

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**March 29, 2026 – 9:00am and 10:30am**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Theme: Here Comes the King!**

**As We Gather**

Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the back of a lowly donkey to the cries of, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” (*John 12*). He comes to the people in gentle humility, yet also as the King of Israel. His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service to the point of death, even death on a cross. God’s love is manifested in the cross and Passion of His Son for the salvation of sinners. Jesus willingly subjected Himself to all forms of mistreatment, yet in and through it all, He trusted in His Father who raised Him from death and the grave and exalted the Lord to His right hand. This same Jesus now comes to us in gentle humility by means of His holy Word, where He cleanses and covers us with His sacrificial blood. May the blessing of His presence in our worship today fill us with joy, strength, and peace as we follow His journey to the Cross and the empty tomb.

**Prayer Before Worship**

*The King comes. In this strange mixture of triumph and impending tragedy, on this Sunday of the Palms, we see from the vantage of the passing years not what the shouting crowds supposed nor what the active agents of the Passion quite intended. But we discern what heaven wrought: the King comes to shouts and singing and acclaim.*

We wish, dear Lord, just once to let our inhibitions go and offer You our homage with happy abandon. A palm branch, a coat, anything that we can lay our hands on to strew before You in Your path, to spread before Your feet, and ourselves to kneel down in devotion and adore You, this is our purpose. For You are King of all the people. In royal, beauty bright and in ugly, gory shame, You are the Sovereign who saves and leads His people. You are our Prince of peace. Your loyal followers walk in the train of one who conquers all our enemies and provides for all our needs. In Your Name we pray, Amen.

**Lenten Observance**

As part of our Lenten observance, we follow the old church custom of omitting the “Alleluias” from our worship, symbolizing our voluntary restraint of praise during the penitential season of Lent.

**Mystery Prelude**

Rick Helderop, Organist  
*In honor of my wife, Laura, on our First Wedding Anniversary!*  
*(Sponsored by Jake Hessen)*

**Opening Hymn 161**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;  
Thro’ pillared court and Temple, The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd;  
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of men and angels Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.
3. “Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

**Order of Service**

P: *In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

P: *Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,*  
C: **that the King of glory may come in.**

P: *Who is this King of glory?*

C: **The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

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P: *Who is he, this King of glory?*

C: **The Lord Almighty – he is the King of glory. (Psalm 24:7-10)**

**Children’s Message**

**Old Testament Reading**

Zechariah 9:9-10

*(The Coming of Zion’s King)*

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**Verse**

R: *Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced.*

C: **Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.**  
*(Isaiah 50:7)*

**Anthem**

Ride On, King Jesus – American Spiritual, arr. SeGraves  
Chancel Choir

Bonnie L. Brooks, *Vocal Solo*; Brian Buckmaster, *Timpani and Snare Drum*

**Gospel Announcement**

**Response:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 21:1-11,14-17; Mark 11:1-11;  
Luke 19:29-44; John 12:12-19

*(Christ’s Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem as The Messiah)*

<sup>1</sup>When they drew near to Jerusalem, and came to Bethsphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village that is opposite you, and immediately as you enter into it, you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them, and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and immediately he will send them.” <sup>6</sup>(And) the disciples went, and did just as Jesus commanded them, <sup>32</sup>and they found things just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the donkey and colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the donkey and colt?” <sup>34</sup>(And) they said, “The Lord needs it.” So they let them go. <sup>5</sup>All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying, “Don’t be afraid, tell the daughter of Zion, behold, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” <sup>12</sup>A great multitude had come to the feast. When they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>they took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet him, <sup>8</sup>(and) a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road. Others cut branches from the trees, and spread them on the road. <sup>37</sup>And then, as he was now getting near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples who went before him, and who followed began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works which they had seen, <sup>9</sup>the multitudes were shouting, “Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>41</sup>When he drew near, he saw the city and wept over it, <sup>42</sup>saying, “If you, even you, had known today the things which belong to your peace! But now, they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup>For the days will come on you, when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, surround you, hem you in on every side, <sup>44</sup>and will dash you and your children within you to the ground. They will not leave in you one stone on another, because you didn’t know the time of your visitation.” <sup>10</sup>When Jesus had come into Jerusalem, all the city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>The multitudes said, “This is the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.” <sup>14</sup>The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup>But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children who were crying in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the son of David!” they were indignant, <sup>39</sup>so, some of the Pharisees from the multitude said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” <sup>16</sup>“Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes. Did you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of babes and nursing babies you have perfected praise?’ <sup>41</sup>I tell you that if these were silent, the stones would cry out.” <sup>17</sup>He left them, and went out of the city to Bethany with the twelve, and lodged there. <sup>16</sup>His disciples didn’t understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about him, and that they had done these things to him. <sup>17</sup>The multitude therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, was testifying about it. <sup>18</sup>For this cause also the multitude went and met him, because they heard that he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, “See how you accomplish nothing. Behold, the world has gone after him.”

