



February 20, 2022
9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
February 20, 2022 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
Theme: The Power of Music

As We Gather

“Next after theology I give to music the highest place and the greatest honor. Next to the Word of God only music deserves to be extolled as the mistress and governess of the feelings of the human heart.” ~Martin Luther

Prayer Before Worship

Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of music and song, especially as we worship You. Thank you for music teachers and choir directors who are willing to take the time to teach the next generation hymns, psalms, and songs that glorify You. The music we hear and the hymns we sing in church come back to our hearts and minds throughout the week, reminding us of Your great love and mercy. Amen

If you wish to join us at the Lord’s Table, please read this Communion information. If you share our beliefs regarding the Lord’s Supper, we welcome you to our altar.

- ✠I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, Satan and death.**
- ✠I believe that Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood.**
- ✠I resolve to dedicate my life to my Lord and Savior in His Body, the Church, by regular worship and devoted Christian service and living.**

Mystery Prelude Surprise!

Opening Hymn

Selected by a member of the congregation

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.

Children's Message - 10:30

Hymn

Selected by a member of the congregation

Reading

Psalm 150:1-5

Praise the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens. Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness. Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre, praise Him with timbrel and dancing, praise Him with the strings and pipe, praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals.

Hymn Selected by a member of the congregation

Message

Text: Psalm 150:1-5

“What is the Mystery Prelude Surprise?”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Hymn

Selected by a member of the congregation
(Offering brought up at this time)

Prayer of the Church

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

Wafers will be distributed by the Pastor/Vicar using a dispenser. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, please raise your pointer finger. The wine is in the individual cup trays in the glass cups allowing for each member to grab their own wine cup. Communion wine is dark in color, grape juice is light. If you wish only to receive a blessing at the table, kindly come forward with your hands crossed at your chest or resting at your side.

Communion Hymn Selected by a member of the congregation

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn Selected by a member of the congregation

Silent Prayer

Postlude



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by Peter and Karen Pridmore in celebration of the marriage of their daughter Sara Janet to Christopher Donald Deiro. We pray that God will bestow His many blessings on Sara, Chris and their marriage.

Thank you to our Positive Parenting Group and Youth Group (Michele Margosian) for their careful use of resources when preparing the meals for Family of God. Due to their efforts and the generosity of so many families' sponsorships, the account balance is currently \$17,000. As a result, we are going to temporarily suspend FOG sponsorships until the existing funds have been used.

Altar Guild

Rose Kiehle, Tina Conte, Lynn Kartz, Colleen Hartwig,
Kris Leonard, Megan Rettray, Rosemary Scheidt

Ushers

9:00 - Ken Baetz, captain; Paul Chesna, Cliff Clark,
Ray Dobring, Bruce Helmke, Bill Leahy, Mike Raezler
10:30 - Bob Meyer, captain; Ron Curcio, Matt Pedersen,
Norman Morrell, Jim Staargaard, Dan Teahan

Organist/Pianist

Rick Helderop
Steve SeGraves

Audio/Video Operators

9:00 - Jim Wingo
10:30 - Jim Endress and Brian Fish

Acolytes

9:00 - Noah Eckert and Colin Amos
10:30 - Brady SeGraves and Owen Lagoe

Greeters

9:00 - Keith and Linda Lewis
10:30 - Daniel Schultz and Family

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Announcements for the week of February 20, 2022

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 Gary Priskorn at (248) 644-4010 x123.

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

Worship/Communion Schedule

Sunday

8am - Chapel

Communion 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

9:00/*10:30am - Gym

Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

**10:30am livestreamed service*

Go to www.redeemberirmingham.com and click on VIMEO/LIVESTREAM.

Monday

7:00pm – Chapel

Communion after

2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday

Office Hours:

We are open Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:00pm.

***In our new location in the staff hallway**

UPDATED WORSHIP/COMMUNION INFORMATION:

While masks are optional, they are strongly encouraged by the CDC for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people while in public indoor settings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to protect others.

- † All pews will be open for seating.
- † Worship, Sunday School and the nursery no longer require signups.
- † Wafers will be distributed by the Pastor/Vicar using a dispenser.
- † Wine will be served in the individual glass cups in the usual wine trays.
- † Members will be allowed to grab their own wine cup.

