



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

September 18, 2022

The
GOSPEL *of* **JOHN**

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

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.

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: Heidi and Jessica

The Lord's Service

September 18, 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

Psalm 111:1-4

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

Opening Hymn: "Come Praise and Glorify"

Music and words by
Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin

$\text{♩} = 60$ **VERSE**

1. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, the Fa - ther of our
 praise and glo - ri - fy our God, who gives His grace in
 praise and glo - ri - fy our God, for we've be - lieved the

4 Lord. In Christ, he has in heav' - ly realms, His bless ings on us
 Christ. In Him our sins are washed a - way, re - deemmed through sa - cri -
 Word And through our faith we have a seal the Spi - rit of the

8 poured. For pure and blame - less in His sight He des - tined us to be,
 fice. In Him God has made known to us the myst' - ry of His will,
 Lord. The Spi - rit guar - an - tees our hope un - til re - demp - tion's done,

12 — and now we've been a - dopt - ed through His Son e - ter - nal - ly
 — that Christ should be the head of all, His pur - pose to ful - fill
 — un - til we join in end - less praise to God, the Three - in -

16 **CHORUS**
 To the praise of Your glo - ry, to the
 One.

20 praise of Your mer - cy and grace To the praise of Your glo - ry,

24 $Gaddz$ You are the God who saves **D.S.**
 2. Come
 3. Come

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† 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

I Corinthians 6:9-10

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

Prayer of Confession

“Almighty God,

We acknowledge our sin to you, and we do not cover our iniquity. We confess our transgressions to the LORD, and you forgive the iniquity of our sin. We thank you and praise you for the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the forgiveness we receive in Him. Let us delight in your will and walk in Your ways, through the power of Your Holy Spirit.

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

I Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Hymn of Assurance: "The Power of the Cross"



1.O, to see the dawn of the dark - est day; Christ on the road to Cal - va -
 2.O, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the awe - some weight of
 3.Now the day - light flees; Now the ground be - neath quakes as its Ma - ker bows His
 4.O, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your suf - fring I am



ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of
 sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained
 head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life - "Fin - ished!" the vic - tory
 free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your self - less



wood. _____ } This the pow'r _____ of the cross: _____ Christ be - came _____ sin for
 brow. _____ }
 cry. _____ }
 love! _____ This the pow'r _____ of the cross: _____ Son of God - _____ slain for



us. _____ Took the blame, _____ bore the wrath; We stand for - gi - ven at the cross.
 us. _____ What a love, _____ what a cost! We stand for - gi - ven at the cross.



Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Numbers 11:24-30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Offertory

† 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

John 3:22-36

²² After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. ²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized²⁴ (for John had not yet been put in prison).

²⁵ Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. ²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." ²⁷ John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' ²⁹ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease." ³¹ He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. ³² He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. ³³ Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. ³⁴ For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. ³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: "He Must Increase"

Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline

- 1.) Decrease
- 2.) Increase

† **Sermon Hymn:** #172 "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

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 “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.

† Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 “Gloria Patri”

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- **Richie Gunn's father** - Please pray for healing and wisdom for treatment of his heart issues.
- **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. Please pray for continued strength and healing.
- **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.
- **Bernard Hoogland**, pray for healing.
- **Bobbie Van Til** (sister-in-law of Ethan & Dirk) returned home from the hospital. Please continue to pray for her and her family.
- **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:

University Reformed Church, East Lansing MI –Sr. Pastor Jason Helopoulos, - Praise for our basement renovation project and the generosity of God's people. Pray for fall ministries and God's leading in a possible church plant in Mount Pleasant.

Rev. Walter Lorenz (Pastor at Large of GLP) Praise that Hudsonville (MI) RCA is now Hudsonville PCA in our GLP, and that Christ Church, in Blantyre, Malawi (Africa) is also officially a PCA church in our GLP! Pray for a smooth transition, spiritual growth, and outreach to their communities.

Great Lakes Presbytery: Please pray for those men who have recently begun laboring within the bounds of the GLP, that they might adjust well and see fruit in their ministries. Please also pray for the churches who are losing pastors, that the Lord will provide all they need as they look for faithful men to shepherd and serve them.

Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Austin Reed will preach on John 3:22-36

Weekly Volunteers Needed - As our Fall Ministry begins, we need additional volunteers to serve as Sunday School teachers and helpers, greeters; to open and close the building; to set up communion and cleanup; and to serve in the nursery. Please see the sign up sheets in the Narthex.

Thrive Medical Clinic (Formerly Pregnancy Care Center) will be doing the Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser starting September 11th and running through October 9th. The bottles will be in the back starting next week so please pick one up and see Beth Nussdorfer if you have any questions.

Sunday School for all ages will begin October 2nd.

Ladies Fall Bible Study– Come weekly to see how the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, is a beautiful, epic, cohesive story about our God... meant to transform us and invite us into the glorious redemption of all things! Tuesday evenings (6:30-8pm) or Friday mornings (8:30-10am) at the church. Books will be available at our kick-off and the first week (no prep needed before then). Come and bring a friend!

Monthly Potluck, September 25, after the service. Bring a substantial dish to pass.

Warm Hearts Foundation donation box with information is located by the church office, for school supplies being collected the month of September for an African children's school.

"An Evening with Westminster Seminary California" with President Joel E. Kim on Thursday, Oct 13, 2022 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the Sunnybrook Country Club, Grandville, MI. Come see and hear about the fruit of God's blessings at WSC. You will not be asked to make a donation and there is no charge for the dinner, but a reservation is necessary. Please call 888-480-8474, or email rkats@wscal.edu for reservations.

Bridal Shower for Carrie Berkompas -October 22nd 9:30-11:30am- Save the date, more details to come!

Financials

	<u>Aug.31, 2021</u>	<u>Aug. 31 2022</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Year to Date				
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$216,123	\$230,953	\$186,200	\$44,753
Total Expenses	\$169,765	\$210,751		



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This Week at Redeemer:

Women's Study-Tuesday, 6:30 pm
Paladino small group - Wednesday 6:00 pm
Weber small group- 6:00 pm
Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am
Prayer Meeting- Thursday at noon
Women's Study-Friday, 8:30 am

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: ____

2nd Time Guest: ____

Regular Attendee: ____

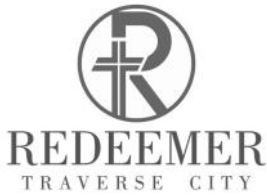
Member: ____

Community Groups and meeting information:

Paladino: 6 pm, Wednesday, September 21st

vonDrehle: 1st and 3rd Sunday after Church

Weber: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 6pm



The Session

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

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

Prayer Requests:

Share with congregation: ____

Private: ____

The Deacons

Rick Harkert
Darryl Johnson
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- Becoming a Christian
- Baptism
- Membership
- Serving on a Team
- Small Groups
- Other

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