**Response:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

**Sermon Hymn 160**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1. All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David’s royal Son,  
Who in the Lord’s name comest, The King and Blessed One.
2. All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The company of angels Are praising Thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things Created make reply.
3. All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The people of the Hebrews With palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

**Sermon**

Text: Matthew 21:1-11,14-17; Mark 11:1-11;  
Luke 19:29-44; John 12:12-19

“Repeating a Theme”  
Rev. Randall J. Schlak

**Offertory**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**Gathering of Offerings**

At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today. There are two simple ways to do this:

1. Scan the QR code on the front page of the announcements and fill out the online attendance form.
2. Use the worship card found in your pew. You may drop it in the offering plate or simply leave it in your pew after you fill it out.

This is also an opportune time for personal prayer and meditation. For help, see the prayers beginning on page 102 of the pew hymnal and the Psalms beginning on page 123.

**Doxology Hymn 441**

We Give Thee But Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own, what-e’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.
2. May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first fruits give!

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Benediction and Response:** Amen, Amen, Amen!

**Closing Hymn 162**

Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty  
*(Favorite Hymn of Andrea Schlak)*

1. Ride on, ride on, in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on, ride on, in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin, O’er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on, ride on, in majesty! The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond’ring eyes To see th’ approaching Sacrifice.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, Organist



Sanctuary Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild in thanksgiving for the Redeemer Church Office Staff and their dedicated service. Sanctuary Lectern Flowers are placed in thankfulness for the blessing of my husband, Greg Merryman, and in celebration of his birthday. Chapel Altar Flowers are placed in celebration of Laura and Jacob Hessen's First Wedding Anniversary.

Altar Guild

Barb Grattan, Karen Rose, Sara Amos, Jennifer Dobring, Robin Swift, Erin Springer, Carole Citron, Polly Millichamp, Richelle Pedersen, Liz Pedersen, Sandy Springer, Crissy Bienkowski

Acolyte and Crossbearer

9:00am - Brady SeGraves and Meara SeGraves  
10:30am - Giuliana Chioini and Brady SeGraves

Audio and Video Operators

9:00am - Greg Merryman  
10:30am - David Hardoin and Greg Merryman

Greeters

9:00am - Andrea Schlak  
10:30am - Andrea Schlak, and The SeGraves Family

Readers

9:00am & 10:30am - Kaki Mammel

Ushers

9:00am - Mike Grattan, *Captain*; David Eberly, Bryan Grattan, Ron LaLone, Rick McDonald, Eric Rolf, Andrew Tafel  
10:30am - Bob Meyer, *Captain*; Brad Baldner, Ron Curcio, Matt Pedersen, Ben Sinko, Jim Staargaard, Ryan Teahan

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

**HOLY WEEK**

**PALM SUNDAY**  
*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*  
March 25: 8:00am - Chapel / 9:00am & 10:30am - Sanctuary  
March 26: 7:00pm - Chapel

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
*The Triumph of a Meal*  
April 2: 1:00pm - Chapel / 7:00pm - Sanctuary  
*Holy Communion at Both Services*

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
*The Triumph of Suffering*  
April 3: 1:00pm & 7:00pm - Sanctuary

**EASTER EVE**  
April 4: 5:00pm - Sanctuary

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
*The Triumphal Procession*  
April 5: 7:30am - Sanctuary (with Holy Communion)  
9:00am & 10:30am - Sanctuary



The King is Coming!

March 29, 2026  
9:00am / 10:30am

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer  
1800 West Maple  
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your community church

1800 West Maple Road Birmingham, Michigan 48009

Visit us at [www.redeemberirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberirmingham.org) for more detailed information.



SCAN FOR WEBSITE

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.  
(248) 644-4010 /office@redeemberirmingham.org



### MISSION:

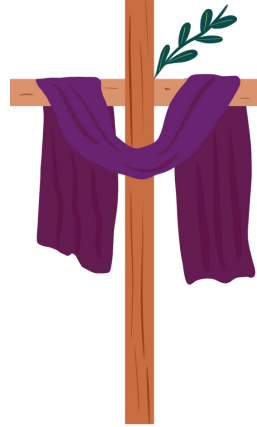
Bringing the love of Christ to a searching world.