Out of respect, please do not bring food or drinks into the Sanctuary (although it is currently our gym, it is still our place of Worship) or Chapel (i.e. coffee, water bottles, etc.). Also, please turn cell phones off or to silent. Thanks for your cooperation. ~Redeemer Board of Elders and Pastors

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

I AM ✘ I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE ✘ I AM THE LIGHT OF

WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE ✘ I AM ✘

*I Yam What I Yam said Popeye the sailor man. It was a way to identify who he was, a sailor man. This Lent our Wednesday themes will be **The Great I Am Statements of Jesus**. Like Popeye, He was identifying who and what He was about. When Jesus says "I Am" He is claiming to be God, and so He is.*

THE WORLD ✘ I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

LENT

March 2, Ash Wednesday: I Am

March 9: I Am The Bread of Life

March 16: I Am The Light of the World

March 23: I Am The Good Shepherd/
Gate

March 30: I Am The Resurrection

April 6: I Am The Way The Truth and
The Life

1:00pm Chapel and 7:00pm Gym/Sanctuary
Each worship service is preceded by a meal
lunch - 12:00 noon;
dinner - 5:30pm confirmands;
6:00pm congregation

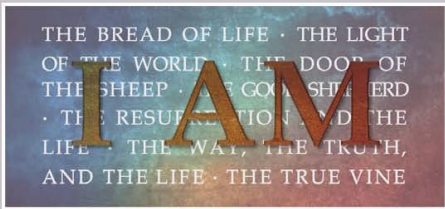
HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Good Friday, April 15
1:00pm and 7:00pm each day

Easter Eve, April 16
5:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 17
7:30am with Holy Communion,
9:00am and 10:30am



✘ I AM THE RESURRECTION ✘ I AM THE GATE ✘ I AM THE

SIGNUP FOR FLOWERS ONLINE!!! MULTIPLE DATES OPEN!

***call the office at 248-644-4010 if you need assistance!**

CONSTRUCTION CAMERAS

Don't forget there are two live cameras on the Sacred Space 2 website to see the construction progress. Once you click the camera, you can click on the white arrow on the left to get to the "long lapse" footage to check-in and see the changes happening!

WAYS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

FAMILY OF GOD UPDATE!

Thank you to our Positive Parenting Group and Youth Group (Michele Margosian) for their careful use of resources when preparing the meals for Family of God. **Due to their efforts and the generosity of so many families' sponsorships, the account balance is currently \$17,000. As a result, we are going to temporarily suspend FOG sponsorships until the existing funds have been used. We still need volunteers to help in other ways (meal prep, shopping, serving, etc.).** Grab some friends or your family for this awesome way to serve locally - this is a GREAT way to get kids involved with serving others! Questions? Contact the front office (office@redeemberirmingham.org) or Gia Scheidt (gscheidt@gmail.com).

SAVE THE DATE!

Women's Retreat at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church

February 26 from 9:30am - 3:00pm

**See the Town Square Bulletin Board for more information/registration.*

WOMEN'S MINISTRY DIA TRIP

March 15 - Lunch 12:30pm / Tour at 1:45pm

**See Feb. Lamp for more details*

GERMANY, AUSTRIA & "THE PASSION PLAY 2022"

July 29 – August 8, 2022

Have you stayed home long enough and now you are ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We are in the final stages of preparing for our trip this summer to

Germany & Austria with the primary event being staged in Oberammergau, Germany. The 42nd "PASSION PLAY OF CHRIST" was first performed in 1634 and we are excited to be witness to this year's production. We have 22 travelers in our group, and we still have a few tickets available. **We are approaching our "LAST CALL" date of March 10, 2022.** Information, itineraries with reservation form are located on the Town Square bulletin board and in the West Entrance "information wall rack." Call or email Leslie Whitfield for more information: 248-646-0720 or 248-330-8685 or whitfield.leslie55@gmail.com.

ShelbyNext Giving is live for online giving! Go to redeemberirmingham.org and click the "GIVE" box! (See the Lamp or Website for detailed instructions!) **Our Shelby directory is temporarily unavailable due to a Shelby issue** that they are still trying to resolve. We apologize for this inconvenience. In the meantime, if you would like us to email you a copy of the directory or mail you a printed copy please contact the front office at 248-644-4010/office@redeemberirmingham.org.

WAYS TO SERVE REDEEMER

Head to the website and click on this box to sign up to:

- Host Coffee Hour
- Be a Greeter
- Be a Reader
- Acolyte
- Sponsor Flowers



LENTEN MEALS ARE BACK AND WE NEED YOUR help! Grab your family or some friends and sign up to host a Lenten lunch or dinner – you can sign up via the church website! **Lent starts on March 2nd (Ash Wednesday) and we need volunteers to prepare lunch and dinner that day and the 5 Wednesdays after.** Contact Kim Davis (248-613-4200) with questions or for more information.

