

#### 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: Berneice

#### The Lord's Service

July 31, 2022

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Prelude**

#### Call to Worship

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!

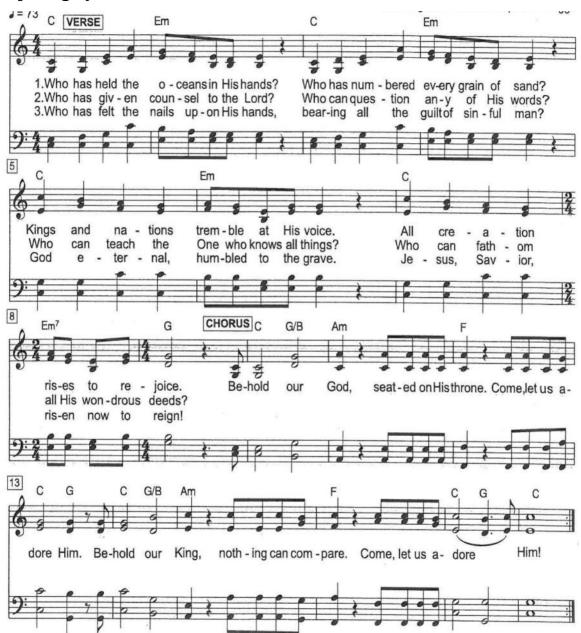
Malachi 4:2-3

But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

**†** = Stand if able

**Bold Words** = Congregation

#### Opening Hymn: "Behold Our God"



#### † 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

Matthew 3:7-12

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

#### **Prayer of Confession**

"Gracious God,

With humble hearts we come before you this morning, repenting of our sin. We confess that we have sinned against you by not loving you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. And we have sinned against our neighbor by not loving them as ourselves. Forgive us in the name of your dear Son our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

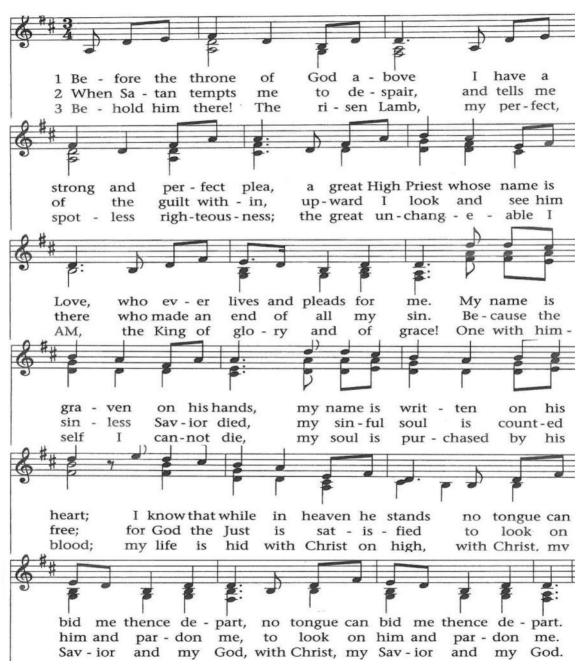
The Declaration of Forgiveness breaks through the accusations of our conscience, the lies of the evil one, and proclaims the amazing truth of the gospel to our heart!

#### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

John 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

#### † Hymn of Assurance "Before the Throne of God Above"



#### Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-11

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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

Iohn 1:19-34

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup> He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." <sup>22</sup> So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup> He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

<sup>24</sup> (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup> They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" <sup>26</sup> John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup> even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." <sup>28</sup> These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

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Sermon Title: "Behold the Lamb" Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline

- 1.) The Testimony of John
- 2.) The Lamb of God

#### Sermon notes:

#### **† Sermon Hymn** "Behold the Lamb"



#### **Holy Communion**

#### 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.

#### **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 Hymn #295 "Crown Him wit h many Crowns" (v. 1-3)



Matthew Bridges, 1851

DIADEMATA S.M.D. George J. Elvey, 1868

- † Benediction
- † Benediction Response Hymn #735 "Gloria Patri"

#### **Prayer Requests**

#### **Redeemer Family:**

- Drew (8 yr old grandson of Randy and Gail Lawton) was admitted to the hospital for testing to determine if he has lymphoma or leukemia. Please pray for him and his family.
- Anne Smith (mother of Scott Smith) Praise God for successful breast cancer surgery. It will take about a week to receive the pathology report.
- Steve Ruhl, Pray for strength while I am away and that I would be able to use the time to draw close to God.
- Mark Sentell, son-in-law of Fred and Gloria Janke, had a serious motorcycle accident and broke two ribs, suffered a concussion, and suffered spleen injuries. Please pray for healing and peace.
- Carol Ann Lehman, niece of the Sabotka's, is fighting lung cancer. Pray for healing, strength, and continued faithfulness to Jesus.
- Susan Johnson, back is doing well (praise God) but having trouble with her right knee. Seeing a surgeon later in the month. Please pray for relief from pain and an effective treatment plan.
- Bruce Strnad (friend of Tony and Kathy Pintcke) is not doing well after having a stroke. He has grown worse and is unresponsive. Pray for his healing.
- 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.

#### **Churches in our Presbytery:**

**Michiana Covenant, Granger IN**— Pray for Caylor House Ministry rehabbing a house for singles to live in Christian Community together and for the increase of the gospel in our midst. Praise for a good start to the Servant Leadership Training Class and for faithful elders and deacons who lead in the way of Christ.

**Faith Presbyterian Church, Jenison**—Pray for people as they struggle with church attendance, pray for spiritual and numerical growth. Pray for the outreach event we are having in August, and pray for the men's and women's groups starting in the fall.

**Rev. Paul Engle**—Pray for preparation of lectures, exams, workbook, and slides for upcoming courses on Romans and The Life of Christ to be taught to church leaders in other countries this Fall.

#### **Announcements**

Sermon today - Pastor Reed will preach on John 1:19-34

**Ladies Summer Psalms Study**—please join us Tuesday, August 9th from 6:30-8 pm as we discuss Psalm 62! No prep needed, unless you'd like to read the Psalm in advance. We will do a different Psalm every other week, meeting outdoors in the Pavilion of the Riverine Condos off 8th Street (or in the case of inclement weather, at the church). All ladies are welcome, and bring a friend.

**Ladies Pop-up Events** - from a walk or cup of coffee to a day trip, we love getting together! If you'd like to receive a text message when an event is happening, contact Corky Crimmins.

**Save the date**— There will be a Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff Dessert on Friday, September 9th from 6:30–8pm. In addition to some sweet fellowship, we will discuss our 5 year Bible study plan and opportunities to plug in and serve, etc. Please mark the date and plan on attending.

#### This Week at Redeemer:

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Financials				Over (Under)
Year to Date	June 30, 2021	<u>June 30, 2022</u>	2022 Budget	<u>Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$155,196	\$163,722	\$139,650	\$24,072
Total Expenses	\$117,178	\$154,762		

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

<u>Paladino:</u> 6 pm, every other Wednesday <u>vonDrehle</u>: Check with Jim or Cherie for dates

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& times.

Weber: 1st & 3rd 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 <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

# The Session Pastor Reed Bill Morrison Tom Nussdorfer Tony Paladino Fred Weber Rob Whims Fred Janke (Emeritus) David Schafer (Emeritus)

Prayer Requests:	The Deacons	
Share with congregation:	Rick Harkert	
Private:	Darryl Johnson	
	Ron Sabotka	
	Brett Schut	
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	Bill Morrison, Assistant to the Pastor	
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Serving on a Team		
Small Groups	Worship Services: 8:30 am and 10:30 am	
Other	•	
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