**March 29, 2026**

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

### HOLY WEEK IS UPON US...

As you travel with Jesus through Holy Week, don't lose heart. He is your Palm Sunday King. He will always come to you and give you the best of what He has to offer because of His humble attitude and devotion to His mission. When you see this Savior who personally cares for you, you can't help but join the believers of old to give to the Lord your best and most precious treasures of your heart and life, and then to join with all believers saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"



*\*Please see inside for a complete Holy Week worship schedule and additional Easter happenings!\**

## PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSION TEAM!



Our Youth Mission Team left yesterday to serve for a week in Belize! They will be working in Trial Farm, Belize where they'll distribute food, make home visits, and put on a VBS for the kids! They'll also spend a day snorkeling on Island Caye Caulker! Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers while traveling and sharing the love of Jesus!

*Scan the QR Code if you'd like to follow along with the Mission Team, see pictures, and read more about what they're doing on a daily basis!*



## SPRING NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASSES!

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A NEW MEMBER OF REDEEMER... NOW YOU CAN! WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN THE REDEEMER FAMILY THROUGH OUR SPRING SESSION OF NEW MEMBER CLASSES!**

Classes start on **Sunday, April 19th** and will run for 4-weeks on Sundays from 9:00-10:00am. Once classes have completed, we will hold a yummy New Member Brunch on Sunday, May 17th! We hope you'll join us!

**Contact Laura Vowell with questions or for more information.**

*\*There is childcare available for ages 0-3 during class in the nursery. If you need care for older children, just let Laura know, and she'll arrange it!\**

## WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

No matter your past or present... Your current family or marital status... Your past or current religious affiliation...

Your personal history, age, background, or ethnicity... You are invited, accepted, and most welcomed here. May all who walk through our door know that God loves them. We are pleased to have you worship with us. We pray you will return and share

God's Word with us again. For information on membership, contact Laura Vowell at 248-644-4010 x121.

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

**8:00am** - The Chapel of Mary  
Communion - 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

**9:00/\*10:30am** - Sanctuary  
Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

\*10:30am livestreamed service  
Go to [www.redeemberirmingham.com](http://www.redeemberirmingham.com)  
and click on VIMEO/LIVESTREAM.

### MONDAY

**7:00pm** - The Chapel of Mary  
Communion - Monday that falls after  
2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday

## REDEEMER NURSERY

Infants and children under the age of 3 are always welcome in church, but if you choose, our nursery is available during 9:00 & 10:30am Sunday worship services. You are welcome to bring your infant/child to the nursery at any time during the service.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Scan the QR code & fill out the online attendance form.



# A CLOSER LOOK AT WORSHIP

## ATTENTION PLEASE!

Out of respect, please do not bring food or drinks into the Sanctuary or Chapel (i.e. coffee, water bottles, etc.). Also, please turn cell phones off or to silent during worship. Thank you for your cooperation.

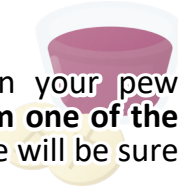
*Redeemer Board of Elders and Pastors*



**What is a Mystery Prelude?  
Scan the QR code to sign-up!**



## COMMUNION



If you wish to receive communion in your pew during the church service, **kindly inform one of the ushers before the service starts**, and we will be sure to accommodate your request.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Tiffany Florist provides beautiful flowers to the church each week for worship, sponsored by our congregation members. Rates are as follows:

**Sanctuary: \$75 - Chapel: \$55 - Lectern: \$35**

You can find the sign-up charts on the Town Square bulletin board or sign-up online under the "WAYS TO SERVE" box on the church website.

*\*NOTE: Sanctuary and Lectern flowers can be taken home after 10:30am worship on Sunday, and Chapel flowers after Monday night worship. Arrangements that are not claimed by Wednesday of each week will be donated to a local nursing home.*

## SERVE DURING WORSHIP

Scan the QR code to visit Redeemer's website. Click on "WAYS TO SERVE" to explore volunteering opportunities at church! You can also find sign-up details on the Town Square bulletin board.

- Be a Reader!
- Be a Greeter!
- Host a Coffee Hour!
- Be an Acolyte or Cross Bearer!
- Sponsor Altar Flowers!
- Family Ushering



## HOST A COFFEE HOUR

Grab your family or friends and HOST a coffee hour in memory of your favorite loved one, or just HOST for FUN!

*We have clear instructions and someone who can help you through the process!*

Sign-up on the *Coffee Hour Sign-Up* under the *Ways to Serve* option on the church website or on the Town Square Bulletin board.