SPECIAL MUSIC NEEDED FOR LENTEN SERVICES

If you sing or play an instrument, we are looking for individuals to provide special music during our 1pm and 7pm Wednesday services during Lent. These services run from Wednesday, March 9th through Wednesday, April 6th. Please contact Steve SeGraves (stevensegraves@gmail.com) for more information.

COME SING WITH THE CHANCEL CHOIR!

- Rehearsals are Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 8pm in the Chapel.
- If you need a ride to rehearsal, we will make sure you have one.
- If you need childcare for your children, it can be arranged.
- If you can't commit every week, we will work with your schedule.
- If you can't read music, that's ok. It is not a requirement.
- There is no audition. Join us for great fellowship and a wonderful opportunity to minister to the congregation. Come, make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

CALLING ALL GRADE SCHOOL FAMILIES!

Lutheran Northwest is hosting a BASKETBALL GRADE SCHOOL NIGHT on Friday, 2/25! Join us for an evening of basketball, fun activities and prizes! Grade school students receive free admission to the games PLUS a free meal. Varsity Girls tip-off at 6PM & Varsity Boys at 7:30. To learn more about this and other upcoming events at Lutheran Northwest, please visit us at www.LutheranNorthwest.com/events.

Lutheran School Sponsorships

If you are enrolling your child for the first time at Our Shepherd Lutheran School, Lutheran High Northwest or another Lutheran School, you must make an appointment by the end of February to speak with Pastor Randy. Please schedule your appointment as soon as possible! Parents re-enrolling their children at either Our Shepherd or LHNW for the 2022-2023 school year, please inform the church office as soon as possible.

Women's Book Group

Join us in the Town Square by the fire on **Tuesday, February 22 at 7:30pm** to review The Woman Before Wallis by Bryn Turnbull. March book review of Being Mortal by Dr. Atul Gawande **will take place on March 22 at 7:30pm.**

**See lamp for full descriptions!*

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

We will not meet on February 22 or March 1. We will begin our study of *The Chosen*, an eight lesson series about the ministry of Christ, on **Tuesday, March 8.** We will begin at 6:30pm sharp and continue until 8:15pm. Please sign up on the Town Square bulletin board and indicate if you would like to purchase a study guide (\$10.00). We would love to have you join us!

Little Dresses for Africa

Please start saving and donating new or very gently used pillowcases in Twin, Queen or King sizes for our Little Dresses for Africa project. We are also accepting donations of fabric (27x42), lace, rickrack, trims. Put your donations in the red bin marked "Little Dresses for Africa" in the Town Square. We will meet **Saturday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m.** to cut, sew, trim and finish some of the dresses along with our sisters in Christ from Our Shepherd. Bring your sewing machine if you have one and we will work to bring joy to the children of Africa and make sure they have pretty dresses to attend school. Of course, you can also do these dresses at home. See sample of dresses at Women's Ministry coffee hour on March 6th. Questions? Call Talitha Farah or Kitty.

Pathways

Pathways has now split into 2 groups.

Group I is for those newly or still heavily grieving a loss or the loss of a loved one. This group will begin meeting for 6 weeks, then taper off to 1 time per month.

Group II is for those who have dealt with their grief and loss in group I and now are ready to participate in a Bible Study with fellow group members and other group's organized social events.

POSITIVE PARENTING!

Join us for conversation and community in Redeemer's weekly exploration of parenting. **We meet weekly on Wednesdays from 9:15am - 10:45am in the Great Room.** This month we are exploring Tim Keller's book The Meaning of Marriage, and study corresponding portions of Scripture. Every class session stands alone, so feel free to jump in! Positive Parenting is open to everyone, regardless of the ages of your children. There is always childcare available with no need to sign up in advance. Contact Kristin Thompson (kethompson1@gmail.com) or Victoria Ilitch (victoria.ilitch@gmail.com) with questions or for more information.

JAMS (Jesus and Middle Schoolers)

Middle School students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join us for a fun evening of foam pits, trampolines, and MORE at Troy Gym! PLUS... we can use the INDOOR ROPES COURSE & ZIP LINE too! **It all happens on Saturday, March 12th from 5:30pm – 7:30pm!** Entrance into the gym, use of equipment, and snacks/drinks are all FREE! Friends are welcome!!!!!! Download a permission slip from the church website or grab one from the ministry office hallway. **Permission slips are due on Wednesday 3/9!** Contact Eric Wisniewski (ewisniewski@redeemberirmingham.org) with questions or concerns.

