



June 28, 2020
8:00/9:00/10:00/11:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Theme: Jesus Receives Sinners

As We Gather

“This man receives sinners and eats with them” (Luke 15:2). The Pharisees’ statement of judgment against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18–20). “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11–32), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father’s house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you” (1 Peter 5:6). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

Prayer Before Worship

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

Rick Helderop, piano

Opening Hymn 377

Salvation Unto Us Has Come

1. Salvation unto us has come by God’s free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, they help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

2. What God did in His Law demand and none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand for man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires the spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.
3. The Law reveals the guilt of sin and makes men conscience-stricken;
The Gospel then doth enter in the sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; the Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.

Order of Service

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

C: Amen.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C: A broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 7:18-20

(Prayer and Praise)

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. You will be faithful to Jacob, and show love to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our ancestors in days long ago.

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

(The Lord's Grace to Paul)

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading Luke 15:1-10

(The Parable of the Lost Sheep)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. "Or suppose a woman has ten

silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn 387 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, with exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God hath done, how His right arm the vict'ry won;
Right dearly it hath cost Him.
2. Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay, death brooded darkly o'er me,
Sin was my torment night and day, in sin my mother bore me;
Yea, deep and deeper still I fell, life had become a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.

3. He spoke to His beloved Son: 'Tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright Jewel of My crown, and bring to man salvation;
From sin and sorrow set him free, slay bitter death for him that he
May live with Thee forever.

Sermon

Text: Luke 15:1-10
"Jesus Receives Sinners"
Rev. Tyler A. Walworth

Prayer of the Church

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 528 If God Himself Be For Me

1. If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy; for when I pray, before me
My foes, confounded, fly. If Christ, my Head and Master,
Befriend me from above, what foe or what disaster
Can drive me from His love?
2. This I believe, yea, rather, of this I make my boast,
That God is my dear Father, the Friend who loves me most,
And that, what-e'er betide me, my Savior is at hand
Thro' stormy seas to guide me and bring me safe to land.

3. I build on this foundation, that Jesus and His blood
Alone are my salvation, the true, eternal good.
Without Him all that pleases is valueless on earth;
The gifts I owe to Jesus alone my love are worth.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, piano



Family of God Soup Kitchen sponsors for this month are the Burstein family; the McNaughton family in thankfulness for all God's gifts to our family; and the Ortale family. Family of God Soup Kitchen - Positive Parenting sponsors for this month are the Zuerner family; the Dobring family; and Pat Nehl's in thanksgiving for my wonderful Redeemer family.

Flowers were given to the glory of God by Dan & Karen Rose & Elfie Rose in honor of the birthday of Hannah Rose and in remembrance of the birthday of Dan's father, Leonard Rose; the Burstein family; and the Stuart family in loving memory of our mother, Betty Stuart on the occasion of her birthday. We love and miss you Mom.

Audio/Video Operator

David Hardoin

Musicians

8:00/9:00 - Steve SeGraves – song leader

10:00/11:00 - Max Trombley – special music and song leader

8:00/9:00/10:00/11:00 – Rick Helderop – piano

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Announcements for the week of June 28, 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 McDonald at (248) 644-4010.

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

Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:00am – Gym

Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

9:00*/10:00/11:00am – Outdoors

Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

*Livestreamed service

Monday

7:00pm - Outdoors

Communion after 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday

Comforting Scripture

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. -Psalm 46:1-3

Verse of the month

“Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." ***Mark 1:14-15***

Live Worship Services Have Begun!!!

(Services are limited to 60 people in attendance. Please read our Good Practices and Procedures on the website prior to attending.)

- **There are sign-up genius forms for the Sunday Services (8:00/9:00/10:00am and 11:00am as needed) and Monday Service (7:00pm) found on the website, as well as the option to call the office at 248-644-4010 to be added to the sign-up sheet.**
- **The services will be 30 minutes long and held in the front lawn outside the Sanctuary doors (except for the 8am service which will be held in the gym). You will be asked to bring your own chair and wear a mask. Plan to park in the East and West parking lots. *In the event of inclement weather, we will worship in the gym for all services.**
- **Bulletins will be printed and available at each service as well as posted on the website for you to print at home if you prefer.**
- **Bathrooms will be available and sanitized between each service, but our hope is to limit the number of people entering the building.**
- **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 ALL Sunday services and after the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday at the 7:00pm Monday night service.**

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!***

Pastor Randy is away this weekend attending the funeral service for his brother Rick Schlak who was called to his heavenly home. We pray for peace for Pastor Randy and his entire family and that their hearts be full of memories to carry them in the days ahead, especially throughout the next year when all of the family times are marked with one less member.