**Our Sanctuary has a Hearing Loop to assist those with hearing loss. Users should set their hearing aids to T-coil.**

*Please see an usher if you have questions or for additional information.*

## DONATION INFORMATION



If you would like to donate, you can scan this QR Code using your phone's camera, or you can use one of the offering envelopes found in the pew. If you choose to give online, we have cards in the pew for you to place in the offering basket indicating you have donated online.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

## CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

CEF is a long-trusted ministry partner of churches and schools in the Michigan District since 1901 where individuals and congregations can invest their money.



**Why Should I Invest at Church Extension Fund?**

When an individual or congregation invests at CEF, they help to build churches and schools across Michigan. The invested money is used to make construction or renovation loans to churches, like the CEF loan Redeemer has, which made Sacred Space 2 possible. The interest paid on those loans helps pay the interest on your investments. Your investment at CEF will build a church, school, or other ministry. Your investment at CEF runs into eternity! It's a win-win for everyone!

**For more information call Curtis Burstein, our Redeemer Representative, at 248-320-5100.**

*Updated Interest Rate sheets for March are available around the building.*

## ITTY BITTY BUDDY BAGS!

Welcome to Redeemer, LITTLE ONES! Learn about Jesus while you sit in church with Mommy and Daddy with your very own Itty-Bitty Buddy Bag for tiny tots! Packed with snuggly toys, books, and fun stuff, you can join in, watch, and play during the service! **Don't forget to return the bags to Nicole Olds' office after the fun.** And if you're in the mood for some playtime, we've got a nursery waiting for you with tons of toys!

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

## FEED THE HOMELESS!

Redeemer partners with **Family of God (FOG)**, a **Lutheran Church in southwest Detroit**, that provides meals to those in need 6 days a week! **YOU** can help provide these meals in MANY different ways:

- make bagged lunches,
- prepare frozen meals,
- deliver/serve a meal,
- and shop for items.



**You can also donate funds to be used to purchase supplies for the meals with the FOG Sponsorship.**

Sign-up to help on the church website under the "Ways to Serve" box or on the Town Square bulletin board.

**NOTE: If you are signing up on our website, there is a separate sign up to help sponsor a meal (\$100) than there is to plan, shop, cook or, serve the meal.**

## FAMILY OF GOD



Redeemer cooks and serves at Family of God Soup Kitchen - join us in helping others!

**\*Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to cook and serve!\***

## COUNSELING

Redeemer offers Christian Counseling services here at Redeemer.

Call Dr. Sandy for more information.  
**Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D. - 248-568-6040**

**NEW UPDATE**

## PATHWAYS: GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP



Pathways Grief and Loss Support Group is back! **We are changing the date of our monthly meeting for April, so please be sure to update your calendars!** Join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, April 7th at 1:00pm in the Town Square**. Come join us to learn skills and acquire loving comfort and support while adjusting to your life change and the new journey God has set before you. Bring a friend, all are welcome! Any questions, feel free to call Dr. Sandy Pourcho (248-568-6040), Redeemer's Resident Counselor.

**Camp Restore**  
Restoring Faith, Home and Community

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**JOIN CAMP RESTORE DETROIT ON THE THIRD (3RD) SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR A SERVICE DAY!**

People of all ages are welcome - individuals, families, and groups - come alone or gather your loved ones!

Some things to know before you come...

- Volunteers will serve from 9:30am-3:00pm.
- Bring a sack lunch and a refillable water bottle.
- Dress for the work and the weather - some projects may be outside.

**For more information or questions, contact Tanya Karn at [tanya@camprestore.org](mailto:tanya@camprestore.org) or 313-636-4422 ext.1.**



## GLEN EDEN MEMORIAL PARK Redeemer Columbarium

If you would like more information on Redeemer's Columbarium, you will find brochures located around the building. You can also call Glen Eden directly at 248.477.4460.



## FAMILY OF GOD TOILETRY DRIVE!

Redeemer is collecting toiletries to restock Family Of God's toiletry closet! Needed items include toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, feminine hygiene products, razors, and soap. Check out the information in the Town Square for the full list and a QR code for our Amazon list - purchase directly from the list and the items will be delivered right to Redeemer!

