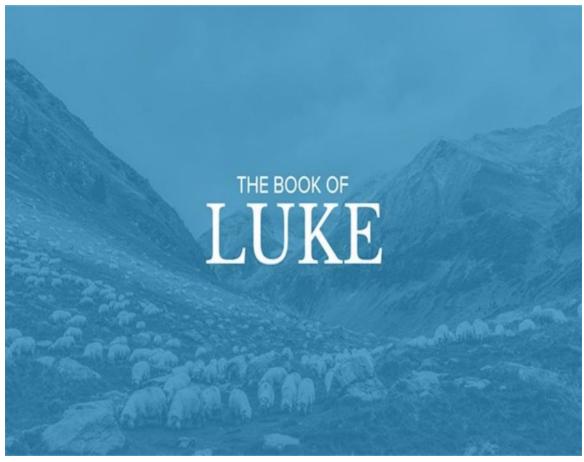


March 13, 2022



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: Ashby & Maya

The Lord's Service

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "How Pleasant" (Psalm 84)

How pleasant and divinely fair, O Lord of hosts, Your dwellings are! With great desire my spirit faints, To see the shining hosts of saints. My flesh would rest in Your abode; my weary heart cries out for God: "My God! My King! Why should I stay far from the joys of endless day?"

The sparrow has a place to rest, and for her young provides a nest, but will my God to them alone pour out His mercy from the throne? Blessed are the saints who dwell on high around your throne, above the sky; their brightest glories shine above, and all their work is praise and love.

Great God, attend, while Zion sings the joy that from Your presence springs; to spend a day within Your courts exceeds a thousand days a part. You are our Sun, You bless our day; and You our Shield, to guard our way from all assaults of hell and sin, from foes without and fears within.

All needed grace You will bestow, and crown that grace with glory too; You give all things, and You withhold no heav'nly good from upright souls. O God our King, whose sovereign sway the glorious hosts of heav'n obey; display Your grace, exert Your pow'r, 'til all on earth Your name adore.

Call to Worship

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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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!

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

† Opening Hymn "Come, People of the Risen King"



† 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

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 aatherina of perfect people. we are all sinners in various stages of recovery.

Confession of Sin

James 4:11-12

Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

Prayer of Confession

"Hear, O Lord, and answer me; for as righteous as I may think I am, I confess that I am poor and needy. Guard my life, for I am devoted to you. You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long. Bring joy to your servant, for to you O Lord, I lift up my soul. You are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you in their time of desperation and need. Hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, in Jesus' name, 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

Romans 8:31-34

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

† Hymn of Assurance "Beneath the Cross"



Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-32

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.""

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 15:1-7

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

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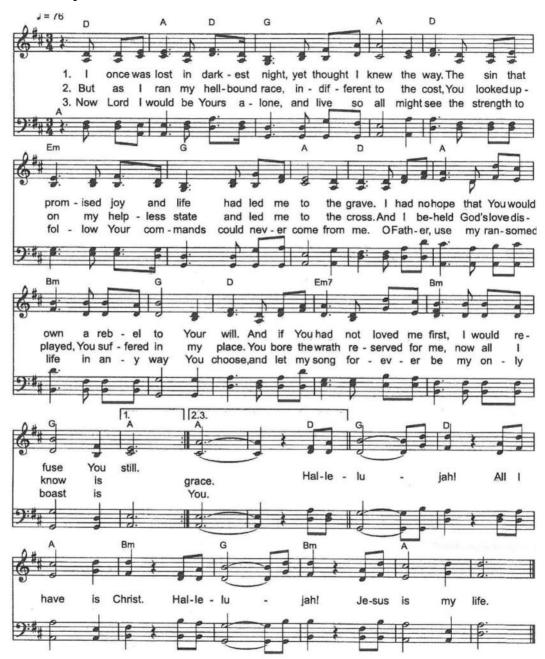
Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: "The Parable of the Lost Sheep" Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline:

1) The Parable of the Lost Sheep

† Sermon Hymn "All I Have is Christ"



Holy Communion

We celebrate communion each week to remember what Christ has done and to be nourished spirituallu.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, have been baptized, and are in good standing with any church that proclaims the Gospel. Please note that we use wine for Communion, but the inner 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.

We recite a creed each week as a way to prepare for communion and also to connect our worship to generations of Christians who have gone before us.

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, (*universal) the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord be with you. Ruth 2:4

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts! Lamentations 3:41

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 118:1

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Great God of Highest Heaven, who are we that we should be invited to such a feast as this? We are not worthy to come, we have no merit of our own that would make us worthy to receive your body and blood. But thanks be to you O God, that you invite us to this table and promise to refresh us and strengthen us by your grace in Christ. Now we thank you for the gift of this holy supper, and we magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of his glory, the whole earth is full of his glory, the whole earth is full of his glory, Holy is the Lord.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

Prayer after Communion

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

- **† Post Communion Hymn** #457 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
- † Benediction
- † Benediction Response Hymn #735 "Gloria Patri"

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Dennis Weise recovering from knee surgery.
- 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.
- 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.
- Sara Cobb, baby is due in July.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Michiana Covenant, Granger - Pray for Michiana Covenant as they provide classes for home school families.

Faith, Jenison - Praise that a number of our people have returned to church after suffering from a variety of illnesses.

Reverend Paul Engle - Pray for safe travel to Cuba to each pastors this month.

Financials				Over (Under)
Year to Date	Feb. 28, 2021	Feb. 28, 2022	2022 Budget	<u>Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$49,816	\$59,915	\$46,550	\$13,365
Total Expenses	\$31,688	\$46,215		

Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Austin Reed will preach on Luke 15:1-7.

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.

Ladies Bible Study- Join us this Spring as we see how the book of Hebrews unfolds and how it affects our daily lives. God's work from creation to the current church age inaugurated by Jesus Christ coming to dwell among us. Guided by Nancy Guthrie's book, <u>Hoping for Something Better</u>, we will "go deeper, draw closer, and hold tighter." Fridays (through May 27), 9:30-11 am at the church. Please order your own book. Contact Cherie, Corky or Heidi if you have questions.

Ice Skating Event - <u>All are welcome</u> to go ice skating at the Civic Center, March 19th, 11am to 12 pm. Private rink; ice skates & helmets provided, pizza afterwards. RSVP to Johanna Lashbrook, 231-944-0027.

This Week at Redeemer:

Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm Weber Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon Ladies Bible Study - Friday, 9:30 am Ice Skating at Civic Center - Saturday 11 am

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13 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am	14	15	16 Paladino SG, 6 pm Weber SG, 6 pm	17 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon	18 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 - 11 am	19 Ice Skating at Civic Center, 11 am
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Community Groups and meeting information:

Husted: 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6 pmPaladino: 6 pm, every WednesdayVanDyk: Will resume meeting in May

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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:
1st Time Guest:
2 nd Time Guest:
Regular Attendee:
Member:



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

Share with congregation: ____

Send me information about:

____ Becoming a Christian

___ Serving on a Team

___ Small Groups

___ Baptism ___ Membership

Other

Prayer Requests:

Private: ____

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