Ways to Serve the Community

SUPPORT DETROIT FIRE AND EMS

Redeemer wants to help our community – and we are asking our congregation to help! There are a lot of good things happening right now with regards to people stepping up and helping feed our frontline workers in the local hospitals. **Debi Hollis has been gathering donations to feed the Detroit Fire and EMS guys and Redeemer wants to help. We will include the Detroit Police Department if enough funds come in!** We all know that Detroit has been hit HARD, and they have been so very grateful for the help so far. Let's remember the signs at Redeemer's exit doors: YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD. These folks are out there every day in the mission field – let's feed them and keep them going! **Send all donations to the church office payable to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer with "EMS food" in the memo line. Please put "attention EMS FOOD" on the front of the envelope.** Call Debi Hollis with any questions at 248-568-7764.

COUNSELING

Redeemer counseling staff is still available through phone Skype or zoom. **They have discounted their rates and the initial session is FREE.** Our Redeemer staff counselors Drs. Sandra Pourcho, Travis Knight, and Anna Lewis are available to help you through this difficult time and beyond. To receive counseling please call 248-568-6040. God be with you!

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.

Men's Ministry Virtual Bible Study: Your men's ministry is leaping into the 21st century with a virtual bible study on **Wednesday mornings at 6:45 am.** In the past few weeks, we have had 32 men join us! It's a perfect time to join in as **we are starting a new study on 1st Corinthians** which will be led by Gary Priskorn. So grab a cup of Joe, sit down in your favorite easy chair and join us for what should prove to be a very interesting study. Contact Gary at gpriskorn@redeemberirmingham.org / 248.561.2641 for the instructions on how to join them on Zoom.

Redeemer Summer Kamp 2020 is officially happening!

Kamp dates are August 1-7, 2020. If you are already registered please make sure your payment and health profile are completed by July 1, 2020. Things will look a bit different this year as we put social distancing practices in place, but the important parts of Kamp will be the same. We will gather together in God's Creation, we will make new friends in Christ, and we will learn all about God's great love for us and how we can reflect God's love to others. Our theme this year will be "Glow in the Dark" based on Matthew 5:16. If you are interested in Kamp, register soon - we have limited spots available in all age groups. Visit www.lcr.church/kamp for lots more information. Email redeemerkamp@gmail.com with questions or call Tim Springer, Kamp director, at 248-930-2215.

WAYS TO SERVE REDEEMER

Give Online



For your convenience, use a QR code reader on your smart phone to give. You can also go to the website – www.redeemberirmingham.org and under the menu option click on Giving – Ways to Give – and scroll down to Give Online and click on **Redeemer's donation** page. Click on the Login/Create Profile button. Once your profile is set-up, you may make a one-time donation, or set-up a recurring donation and not worry about mailing in your offering envelope!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We were scheduled to have a beekeeper come to share her knowledge and expertise on the fascinating world of bees and to add to it, a fun game night component. **Stay tuned for an August/September delivery of a very fun night together.** We will always be aware of social distancing and proper application of safe practices.....but sooner or later we will be taking that step to bring us all back together. Aren't you glad we had our last fellowship and the joy and laughter it brought. I'm still living off the fumes.

Women's Book Group is reading The Women of Copper Country by Mary Dora Russell. Set in Calumet, Michigan, in the U.P., is the story of a woman who sends her men into the mines everyday concerned about their safety and whether or not they will return to her at night. She makes a decision to fight for the rights of those who dig from the copper rich veins of the Upper Peninsula and benefit nothing from their labor except a meager paycheck. This is a story about a woman who stepped up, a state we love, an industry that put food on the table and money in the pockets of everyone except the men who worked on its retrieval. **Join us.....for real.....in the courtyard on Tuesday, July 28 at 6:30pm for a reunion and a discussion of this wonderful read.** Wear your mask if you wish and if it is cool enough to sit outside we will distancing appropriately. Let's keep that curve flattened. Love

to see some of you who always thought about attending but didn't. Join us please!

Women's Tuesday Night Reality Bible Study! Let's gather for a Pop-up study on **Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30pm in the courtyard/town square/conference room** for evening with The Word and You! Bring your own snack....lemonade and iced tea provided. Social distancing welcome. Let me know if you are coming for set up purposes by emailing me at misskitty@redeemberbirmingham.org. See you there

SAVE THE DATE

Winter Retreat at Camp Tamarack on **January 8 and 9, 2021!**

Portals of Prayer: There is a stack of the new Portals of Prayer for July-September on a small table outside the door of the Town Square (west entrance) for anyone who wishes to pick one up. You can also go on www.cph.org and read the portals of prayer devotion each day as well.

JULY LAMP UPDATE

An electronic version of the July Lamp will be posted to the website and will be emailed to everyone on our Lamp email distribution list. We will not be doing our typical bulk mailing of the Lamp this month so if you would like to be added to the email distribution list please email us at office@redeemberbirmingham.org. If you would like a physical copy of the July Lamp, printed copies will be available outside the door of the Town Square (West Entrance) the first week of July.

