness of Babylonians whose native land was Chaldea, ¹⁶ When she saw them, she lusted after them and sent messengers to them in Chaldea. ¹⁷ And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoring lust. And after she was defiled by them, she turned from them in disgust. ¹⁸ When she carried on her whoring so openly and flaunted her nakedness, I turned in disgust from her, as I had turned in disgust from her sister ¹⁹ Yet she increased her whoring, remembering the days of her youth, when she played the whore in the land of Egypt ²⁰ and lusted after her lovers there, whose members were like those of donkeys, and whose issue was like that of horses. ²¹ Thus you longed for the lewdness of your youth, when the Egyptians handled your bosom and pressed your young breasts."

²² Therefore, O Oholibah, thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I will stir up against you your lovers from whom you turned in disgust, and I will bring them against you from every side: ²³ the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod and Shoa and Koa, and all the

Assyrians with them, desirable young men, governors and commanders all of them, officers and men of renown, all of them riding on horses. ²⁴ And they shall come against you from the north with chariots and wagons and a host of peoples. They shall set themselves against you on every side with buckler, shield, and helmet; and I will commit the judgment to them, and they shall judge you according to their judgments. ²⁵ And I will direct my jealousy against you, that they may deal with you in fury. They shall cut off your nose and your ears, and your survivors shall fall by the sword. They shall seize your sons and your daughters, and your survivors shall be devoured by fire. ²⁶ They shall also strip you of your clothes and take away your beautiful jewels. ²⁷ Thus I will put an end to your lewdness and your whoring begun in the land of Egypt, so that you shall not lift up your eyes to them or remember Egypt anymore.

²⁸ "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will deliver you into the hands of those whom you hate, into the hands of those from whom you turned in disgust, ²⁹ and they shall deal with you in hatred and take away all the fruit of your labor and leave you naked and bare, and the nakedness of your whoring shall be uncovered. Your lewdness and your whoring ³⁰ have brought this upon you, because you played the whore with the nations and defiled yourself with their idols. ³¹ You have gone the way of your sister; therefore I will give her cup into your hand. ³² Thus says the Lord GOD:

"You shall drink your sister's cup that is deep and large; you shall be laughed at and held in derision, for it contains much; ³³ you will be filled with drunkenness and sorrow. A cup of horror and desolation, the cup of your sister Samaria; ³⁴ you shall drink it and drain it out, and gnaw its shards, and tear your breasts; for I have spoken, declares the Lord God. ³⁵ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because you have forgotten me and cast me behind your back, you yourself must bear the consequences of your lewdness and whoring."

³⁶ The LORD said to me: "Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? Declare to them their abominations. ³⁷ For they have committed adultery, and blood is on their hands. With their idols they have committed adultery, and they have even offered up to them for food the children whom they had borne to me. ³⁸ Moreover, this they have done to me: they have defiled my sanctuary on the same day and profaned my Sabbaths. ³⁹ For when they had slaughtered their children in sacrifice to their idols, on the same day they came into my sanctuary to profane it. And behold, this is what they did in my house. ⁴⁰ They even sent for men to come from afar, to whom a messenger was sent; and behold, they came. For them you bathed yourself, painted your eyes, and adorned yourself with ornaments. ⁴¹ You sat on a stately couch, with a table spread before it on which you had placed my incense and my oil. ⁴² The sound of a carefree multitude was with her; and with men of the common sort, drunkards were brought from the wilderness; and they put brace- lets on the hands of the women, and beautiful crowns on their heads.

⁴³ "Then I said of her who was worn out by adultery, 'Now they will continue to use her for a whore, even her!' ⁴⁴ For they have gone in to her, as men go in to a prostitute. Thus they went in to Oholah and to Oholibah, lewd women! ⁴⁵ But righteous men shall pass judgment on them with the sentence of adulteresses, and with the sentence of women who shed blood, because they are adulteresses, and blood is on their hands."

⁴⁶ For thus says the Lord GOD: "Bring up a vast host against them, and make them an object of terror and a plunder. ⁴⁷ And the host shall stone them and cut them down with their swords. They shall kill their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses. ⁴⁸ Thus will I put an end to lewdness in the land, that all women may take warning and not commit lewdness as you have done. ⁴⁹ And they shall return your lewdness upon you, and you shall bear the penalty for your sinful idolatry, and you shall know that I am the Lord GOD."

