



October 4, 2020
9:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 4, 2020 – 9:00/10:00 a.m.
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Theme: Love

As We Gather

“And if I donate all my good to feed the poor, and if I give my body in order to boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.” (1 Cor. 13:3) The most important thing we are called to do is love one another. Easier said than done. When Jesus spoke to the disciples regarding the first and second greatest commands, He explained that “All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.” (Matt. 22:40)

Prayer Before Worship

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me show love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen. (Prayer of Saint Francis)

If you share our beliefs regarding the Lord’s Supper, we welcome you to our altar. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer or de-alcoholized wine, please let the Pastor or Elder know when you are at the table. Non-communing children and adults may receive a blessing from the Pastor, indicated by folding your arms across your chest as a sign you are not communing.

Prelude

Rick Helderop, piano

Opening Hymn 657

Beautiful Savior

1. Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels in the sky.

Order of Service for Holy Communion

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

C:Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

P&C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

(Love God)

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:8-10

(Love Fulfills the Law)

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**Anthem**

Like a River in My Soul – Osiek

Chancel Choir Quartet

(Bonnie L. Brooks, Alison Ristovski, Max Trombley, Steve SeGraves)

Gospel Announcement**Response:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 22:34-40

(The Greatest Commandment)

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' "

This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of Your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

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Sermon

Text: Matthew 23:34-40

“Love, Love, Love”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Prayer of the Church

O holy and righteous Lord, whose judgements are always right and just, we come before You, trusting that You will hear us. Accept our praise and thanks for Your kindness and undeserved love. For the light of another day and the protection of the past night, we give You thanks. For making it possible for those who delight in Your law and Gospel to assemble before You, we are thankful. By your Holy Spirit enable us to love You more fully by loving others. Help us to love You as You have loved us. May we be fruitful trees planted by the streams of Your word. Help us to meditate in Your Word day and night. Give us joy in serving You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. Bless all those who call on you, and today we remember: (petitions spoken by the pastor)

Communion Liturgy

The Lord's Prayer

P: 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;

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution (spoken by the Pastor)

The Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen.

The Agnus Dei

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

- ✠ The wafers are in plastic bags with 1 to 3 wafers in each bag.
- ✠ The wine is in individual plastic containers with lids.
- ✠ Each family unit will be invited forward by an usher to receive the elements after they are blessed.
- ✠ We will have two tables to serve two groups at a time.
- ✠ Pastor or Elder (masked) will bring the appropriate count of the elements to the table. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer or de-alcoholized wine, please let the Pastor or Elder know when you are at the table. You will then proceed to serve yourself the Body and Blood of Christ.
- ✠ Once done, you will take plastic bags and the containers with lids and place them in the receptacle that will be near the tables and you will go back to your seats.
- ✠ We will do this in a most reverent manner. I know it will seem strange to celebrate the Eucharist in such a different way than we are accustomed, but our goal is to be as safe as we can and not put anyone's health in jeopardy.
- ✠ If you do not feel comfortable receiving communion then please do not come forward. We want our worship environment to feel safe for all.

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again
(Favorite hymn of Al Hansen)

1. God be with you 'till we meet again, by His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you: God be with you 'till we meet again.

Refrain:

'Till we meet, 'till we meet, 'till we meet at Jesus' feet;

'Till we meet, 'till we meet, God be with you 'till we meet again.

2. God be with you 'till we meet again, 'neath His wings securely hide you,
Daily manna still provide you: God be with you 'till we meet again. Refrain

3. God be with you 'till we meet again, when life's perils thick confound you,
Put His loving arms around you: God be with you 'till we meet again.

Refrain

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, piano



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed in celebration of Bonnie L. Brooks' birthday. Chapel altar flowers were placed by Tom and Kathy Eley in celebration of 55 years of marriage.

Family of God Soup Kitchen sponsors for this month are the Raezler family; Jim & Cindy Grove in thanksgiving for our growing family and the importance of togetherness; and Tom & Kathy Eley in thanksgiving for God's blessings. Family of God Soup Kitchen - Positive Parenting sponsors for this month are Aimee and Eric Stein in celebration and gratitude for our wonderful families; the Staargaard family; and an anonymous donation.