Beginning March 6th, the Sunday morning Bible Class will study the Book of Daniel. This book takes place during the Babylonian Captivity - a unique time in the life of God's people. What stands out is how God uses a captivity and idol worshiping rulers to accomplish His will and how God's people can survive and be a witness in such an environment. **Come join us Sundays, after the 9am service in the library!**

New Class on Christian Witnessing Starting in March!

This class will be led by Pastor Ron Farah on the 5 Thursdays in March. While some time will be spent on teaching, the main focus of the class will

be on the actual practice of witnessing. **You will have two opportunities to participate each Thursday: 2:00pm and 6:30pm in the library.** If you want more information call Pastor Farah at 248-642-3137.

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Bible Study - Rev. Ronald Farah

Book of James

Sundays, after 9am service (Library)

Children's Sunday School - Nicole Olds

Sundays, 10:30am

PreK/K in the Scheidt Room (downstairs under the Town Square)

1st/2nd Grade in the Library, 3rd-5th in the Great Room

Adult Bible Study - Vicar Jimmy

“The Priesthood of All Believers”

Tuesdays, 9:30am (Library) *Zoom available if preferred

Women's Bible Study – Kitty Sweitzer

“The Chosen”

Tuesdays, 6:30pm (Great Room) ***Starts March 8**

Men's Bible Study - Gary Priskorn *Zoom still available if preferred

Romans

Wednesdays, 6:45-7:30am - all year long (Great Room)

Positive Parenting – Kristin Thompson & Victoria Ilitch

Wednesdays, 9:15am – 10:45am (Great Room)

High School Bible Study - Gia Scheidt and Eric Wisniewski

Core Group - Wednesdays, 6pm-8pm - Gia Scheidt (Youth Room)

Sunday RYG - 7pm (Youth Room)

Confirmation – Laura Vowell

Wednesdays, 6pm-8pm (Various Rooms)

Community Bible Study – Rosemary Ging

Hezekiah's Passover - taught by Stacy Krainz

Thursdays, 9:30am (Great Room)

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

Redeemer Youth Group (High School Youth)

CORE GROUP - WEDNESDAYS 6-8pm

2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30

Meet in the Youth Room! Questions? Contact Gia or Eric!

Today, Feb. 20 - No RYG

Feb. 27 - Bible Study

Feb. 28 – Girls Bible Study

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

@redeemer_y00th

Rummage Sale: Sadly, there will be NO RUMMAGE SALE THIS YEAR.

We aren't able to store donations at church, so please donate your items to another great organization or save them for a future year!

Mission Trip: The 2022 High School mission trip is to New Orleans! We will be serving alongside our local partner organization, Praying Pelican Missions, from March 26-April 2, 2022. Please pray for our preparations!

Prayer and Praise List

For those facing health concerns:

- ✘ Anita Manino, friend of Paula and Larry Butler
- ✘ Joyce Rolf
- ✘ Laura Anderson
- ✘ Suzi, friend of Pam Tyndall
- ✘ Mike Lapinski
- ✘ Michael O'Conner, father of Kimberly Leahy
- ✘ Sharon Gould, sister of Carol Leahy
- ✘ Breonica, friend of a member
- ✘ Joe and Sheila Salisz, friends of Therese Schulz
- ✘ Jacqui Wilson, aunt/godmother of Mike Bacon
- ✘ Miriam Mercier

- ✘ Karl & Sally Storrie, friends of Sandy Pourcho
- ✘ Julie, relative of Cindy Grove
- ✘ Rick Russ
- ✘ Brian Leahy, nephew of Bill and Carol Leahy
- ✘ Helen Hiotaky
- ✘ Jim Zeer, friend of Myrna Orava
- ✘ Cheryl Olds, mother of Aaron Olds
- ✘ Rudy Becker
- ✘ Chris Decker, friend of Pat Nehls

For those in hospice:

- ✦ Nancy Martin
- ✦ Diane Oravec, friend of Myrna Orava

Special Petitions:

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For Sara Pridmore and Christopher Deiro who were united in marriage Saturday, February 19th. May God grant them His Blessings.
- 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.

COUNSELING

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

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