**If dropping off donations, please place them on the designated table in the Town Square. Donations are due by Sunday, April 12th!**  
**Questions? Contact Vance Johnson ([vancepj@comcast.net](mailto:vancepj@comcast.net)), Colin Dobbs ([27dobbsc@brrice.edu](mailto:27dobbsc@brrice.edu)), or Laura Vowell.**



## JOIN US FOR PRAYER!

**OUR FIRST MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH. AFTER THAT, WE WILL MEET ON THE 1ST AND 3RD FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH FROM 12:00-1:00PM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY OR VIA ZOOM.**

**\*NOTE: There will be no meeting on Good Friday, April 3rd - we will meet again on Friday, April 17th!\***

Whether you are new to prayer or have prayed for many years, gathering together allows us to support one another, grow spiritually, and experience God's presence more deeply. Prayer is a vital part of our relationship with God, bringing us peace in anxious times and strengthening our faith. Scripture reminds us that God works powerfully through prayer and invites us to bring everything to Him with confidence and trust (Hebrews 4:16; Philippians 4:6; James 5:16).

**If you would like to join the prayer group, there is a sign-up sheet located on the Town Square bulletin board. Need more information or have additional questions?**

**Please contact Cheryl Carr ([cherylcarr1222@yahoo.com](mailto:cherylcarr1222@yahoo.com)) or Sue Helderop ([sue.helderop@gmail.com](mailto:sue.helderop@gmail.com)).**

# CURRENT BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

## SUNDAYS

**Spring New Member Class** - Laura Vowell  
9:00-10:00am - Great Room - *\*Starting April 19th!\**

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study** - Kyle Chuhran  
10:00am (after 9:00am worship) - Scheidt Room 2  
Book of Hebrews

**Children's Sunday School** - Nicole Olds  
During 10:30am Worship - Lower-Level Classrooms

**Redeemer Youth Group (RYG - High School)**  
Gia Scheidt and Eric Wisniewski  
7:00-9:00pm - Youth Room

## MONDAYS

**Moms in the Word** - Crissy Bienkowski  
9:15-10:45am - Library

## TUESDAYS

**Adult Bible Study** - Pastor Jimmy  
9:30am - Great Room (*\*Zoom Available\**)  
Apocrypha

**Women's Bible Study** - Kitty Sweitzer  
6:30pm - Great Room (*\*4th Tuesday starts at 6:00pm\**)

## WEDNESDAYS

**Men's Bible Study** - Gary Priskorn  
All-Year - 6:45-7:30am - Great Room (*\*Zoom Available\**)  
Book of Genesis

**Positive Parenting (*\*Childcare Available\**)** - Victoria Ilitch  
9:15-10:45am - Great Room

**Confirmation Classes (6th, 7th, 8th Grade)** - Laura Vowell  
6:00-8:00pm - Various Rooms

**Young Adults** - Ryan Teahan  
6:30-8:00pm - First Wednesday of Every Month

**RYG Core Group (High School)**  
Gia Scheidt and Eric Wisniewski  
7:00-9:00pm - Youth Room

**The Patriarchs**  
Brandon Movitz (248-421-9226)  
8:00-9:00pm - First/Third Wednesday - Great Room

## THURSDAYS

**Community Bible Study** - Andrea Schlak  
9:30-11:00am - Great Room - *\*Currently on break!\**

## SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES!

In-home gatherings are people committed to growing together spiritually, caring for and ministering to one another, reaching others with the love of Jesus and, ultimately, sharing life victories and challenges. **Talk to Pastor Randy if you are interested in joining or starting a Small Group!**

young  
adults

BIBLE STUDY: First Wednesday of Every Month

MONTHLY SOCIALS AND OUTINGS

CHURCH LUNCHESES: Once a Month after Church

CONTACT RYAN TEAHAN (248-977-8015) TO  
LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED!

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Men of all ages are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings from 6:45-7:30am in the Great Room or via Zoom. As we kick off another year together, we will continue to study the book of Genesis. In addition to our study and great fellowship among the guys, we enjoy some delicious goodies, juice, and coffee. Contact **Gary Priskorn** with any questions or for Zoom information. We hope you'll join us!



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study is back this week! Please join us on **Tuesday, March 31st** when we'll continue our series presented by Kristi McClelland and her topic "Jesus and Woman" during which we are learning so many historical and biblical details...just when you think you know! **Join us for prayer, laughter, learning, and fellowship - we'll see you in the Great Room at 6:30pm!**

*\*NOTE: We will not meet on April 7th or April 28th - please be sure to update your calendars!\**

## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**Come out for Pastor Jimmy's weekly Bible Study!** Join us on **Tuesday morning, March 31st at 9:30am in the Great Room.** We will continue to study the Apocrypha - hope to see you there!

## MOMS IN THE WORD STUDY

It's been wonderful coming together each week to study 2 Samuel where we've been diving into the life and kingship of David, and we'd love for you to join us! **We meet Monday mornings at 9:30am in the Library - join us tomorrow - March 30th!**

*\*We will not meet on Monday, April 6th!\**

NEW  
UPDATE

## COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Thank you to everyone who attended Community Bible Study this winter! We had a great turnout and learned about some wonderful topics.