Audio/Video Operators

9:00 - Brian Fish & David Hardoin

10:00 - Tim Holmes

Acolyte

10:00 - London Baker

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Announcements for the week of October 4, 2020

Visit us at: www.redeemberirmingham.org for more detailed information

Welcome to Redeemer! 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.

Mission: Bringing the love of Christ to a searching world.

Worship Schedule

Sunday

8am - Chapel

Communion 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

9:00am - Sanctuary

**livestreamed service*

10:00am - Gym

Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

Monday

7:00pm - Sanctuary

Communion after

2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday

**The front office is back open with shortened hours!
Monday-Friday, 9:00-2:00pm.**

Verse of the month

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:1-3

Live Worship Service Update!!!

(Please read our Good Practices and Procedures on the website prior to attending and follow ALL safe social distancing protocols when attending services.)

Worship services will be conducted inside in a variety of locations to allow for safe distancing:

8am - Worship in the Chapel (limited to 8 rows)

9am - Worship in the Sanctuary (limited to 24 rows, 1 family unit per row)

**Speakers will be placed outside the Sanctuary doors so people can listen from outside for as long as the weather permits.*

10am - Worship in the Gym (limited to 60 persons)

7pm (Monday) - Worship in the Sanctuary (limited to 24 rows, 1 family unit per row)

***The 9:00 service will be livestreamed for anyone still more comfortable worshipping from home.*

Communion WILL BE offered the 1st and 3rd Sunday at the 9:00am and 10:00am Sunday services and on/after the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday at the 8:00am Sunday service and 7:00pm Monday night service.

There are sign-up genius forms found on the website, as well as the option to call the office at 248-644-4010 to reserve your spot for worship.)

WEEKLY WORSHIP UPDATES

We will be sending out an email with information every Monday to keep you informed about any changes in worship at Redeemer. **This email will also include the link to our worship page where you can find each week's worship signup.** We are going to provide the worship signup one week at a

time as things have been changing often. View our worship page anytime on the website by visiting <https://www.lcr.church/services/>. ***If you aren't receiving these email updates please send us your email by emailing office@redeemberirmingham.org or calling the office at 248-644-4010 as this is our main form of communication right now. Thank you!***

THANK YOU!

We would like to give a great big thank you to our Accountant, Lisa Macks, who has decided to retire from Redeemer. She was an amazing asset to Redeemer and will truly be missed. We are already in search of a new accountant in the front office. If you know of anyone outside of Redeemer who might be a great fit, please let Pastor Randy know. Good Luck to you Lisa!

MOM'S DAY OUT REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Mom's Day Out registration has begun for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact Nicole Olds at nolds@redeemberirmingham.org or 248-644-4010 ext. 124.

COUNSELING

Redeemer Counseling Center is open and our three counselors are available to address your counseling needs! Call to set up an appointment soon!

Sandy Pourcho, PHD 248-568-6040

Anna Lewis, LMSW 248-224-0383

Travis Knight, PSYD 248-677-1090

Worship With Us! What in the past was called "Wednesday Lunch & Worship" we're now calling "Wednesday Worship" since we will not be doing the "lunch" portion of it for the foreseeable future! We will, however, continue to offer spiritual nourishment through this special worship service, which includes Holy Communion, **on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.** Men and women of all ages are encouraged to join us on **Wednesday, October 21st at 1:00 p.m.** for this additional opportunity

for worship and Holy Communion. Any questions can be directed to Pastor Walworth or Gary Priskorn.

Strong Interest Inventory!

Dr. Sandy Pourcho has set up an opportunity for Redeemer's youth to take a career assessment, the Strong Interest Inventory. If your child is in middle school or high school, then he/she can take this online assessment for only \$18.00! After the test is taken, you will receive a detailed report of your child's interests and strengths that can help with decisions about the future – like educational paths and career choices. The report even shows job openings that match the results! PLUS – Dr. Pourcho will even give some of her time and sit down with you to go over the results, free of charge! If you are interested, or to learn more, please contact Laura (laura@redeemberirmingham.org).

