



*March 20, 2022*

**REDEEMER**  
TRAVERSE CITY

A large rectangular area with a blue tint. It shows a mountain valley with a herd of sheep in the foreground. The text 'THE BOOK OF LUKE' is centered in white.

THE BOOK OF  
**LUKE**

## 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.

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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

## Nursery: Ashby & Heidi

# The Lord's Service

March 20, 2022

## 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

*Isaiah 42:8-9*

I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.  
Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them."

† = Stand if able

**Bold Words** = Congregation

# † Opening Hymn "Every Promise of Your Word"

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.

## † 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 gathering of perfect people, we are all sinners in various stages of recovery.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Isaiah 42:18-24*

Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious. But this is a people plundered and looted; they are all of them trapped in holes and hidden in prisons; they have become plunder with none to rescue, spoil with none to say, "Restore!" Who among you will give ear to this, will attend and listen for the time to come? Who gave up Jacob to the looter, and Israel to the plunderers? Was it not the LORD, against whom we have sinned, in whose ways they would not walk, and whose law they would not obey?

## **Prayer of Confession**

"Gracious Lord,

**We confess that our eyes are open, but often we do not see. We confess that though we hear your Word, we do not often obey. Forgive us for being blind to our own sin, and being deaf to the commandments you have given. Restore us to see and believe in the promises of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Restore us to hear and to obey your Word of life. Grant us your Spirit that we may walk in your ways all of the days of our lives. We ask all of these things in the name of our Savior, 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**

*Isaiah 43:25*

"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

† Hymn of Assurance #164 “O, for A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

## Prayers of Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer

### Scripture Reading

*John 9:24-41*

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

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 18:18-43*

<sup>18</sup> And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"  
<sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>21</sup> And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth." <sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>23</sup> But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. <sup>24</sup> Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> But he said, "What is impossible with man is possible with God." <sup>28</sup> And Peter said, "See, we have left our homes and followed you." <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life."  
<sup>31</sup> And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup> For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup> And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." <sup>34</sup> But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.  
<sup>35</sup> As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.  
<sup>36</sup> And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup> They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." <sup>38</sup> And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup> And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent.

But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>40</sup> And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” <sup>42</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” <sup>43</sup> And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon Title:** “Who Is Truly Blind?”

Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline:

- 1) The Rich Ruler
- 2) The Blind Beggar

† **Sermon Hymn** #460 “Amazing Grace”

## 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 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** #501 “Just As I Am, without One Plea” (Vs. 1-4)

† **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.
- Melissa Birdsey, baby is due the end of March.
- Sara Cobb, baby is due in July.

### Churches in our Presbytery:

**First Presbyterian, Bad Axe** - Pray that God would bring more families to our church.

**Pathway Community, Brighton** - Pray for Pastor Andrew Chesebro, our Stated Supply this week.

**Confex Makhalira (MTW)** - Pray for our church plant; in June we will receive our first members.

## Financials

	<u>Feb. 28, 2021</u>	<u>Feb. 28, 2022</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Year to Date				
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 18:18-43.

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, [Hoping for Something Better](#), 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.

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

von Drehle Small Group - 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

Husted Small Group - Thursday, 6 pm

Ladies Bible Study - Friday, 9:30 am

# March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20 Sunday School, 9 am <b>Worship Service</b> <b>10:15 am</b> vonDrehle SG	21	22	23 Paladino SG, 6 pm Weber SG, 6 pm	24 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon Husted SG, 6 pm	25 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 - 11 am	26
27 Sunday School, 9 am <b>Worship Service</b> <b>10:15 am</b>	28	29	30 Paladino SG, 6 pm	31 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon		

**Community Groups and meeting information:**

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

**Paladino:** 6 pm, every Wednesday

**VanDyk:** Will resume meeting in May

**vonDrehle:** Check with Jim or Cherie for dates & times.

**Weber:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6 pm



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*1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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2<sup>nd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_

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**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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**Sunday School: 9 am**

**Worship Services: 10:15 am**

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