**Save the date for a special Thursday morning Community Bible Study on April 16th from 9:30-11:00am in the Great Room!**

By popular demand, we are welcoming back Rabbi Jerry to discuss the temple in the Old and New Testaments. Everyone is welcome to attend - we hope you'll join us! Questions? Please contact **Andrea Schlak** (schlakandrea@gmail.com).

*If you'd like to take a journey and read the Bible, see the Lamp or the weekly announcements for a Bible reading plan. For more information on a particular study, contact the Church Office!*

**NEW  
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# CURRENT BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

## THE PATRIARCHS

We are a group of husbands, fathers of school-aged children, and soon-to-be dads with a goal of growing in our faith, building a strong community of Christian men, and discussing how we can better lead our families in faith with strength and humility.

**The Patriarchs now offer two groups, providing an opportunity to meet each week:**

- **Patriarchs Life Group:** Focused on applying faith in everyday life and building community with other Christian husbands and fathers of young children.  
*(UPCOMING DATES: APRIL 1, 15, 29)*
- **Patriarchs Study Group:** An opportunity to grow in faith through Scripture and Christian books, learning and deepening understanding together.  
*(UPCOMING DATES: APRIL 8, 22; MAY 6)*

***Come when you can, drop-ins welcome!***

Questions? Contact **Brandon Movitz** (248-421-9226).

## EASTER SUNDAY HAPPENINGS

### EASTER EVE SERVICE!

We invite you to join us for our Easter Saturday worship service in the **Sanctuary on April 4th at 5:00pm.** During the closing hymn, worshipers will receive a lit candle and process outside to the Columbarium to announce the Resurrection to those remains that await the resurrection on that Great and Glorious Day!



### HALLULAJAH CHORUS!

During the **9:00am and 10:30am** worship services on Easter Sunday, we invite you to join the Chancel Choir in singing the 'Hallelujah Chorus' from Handel's Messiah! You will be provided with a copy of the music during the service - no need to sign-up in advance!



### EASTER EGG HUNT!

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt next Sunday on the Front Lawn **after 10:30am worship!** And kiddos - remember to bring your Easter Baskets from home! Contact **Nicole Olds** with any questions!



## POSITIVE PARENTING!

Join us for Positive Parenting, Redeemer's weekly exploration of parenting ideas and strategies. Throughout the school year, we meet to further our spiritual growth, expand our understanding of parenting philosophies, and find strength in the community of other women. Childcare is provided for children ages 0-4 in the nursery. Every class session stands alone, so feel free to join us as you can!

**We will not be meeting for the next two weeks (April 1st and 8th) - enjoy Spring Break!**

**We look forward to being back together at our next meeting on Wednesday, April 15th!**

Please contact **Victoria Ilitch** with any questions or for more information. We hope you'll join us - see you there!



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

# HOLY WEEK

**PALM SUNDAY**  
*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*  
March 25: 8:00am - Chapel / 9:00am & 10:30am - Sanctuary  
March 26: 7:00pm - Chapel

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
*The Triumph of a Meal*  
April 2: 1:00pm - Chapel / 7:00pm - Sanctuary  
*Holy Communion at Both Services*

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
*The Triumph of Suffering*  
April 3: 1:00pm & 7:00pm - Sanctuary

**EASTER EVE**  
April 4: 5:00pm - Sanctuary

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
*The Triumphal Procession*  
April 5: 7:30am - Sanctuary (with Holy Communion)  
9:00am & 10:30am - Sanctuary

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

### 30 MON

9:15a Moms in the Word Bible Study  
7p Worship  
7:30p Al Anon  
7:30p Love of Life

### 31 TUES

9:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
6:30p Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study  
6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball

### 1 WED

6:45a Men's Bible Study  
6:30p Young Adult's Bible Study  
8p The Patriarch Life Group

### 2 THURS

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
6:30a BNI Networking Group  
1p Maundy Thursday Worship  
7p Maundy Thursday Worship  
7:45p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### 3 FRI

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
1p Good Friday Worship  
7p Good Friday Worship

### 4 SAT

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
5p Easter Eve Service

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## CHICKS WITH STICKS



What a joy it is to join with one another in fun and fellowship, and to work on various projects to help support our surrounding community, and we'd love for you to join us! **Chicks with Sticks will not meet on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, but we hope you'll join us at our next meeting - Thursday, April 19th - we'll see you in the Library at 1:00pm!**

## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Women's Book Group is reading **"Balzac and The Little Chinese Seamstress"** by Dai Sijie...