WAYS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

FAMILY OF GOD

Looking for a great way to help others in need? Please consider sponsoring a meal for the Family of God soup kitchen. We need **SIX families** each month to donate \$100 towards items needed to make warm meals for the people of Detroit. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office, or contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) and she will help you get signed up.

SERVE AT FOG

We are in need of some volunteers to drive our Family of God meals down to Detroit in the coming months! Grab some friends or your family for this awesome way to serve locally! The meal will already be prepared and packed, so you'll just need to drive it down and serve it! If you don't feel comfortable staying to serve due to the current health concerns, you can simply just drop it off! **We still need volunteers for Wednesday 12/2.** This is also a GREAT way to get kids involved with serving others! Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) if you can help!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Come and support our community during our volunteer work days! **Volunteers are needed on October 24 from 9am to 4pm.** We have plenty of projects to work on including: painting, building, cleanup, demolition, & more! We will be practicing social distancing. If you are able to come, please bring a packed lunch, work gloves, and a mask. Please let us know if you will be coming so we can plan accordingly. Contact amy@camprestore.org or elizabeth@camprestore.org

MEAL TRAIN!

Congratulations to Pastor Walworth, Kelsey, and family on the arrival of their new baby girl! Erin Springer has organized a meal train for the family. Anyone with general questions about the meal sign-up can contact Erin at 248-770-2999 or email her at springer.Erin@gmail.com. The link to the signup genius is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094DAFAA2FAB9-meals>

To all Redeemer Family, Friends and Extended Family! This March virtually everything on our calendars was cancelled including this year's production of "The Passion Play" in Oberammergau, Germany. This was very disappointing, since the play only occurs during the summer months every ten years. We have rebounded from the disappointing cancellation to announce that the new dates for the next performances have been selected. And you don't have to wait 10 more years to go! **We are now rescheduled for our trip to Germany and Austria. The new dates are July 29 - August 8, 2022.** So, if you had been contemplating the trip and decided not to attend, you have a second chance to join us on this trip of a lifetime! New itineraries are located in the church main office. Please take one, review it and call Leslie Whitfield if you have any questions. It would be wonderful to have you join us

and experience this historical and extraordinary event first hand. Contact Leslie by phone, 248-330-8685 or email, whitfield.leslie55@gmail.com.

Portals of Prayer: There is a stack of the new Portals of Prayer for October-December placed around the building for anyone who would like to pick one up.

Pathways (Formerly Called Grief Support Group) : Join us for a get together luncheon on **Friday, October 16 in the great room at 1:00pm. *This is not just a group to support those who have lost a loved one, but includes loss of job, marriage, or any loss that causes pain.*** If you have suffered loss and would like to be loved on and have support, we would love to have you! Questions, call Dr. Pourcho at (248) 568-6040.

Please Help with Redeemer's Audio/Video Ministry

Over the last few months, many Redeemer members have come to depend on our Livestream broadcasts as a safe way to participate in Sunday services, weddings, and funerals. Our Livestream ministry is possible only with the help of volunteer operators. Would you be willing to join our group of volunteers for one service a month or so, so that we can continue this ministry? The task is easy, and we will train you in all you need to know. The only prerequisite is an ability to resist any temptation to mute the sermon. If you're interested in helping, please call or email Greg Merryman (248) 978-4251; gkmerryman@comcast.net).

Faith Works 2020! Birthday Bags!

I know we had to put this program on hold but we will be putting the bags together at the beginning of fall. If you took a balloon off the wall and have not had a chance to return your item there will be a collection box at the services. You can also drop it off at church outside Nicole's office. If you are unable to participate, please let Nicole know. If you would like to participate you can either donate money and our team will purchase items or you can contact Nicole at 248-644-4010 ext. 124 or nolds@redeemberirmingham.org and she will let you know what is still needed.

Trunk or Treat!

Families with kids of all ages are invited to our Halloween event - Trunk or Treat! The church parking lot will be filled with volunteers passing out candy outside their decorated cars! We'll have plenty of space outside to social distance! Join us in costume (adults too!) on Saturday, October 17th. There are TWO SHIFTS!!! One shift is from 4:30pm-5:30pm and the other shift is from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Bring a friend or two! Sign up via the church website or on the Town Square bulletin board to choose your shift! Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemerbirmingham.org) with questions or for more information.

