

August 14, 2022

# The Gospel of Matthew

# 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: Aubrey & Jessica

# The Lord's Service

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# Welcome and Announcements

# Prelude

# Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-3

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!

The Call to

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

Opening Hymn: Hymn # 100 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

# † 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

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

## **Confession of Sin**

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.

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!

#### Proverbs 28:13-14

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

## **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."

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

#### Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

#### **+ Hymn of Assurance** "My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness"



# Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

# Scripture Reading

## Isaiah 1:12-20

"When you come to appear before me, who has required of you this trampling of my courts? Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

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

#### Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. <sup>2</sup> "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup> "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup> "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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Sermon Title: "The Heart of Righteousness"

**Reverend Ryan Potter** 

Sermon Outline

- 1.) Why We Perform for the Praise of Man
- 2.) How We Perform for the Praise of Man
- 3.) Freedom from Performing for the Praise of Man

Sermon notes:

**† Sermon Hymn:** Hymn # 310 "Rejoice the Lord is King"

# **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** "I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

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#### **†** Benediction

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

# **Prayer Requests**

## **Redeemer Family:**

- Julie Reed (Pastor Reed's mother) has been diagnosed with a malignant melanoma, and is undergoing a series of tests. Please pray that the cancer has not spread.
- Drew (8 yr old grandson of Randy and Gail Lawton) has leukemia and has begun a three year treatment plan. 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, is recovering from a serious motorcycle accident. Please pray for healing and peace.
- Carol Ann Lehman, niece of the Sabotka's, is doing well. Praise God for healing.
- 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:**

**Christ Church, Grand Rapids MI –** Praise God for Pastor Andrew & Lisa VanderMaas' return from their time of sabbatical. Pray for the planning and volunteers needed for the startup of fall children's, youth, college-age and adult discipleship ministries. Pray for discernment and God's leading of elder and deacon candidates in training. Pray for search teams' spirit and work as well as for direction from God as to the candidates He has intended for Director of Youth Ministries and Pastor of Discipleship & Outreach. Pray for the overall well-being of staff and the development of Campus Outreach as they minister to college students in W. Michigan.

**Good Shepherd, Kalamazoo MI–**Please pray for our final steps as we finalize particularization, especially for the examinations and elections of men nominated for the offices of elder and deacon. Please also pray that we would continue to run the race with joyful endurance, never wavering from the truth of the gospel.

**Heart City, Elkhart IN –** Praise God that: 1) Downstairs bathrooms and new side door entrance are complete, 2) faithful Supporters, 3) Members who don't grow weary in well doing. Pray: 1) that God will raise up additional leaders, musicians, and laborers for the harvest, 2) Visitors will 'Come & See' and Members will 'Go & Be', 3) Evangelistic opportunities for Pastor Joel in new hospital chaplain role.

## Announcements

**Sermon today -** Reverend Ryan Potter will preach on Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 **Church Picnic**—Our last summer picnic will be at Greilickville Harbor Park beginning right after worship on Sunday, August 21st. The church will supply the main dish (meat) and tableware. Please bring a dish to pass.

**Ladies Summer Psalms Study and Social-** please join us Tuesday, August 23rd 6:30-8pm at the Riverine Pavilion for appetizers and desserts (bring your own drink). This will be a time to celebrate fellowship in the fresh air of the waning days of summer, enjoy light refreshments, and praise God together -- Psalm 148!

**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. Please mark the date and plan to come!

> <u>This Week at Redeemer:</u> Weber Small Group—Wednesday, 6:00 pm Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Financials				Over
				(Under)
Year to Date	<u>July 31, 2021</u>	<u>July 31 2022</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$181,690	\$211,911	\$162,925	\$48,986
Total Expenses	\$134,063	\$176,875		

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

Paladino: 6 pm, every other Wednesday vonDrehle: Check with Jim or Cherie for dates & times. Weber: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6 pm



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:

1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Send me information about :

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

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

#### The Deacons

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#### Worship Services: 8:30 am and 10:30 am

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