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Thanks be to God!
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Sermon Title: "The Tale of Oholah and Oholibah" Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline:

- 1) The Metaphor
- 2) The Meaning

† Sermon Hymn "Behold the Lamb"



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 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.

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

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.

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 #308 "Jesus Paid It All"

† Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 "Gloria Patri"

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- David Stevens (Jim & Cherie von Drehle's grandson) is home from the hospital, please continue to pray for the family.
- Bernard Hoogland, pray for healing.
- Bobbie Van Til (sister-in-law of Ethan & Dirk), still fighting cancer.
- Barb Boersma, for relief from back pain.
- 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.
- Brett Schut who fell and broke his elbow, pray for healing.
- Melissa Birdsey, baby is due the end of March.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Redeemer, Detroit - Pray for a smooth transition this summer for DeMyron Haynes, our new Assistant Pastor. Praise for finishing the year strong financially.

New City Presbyterian, Ferndale - Pray that visitors will be warmly welcomed and able to connect with our members and for our leadership.

Knox Presbyterian, Harrison Twp.– Pray that God will be glorified and his word heard.

Financials				Over (Under)
Year to Date	Dec. 31, 2020	<u>Dec. 31, 2021</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	Budget
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$326,936	\$337,836	\$332,900	\$4,936
Total Expenses	\$302,639	\$251,758		

Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Austin Reed will preach on Ezekiel 23.

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!

Parents of young children - The Session would invite you to go and retrieve your children from the nursery during the sermon hymn and bring them back into the sanctuary for the celebration of the Lord's Supper. While they are still too young to fully understand the sacrament or receive the elements themselves, we believe there is a rich blessing that God reserves for them in being present for the distribution of the elements. As you come forward to receive the elements, we invite you to bring your young children with you to receive a benediction and even at a young age bear witness to God's covenant faithfulness to His people. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to speak to one of the elders or to Pastor Reed.

New Member Class - Pastor Reed will be leading a New Member class for those interested in learning more about Redeemer's theology, piety, and practice. All are welcome to attend! The classes will be meeting on February 17, 24 and possibly March 3rd. Class will start at 6:00 pm here at the church and end between 7-7:30. Please reach out to Pastor Reed if you have any questions.

Congregational Meeting - Today, immediately following the worship service.

Ladies Spring Bible Study - In Hebrews will begin Friday, March 11.

This Week at Redeemer:

Congregational meeting - Today after worship Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm Weber Small Group - Wednesday 6 pm Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon New Member Class - Thursday, 6 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am Congregational meeting	14	15	16 Paladino SG, 6 pm Weber SG, 6 pm	17 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon New Member Class, 6 pm	18	19
20 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am von Drehle SG	21	22	23 Paladino SG, 6 pm Weber SG, 6 pm	24 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon New Member Class, 6 pm Husted SG, 6:30 pm	52	26
27 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am	28					

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Community Groups and meeting information:

Husted: 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6:30 pm Paladino: 6 pm, every Wednesday VanDyk: Will resume meeting in May vonDrehle: Check with Jim or Cherie for dates & times. Weber: 1st 2rd % 4th Wednesday at 6 pm

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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!

Date:
Name:
Email:
Best Contact (Call/Text):
Address:
City:
State/Zip:
How did you hear about us:

1stTime Guest: ____ 2nd Time Guest: ____

Regular Attendee:____

Member:____

Music Copy License Number: 2539700



If you would like to be prayed for please fill out and place in the Offering Plate

Prayer Requests:

Share with congregation: _____ Private: _____ **The Session** Pastor Reed Fred Janke Bill Morrison Tom Nussdorfer Fred Weber David Schafer (Emeritus)

> The Deacons Dave VanDvk

Redeemer Staff

Jeff Kozisek, Treasurer Deb Long, Office Administrator/ Bookkeeper

Send me information about :

- ____ Becoming a Christian
- ____ Baptism
- ____ Membership
- ____ Serving on a Team
- ____ Small Groups
- ____ Other

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Sunday School: 9 am Worship Services: 10:15 am

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