While it was known that life was difficult in China and all the more so under Mao Zedong, not until recently was it known to what extent; how things seemed almost pointless in so many ways. The Revolution took on meaning for Mao in such a way as to try to purge the country of anything 'Western.' It is difficult after reading this book to imagine a world where all literature is banished, all stories are silenced, and freedom to pursue the arts and creative license is denied. Author Dai Sijie blends humor, romance, and beauty together to create a book that is unforgettable and impossible to put down. It is lamentable how short-sighted and misguided China's "Cultural Revolution" was, and it is amazing that Sijie could spin this touching a tale from that hard and unforgiving period. **"Balzac and The Little Chinese Seamstress"** is a must read, if only to remind ourselves that the freedom to choose is a very precious thing. **"The Red Scarf Girl"** will also be used as a point of discussion, so reread or bring your copy and share in the discussion. We'll see you in the Town Square on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:30pm - refreshments served!

## GUEST SPEAKER FOR APRIL'S BOOK GROUP!

Guest Speaker Justin Sweitzer, son of Walt and Kitty, is returning to share his love of literature and learning with our Women's Book Group. Justin, who is a humanities teacher in a private school in California, will review and discuss **"Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress"** and **"The Red Scarf Girl"** outlining details of the Chinese Cultural Revolution. Please join us for refreshments and a deeper look at the little understood and catastrophic decade in modern Chinese History with repercussions for today's Christians living and worshiping in China.



## REDEEMER SUMMER KAMP

Redeemer Summer Kamp is a week-long sleepaway camp for kids entering 3rd-9th grade. Please visit our website to read more about our Kamp mission, camp facilities, and staff.

**Registration is now open to Redeemer members and returning Kamp families ONLY!**  
APRIL 1, 2025: Registration is open to everyone!

**Kampers will ARRIVE on SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND and LEAVE Kamp on SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH!**

If you have any questions about Kamp, please review our Registration Page and Kamp FAQs on the Church Website.

**If you still have questions, please send us an email (redeemerkamp@gmail.com).**



## REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP

**NO SUNDAY NIGHT RYG!**

**RYG is not meeting tonight or next week - Wednesday Core Group is also cancelled this week. Enjoy spring break, and Happy Easter!**

**Core Group will resume on Wednesday, April 8th - see you then!**

## APRIL SCHEDULE

- April 5th: **\*No Meeting - Happy Easter!\***
- April 12th: Youth Group, 7:00-9:00pm
- April 13th: Serve at Family of God, 5:00-8:00pm (Meet in the Kitchen)
- April 19th: Youth Group, 7:00-9:00pm
- April 26th: Usher at 10:30am Service
- April 26th: Youth Group, 7:00-9:00pm

**Wednesday Core Group - 6:00-8:00pm**

**The high school mission team is in Belize! Please keep us in your prayers while traveling and spreading the love of Jesus!**



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**ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES**



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### REGISTER FOR SCAMPER CAMP!

#### REGISTER TODAY FOR SCAMPER CAMP!

Kids ages 2 (by January 1st) thru 1st grade are welcome to sign-up for our summer program. Camps run Tuesday-Thursday for 7-weeks during the summer. We have a blast during our camp with playtime inside and out, a craft, story time, and we eat lunch together.

Questions? Contact Nicole Olds.  
(nolds@redeemberirmingham.org).



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026!

The excitement is building! The core committee for VBS started has began the rewarding process of planning this year's VBS program, running **June 15-19**, and we are excited to announce our theme: **Rainforest Falls – Exploring the Nature of God!**

### ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR VBS!

Registration is now open for all kids attending VBS or anyone looking to volunteer their time and talents! Use the QR Code or visit the church website to sign-up today - we can't wait to go on this adventure with you!



Blessings from the 2026 VBS  
Team: Megan Rettray,  
Crissy Bienkowski,  
Emily Imhoff, and Nicole Olds



### VOLUNTEER AT VBS!

Who doesn't LOVE VBS?! We are looking for people of all ages to help with this incredible week of fun. We will need teachers, classroom helpers, craft leaders, kitchen sous-chefs, and more! Please consider volunteering!

Questions? Contact Nicole Olds.

### CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Calling all bakers or anyone who loves to feed people! Calling all bakers or anyone who loves to feed people! VBS provides a snack for the children attending... But the teens and adults that volunteer their time love a little something, too! Please consider providing a snack (bagels, baked goods, chips/pretzels, fruit/veggies, etc.) for our hard workers. Thanks for all your help!