In observance of Independence Day, the office/building will be closed Friday, July 3rd.

When sponsoring flowers, PLEASE write a SEPARATE CHECK - do NOT include it in the same check with your weekly offering. Thank you!

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.

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

Summer JAMS & RYG!

Middle Schoolers (JAMS) & High Schoolers (RYG) are hanging out on **Wednesdays from 6-8pm ALL SUMMER LONG!** We're meeting this week on **Wednesday 7/1** and this continues each week throughout the summer – NO COST! JAMS meets outside on the front lawn for dinner, lots of games, and a devo! RYG meets outside on the playground for dinner & Bible Study! Parents, you can drop your high schooler and middle schooler off at one time so that they can have Christian fellowship and some time to grow in their faith! Contact Gia, Eric, or Laura for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

JAMS & RYG are going to Cedar Point on **Wednesday 8/19!** Details coming soon!

**TOY DRIVE FOR BIG FAMILY MICHIGAN: Christmas in July
DROP-OFF DAY is Saturday, July 18th
at Redeemer's West Entrance from 11am - 2pm.**

Big Family Michigan is an agency that supports thousands of Foster children throughout Michigan by providing school supplies, birthday bags and Christmas presents. Due to COVID 19, Big Family's many fundraisers have been cancelled. So, they are conducting a **Christmas in July Toy Drive to collect NEW, UNWRAPPED toys, gifts, gift cards and monetary donations while our state is open.** They are looking for gifts and toys for boys and girls ages 1-18 yrs. Please consider adding a few toys in your cart over the next few weeks to help a foster child have a merry Christmas! Then

drop off at church on July 18th. For questions call Michela Ricelli Treharne 248-508-0011 or Rosemary Ricelli Scheidt 248-318-4835.

FAMILY OF GOD

Family of God is Serving Detroit throughout the Pandemic! They provide meals 6 days a week to over 100 people each meal – it doesn't look the same, but they are being creative by serving food at "carry-out stations" and also delivering meals around Detroit. Redeemer has helped out by providing **7 meals and also collecting 3 full carloads of needed donations!** If you would like to support Family of God's ministry by donating money, donating supplies, shopping for meal ingredients, cooking meals, delivering meals, or serving meals... please contact Laura (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) and she will get in you the information that you need!

Third annual Usher and Elders Party!

**All ushers, elders and pastors are invited*

Please put this date on your calendar:

Sunday, August 9th from 1-4pm.

Paul Quasarano's house

31033 Franklin Rd

Franklin, MI 48025

Lunch, drinks and good cheer provided.

Bring your swim suits if you want to take a dip!

Look for an email from Brian May to RSVP!

Favorite Hymns: We want to sing your favorite hymn!

Almost every Sunday our worship service will contain a favorite hymn chosen by members of our church family. We would love to know what your favorite hymns are! You can let us know your favorite hymn by going on the website under the "welcome"/ "I'm a member" tab and scroll down to fill out the form. Your name will be listed in the bulletin along with your selection. Later in the

year, if you'd like to add any hymns, you are welcome to fill out another card and we will add it to your list of favorite hymns. Thank you for your participation.

SAVE THE DATE!

Confirmation for the 2020 class has been rescheduled for

Saturday, September 19th at 11:00am

More details to come!

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 \$15.95! 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).

Prayer and Praise List

For those grieving the loss of loved ones:

- ✦ Prayers for Pastor Randy & the Schlak family as they mourn the passing of his brother Rick Schlak. The funeral was Friday in Massachusetts. God's love, comfort, and blessings to the family.

For those facing health concerns:

- ✦ Christine, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- ✦ Mike, friend of the Scheidt/Ricelli/Treharne families
- ✦ Frank & Donna, friends of the Scheidt family
- ✦ Patti, friend of Donna Hollis
- ✦ Betty Darrow, friend of the Eley's

- ✘ Dave Peterson
- ✘ Suzanne and Shelly Stock
- ✘ Cheryl Olds, Aaron Olds' mom
- ✘ Rudy Becker
- ✘ Ron McFall, brother of Pam Lucas
- ✘ Alistair Kime, child of Westmaple family
- ✘ Cindy, a friend of Linda & Patrick McCauley
- ✘ Alice Fleming
- ✘ Alberta Schmidt, Karen Rose's mom
- ✘ Herb and Charlene, friends of Bonnie Ernewein
- ✘ Betty Owens
- ✘ Peni Colville, Pam Dundas' sister
- ✘ Jan Hogan
- ✘ Sharon Frey
- ✘ Dennis Ainhorn, friend of Jane Bacon
- ✘ Chris Decker, friend of Pat Nehls
- ✘ Kurt Jung
- ✘ Bruce Landino, friend of Terry & Jean Roberts

For those in hospice care:

- ✦ Margot Gray

Special Petitions:

- ✠ For Rhonda, 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 those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

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