Volunteers!!!

We need help from congregation members of all ages to make this event a SUCCESS! Please sign up via the church website or on the Town Square bulletin board if you would like to help out by decorating your car and handing out candy (provided by the church) for trick or treaters, set up/clean up, charity project, etc. Confirmation kids... you can get service hours for this! Do it as a family for family hours! Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemerbirmingham.org) with questions or for more information.

Redeemer Youth Group (RYG)

***High School Aged Youth**

Make sure to follow RYG on Instagram for event updates and photos! @redeemer_y00th

Core Group: Wednesdays 6-8pm

Come as early as 5 PM to work on homework or just hang out. As always, we will be serving pizza from Michigan's own Little Caesar's! For September, we will be starting a new series on friendship and community called Squad Up.

TODAY, Sunday, Oct. 4th: NO RYG due to Fall Retreat

Sunday, Oct. 11th: Game Night – 7pm

Monday, Oct. 12th: FOG – 4:45pm

LAMP UPDATE

Redeemer is looking to save a few trees...and a few dollars!! Moving forward, you will now receive the monthly newsletter (The LAMP) via email ONLY!!

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE EMAIL, OR PREFER A PAPER COPY, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 248-644-4010 AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO MAIL YOU A COPY EACH MONTH.

Copies of the monthly LAMP can also be found on the website under the "participate and grow" tab.

Calling all third graders!

3rd graders it's finally your turn to receive your very own Bible. We are still in the planning stages for our time together but mark **Sunday, October 18th** on your calendar. If you haven't gotten an email about it please contact Nicole Olds nolds@redeemberirmingham.org.

Bible Studies

“Virtual” and “in person” studies available

Community Bible Study - Contact Rev. Tyler Walworth

Thursdays, at 9:30am

Adult Bible Study - Contact Rev. Tyler Walworth

Tuesdays, at 9:30am

Women's Bible Study - Contact Miss Kitty

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

Men's Bible Study - Contact Gary Priskorn

Wednesdays, 6:45am - all year long

RYG / Core Group Bible Study – Contact Gia and Eric

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00pm

Sundays, 7:00-9:00pm

For more info on a particular study or how to attend, contact the names indicated.

Prayer and Praise List

For those facing health concerns:

- ✘ Nickie, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- ✘ Karen Tod, mother of Laura Couger
- ✘ Karen, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- ✘ Marilyn Staargaard
- ✘ William Couger
- ✘ Diane Oravec, friend of Myrna Orava
- ✘ Suzanne and Shelly Stock
- ✘ Cheryl Olds, Aaron Olds' mom
- ✘ Rudy Becker
- ✘ Alberta Schmidt, Karen Rose's mom
- ✘ Herb and Charlene, friends of Bonnie Ernewein
- ✘ Betty Owens
- ✘ Peni Colville, Pam Dundas' sister
- ✘ Jan Hogan
- ✘ Sharon Frey
- ✘ Chris Decker, friend of Pat Nehls
- ✘ Kurt Jung
- ✘ Bruce Landino, friend of Terry & Jean Roberts

For those in hospice care:

- ✦ Margot Gray
- ✦ Vi Strech

Special Petitions:

- ✠ For Dick Kiehle, Redeemer member who is homebound: pray for strength and encouragement.
- ✠ For all those suffering from the coronavirus and all healthcare workers devoting themselves to helping everyone who is sick.
- ✠ Prayers for God's guidance, peace, equality, understanding, compassion, and love.
- ✠ President Trump and all world leaders, that God surround them with wise counsel.

✝ All those who are serving in the military, police & fire-fighters

✝ For all caregivers of those facing health concerns.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For Carlo Spatafora and Laura Schulz who were united in marriage Friday, October 2nd. God grant them His Blessings.
- For Joseph Farina and Samantha Krawczak who were united in marriage Friday, October 2nd. God grant them His blessings.
- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

If you lose a loved one at this time, we are once again using the sanctuary for funeral & memorial services and limiting it to 100 people. Please contact the church office or the Pastors to make arrangements.

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