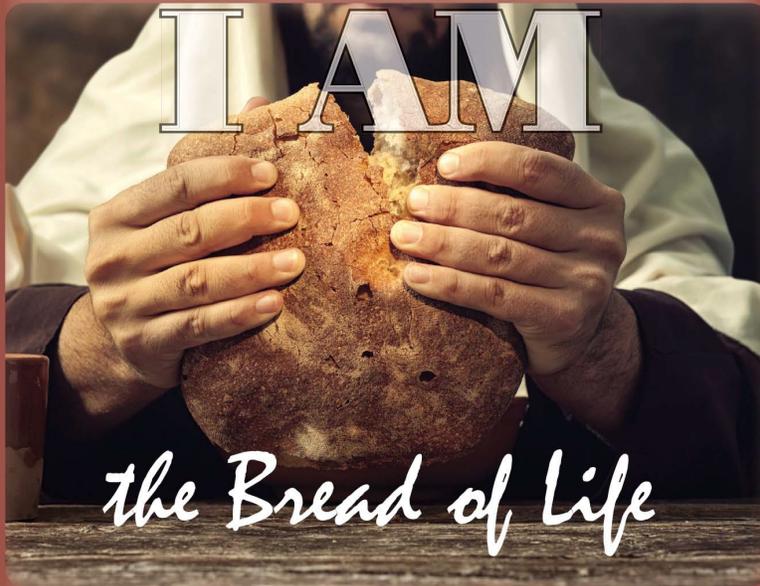


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THE WORLD ✕ I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD ✕ I AM THE GATE ✕ I AM THE RESURRECTION ✕ I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH



March 9, 2022  
1:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.

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

AND THE LIFE ✕ I AM ✕ I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE ✕ I AM

# I AM STATEMENTS

March 9, 2022

Theme: I Am The Bread of Life

## **As We Gather**

“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 theme 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.

## **Prelude**

Steve SeGraves

## **Opening Hymn 171      Upon the Cross Extended**

1. Upon the cross extended, see, world, thy Lord suspended.  
Thy Savior yields His breath. The Prince of Life from heaven  
Himself hath freely given to shame and blows and bitter death.
2. Come hither now and ponder, 'Twill fill thy soul with wonder,  
Blood streams from every pore. Through grief whose depth none  
knoweth,  
From His great heart there floweth sigh after sigh of anguish o'er.
3. Who is it that hath bruised Thee? Who hath so sore abused Thee  
And caused Thee all Thy woe? While we must make confession  
Of sin and dire transgression, Thou deeds of evil dost not know.

## **Invocation**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **Responsive Reading**

P: We lay before the cross today the nails with which we pierced the hands and feet of God's Son. Nails are usually used for construction. We used these nails, however, for destruction. They forever symbolize our attempt to destroy God's true temple.

**C: Lord Jesus, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for our violent rejection of Your truth. Help us say "No" to destroying one another. Help us say "Yes" to the cross.**

P: The nail-scars on Christ's hands and feet remind us of a Suffering Servant who brought redemption through His obedience unto death, even death on a cross. He let us fasten Him to a cross, that we might never be separated from His love.

**C: Lord Jesus, have mercy upon us. We cannot grasp Your love that suffers for us. We often fail to love like that; we turn from the suffering of others. Help us say "No" to our self-centered nature. Help us say "Yes" to the cross.**

P: With nails we implemented our condemnation of Our Lord. They remind us of our bent to condemnation, our frequent inability to forgive ourselves and to extend forgiveness to others.

**C: Lord Jesus, you have had mercy on us! There is now no condemnation, for You, our God, are for us. We cannot lose Your love. Help us say "No" to our condemnation of others. Help us say "Yes" to the cross.**

P: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Give us Your grace in our self-centeredness. Help us take up our cross and spend ourselves on a life that cannot be taken away. We thank You that nothing can separate us from Your love. Transform us by that love, we pray. Amen.

**Children's Message - 7 PM**



## Hymn of the Day

## I Am the Bread of Life

1. I am the bread of life. You who come to Me shall not hunger;  
And who believe in Me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to Me, unless the Father beckons.

Refrain:

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up.  
And I will raise you up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give, is My flesh for the life of the world,  
And if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever,  
You shall live forever. Refrain
3. Unless you eat, of the flesh of the Son of Man,  
And drink of His blood, and drink of His blood,  
You shall not have life within you. Refrain

## Sermon

John 6:25-35

“I Am The Bread of Life”  
Vicar James Greenwalt

## Voluntary

(1:00pm) Why Should He Love Me So? – Harkness  
Alison Ristovski

(7:00pm) Holy, Holy, Holy – Dykes/Heber  
Jill Bloom, flute

## Prayer of the Church

## **Lord's Prayer**

### **Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn 151**

### Christ, the Life of All the Living

1. Christ the Life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe, -  
Thro' Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit:  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver from the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
3. Thou hast born the smiting only that my wounds might all be whole;  
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, rest to give my weary soul;  
Yea, the curse of God enduring, blessing unto me securing.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

### **Postlude**

Steve SeGraves

Thanks and appreciation to:  
Alison Ristovski and Jill Bloom for providing special music at the services.

Acolytes

7:00 - Matthew Dilley and Canaan Baker

Ushers

7:00 - Mike Grattan, captain; Rick McDonald,  
Andrew Tafel, Bob Smith, Eric Rolf, Ron Lalone

Altar Guild

Barb Grattan, Karen Rose, Sara Amos, Jennifer Dobring,  
Robin Swift, Carole Citron, Polly Millichamp

Audio/Video Operators

7:00 - Jim Endress and David Hardoin

Our Lenten Meal Preparers:

(lunch): Michele Margosian

(supper): Mens Ministry

Rev. Randall J. Schlak, Senior Pastor  
James Greenwalt, Vicar

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## LENT

**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*