Questions? Contact Nicole Olds.

### SOCIAL MINISTRY

Spring is right around the corner, and Redeemer has a variety of activities and events in the works! Save these dates on your calendars, and stay tuned for more information coming soon!

- Friday, May 8th: On the Road with Pastor Jimmy - Vision Dinner with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (Offsite)
- Friday, May 15th: Square Dance - (Redeemer)
- Tuesday, May 19th: Bocce Ball Tournament - (Offsite)
- Wednesday, August 19th: Men's Golf and BBQ - (Lincoln Hills and Beverly Park Pavilion)

### UPDATED TRAVEL ANNOUNCEMENTS!

**40 GUESTS HAVE REGISTERED TO TRAVEL WITH US TO BEAUTIFUL LANCASTER & GETTYSBURG PENNSYLVANIA ON AUGUST 11-14, 2026!**

This summer's tour will take us to the Landis Valley in Lancaster, PA, and we'll also visit the historic Gettysburg National Park with a guided battlefield tour. The trip will also be highlighted with the magnificent premier production of "JOSHUA" at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre.



There we will experience one of the Bible's most incredible stories live on stage! The story of "JOSHUA" will come alive with spectacular special effects and captivating music. Chosen by God, Joshua is called to face the mighty fortress and armies of Jericho! But those walls are wide and impenetrable. Despite the odds, Joshua had a "fortress of faith!" Joshua's obedience and his unwavering trust in God allowed him and His chosen people to prevail. Families, friends, and young and "young at heart" are welcome!

Additionally, as America celebrates its 250th Birthday, this tour will grant us the opportunity to reflect upon the blessed freedoms that we enjoy in our country that came with a heavy cost. There certainly will be moments of thanks and gratitude for all of God's grace and blessings upon this nation and her people.

**AS MENTIONED, THIS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY HAS LIMITED AVAILABILITY AND IS ALMOST SOLD OUT! IF INTERESTED IN JOINING, CONTACT LESLIE WHITFIELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

Details are posted on the Town Square bulletin board with sign-up sheet, and informational posters can be found around Redeemer. Itineraries are located at both the Chapel and West Entrances.

**The bus has limited capacity (45) - registration and deposit are required to hold your spot!**  
Contact Leslie Whitfield (248-330-8685) with questions or for more information

**ROAD TRIP!**



## PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those grieving the loss of loved ones.

### For those with health concerns:

- Terry Roberts
- Robert Petrillo
- Kathy Lagoe
- Barbara, mother/mother-in-law of the Bilkie Family
- Marilyn Staargaard
- Lucas
- Bill, friend of Jill Bergstrom
- Pat Nehls
- Bill Vanderhoef
- Ron Ging
- Barb Morrell
- Paula and Jim Douglas
- Tina
- Jeannette and Jessica Zaza
- Jeanne Hollis

### For those in hospice care:

- Bokran Yoon, mother-in-law of Rudy Becker
- Jackie
- Lois
- Sharon McCaffrey

### Special petitions:

- For all those who are serving in the military, police, and firefighters.
- For President Trump and all world leaders, to be receptive to Godly counsel.
- For all those suffering from health concerns and for their caregivers devoting themselves to helping everyone who is sick.

### Prayers of thanksgiving:

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

*Anyone in need of long-term prayers (more than 3 weeks) will be included in our daily prayer chain email distribution and rotated on our Sunday prayer list once a month.*

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

April 8  
May 13

### BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

May 27



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## THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS FROM "READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR"

### March 29

Deuteronomy  
11:1-12:32  
Luke 8:22-39  
Psalm 70:1-5  
Proverbs 12:4

### March 30

Deuteronomy  
13:1-15:23  
Luke 8:40-9:6  
Psalm 71:1-24  
Proverbs 12:5-7

### March 31

Deuteronomy  
16:1-17:20  
Luke 9:7-27  
Psalm 72:1-20  
Proverbs 12:8-9

### April 1

Deuteronomy  
18:1-20:20  
Luke 9:28-50  
Psalm 73:1-28  
Proverbs 12:10

### April 2

Deuteronomy  
21:1-22:30  
Luke 9:51-10:12  
Psalm 74:1-23  
Proverbs 12:11

### April 3

Deuteronomy  
23:1-25:19  
Luke 10:13-37  
Psalm 75:1-10  
Proverbs 12:12-14

### April 4

Deuteronomy  
26:1-27:26  
Luke 10:38-11:13  
Psalm 76:1-12  
Proverbs 12:15-17

