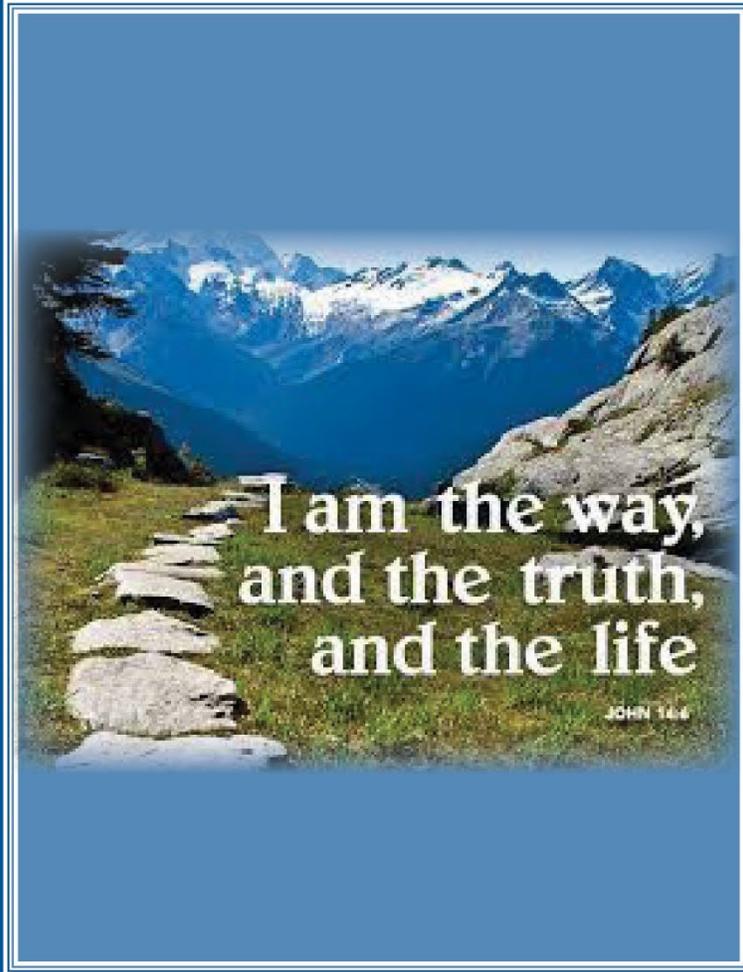


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THE WORLD ✕ I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD ✕ I AM THE GATE ✕ I AM THE RESURRECTION ✕ I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH



April 6, 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

April 6, 2022

Theme: I Am The Way, The Truth, and The 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**

Rick Helderop, organist

## **Opening Hymn 4**

God Himself is Present

1. God Himself is present: let us now adore Him  
And with awe appear before Him. God is in His temple -  
All within keep silence, prostrate lie with deepest rev'rence.  
Him alone God we own, Him, our God and Savior; praise His  
name forever.
2. God Himself is present: Hear the harps resounding;  
See the hosts the throne surrounding! “Holy, holy, holy” -  
Hear the hymn ascending, songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow Thine ear to us here: hear, O Christ, the praises that Thy  
church now raises.
3. O Thou fount of blessing, purify my spirit,  
Trusting only in Thy merit. Like the holy angels,  
Who behold Thy glory, may I ceaselessly adore Thee.  
Let Thy will ever still rule Thy Church terrestrial as the hosts  
celestial.

## Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

## Responsive Reading

P: We have added to the cross today the mocking sign that hung above the head of our Lord, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." This sign forever symbolizes our spiritual deadness. In our disobedience and death we mock a Kingdom we do not want --- while through His death the Ruler of that Kingdom offers us life.

**C: Lord Jesus, deliver us from our spiritual deadness. We do not know what it means to live the life of Your Kingdom, to walk in step with Your Spirit. Help us say "no" to our desire for earthly kingdoms. Help us say "yes" to the cross.**

P: The sign was meant to mock a "king" whose life ended, absurdly, on a cross. Instead, it signifies our inability --- or unwillingness --- to believe in a Messiah who suffers, because we want a Messiah who conquers.

**C: Lord Jesus, in our desire for power and prestige we miss out on Your coming Kingdom. We think being seated with You means having positions of power. Help us say "no" to our passion for earthly success. Help us say "yes" to the cross.**

P: With this sign we passed judgment upon God's nature as revealed in Christ. But the sign actually reveals our true nature as children of wrath.

**C: Lord Jesus, Your cross exposes all the ways we are not like You. We confess the difference between Your life and ours. Help us say "no" to our self-confident boastings. Help say "yes" to the cross.**

P: Almighty God, Your cross reveals our true nature. We look at Your Son, and we look at ourselves, and we confess the great difference. Deliver us from our selves; we admit our helplessness apart from Your grace. Thank You for Your kindness, for the riches of Your grace to us in Christ. Create us anew in Christ Jesus for the way of life You have prepared for us. Make us like Your Son, we pray. Amen.

## **Children's Message - 7 PM**

### **Old Testament Lesson**      Isaiah 43:1-2

But now, this is what the Lord says — he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.”

### **Gospel Lesson**                      John 14:1-6

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

## Hymn of the Day 649

## Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

1. Jesus, Savior, pilot me  
Over life's tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.  
Chart and compass come from Thee:  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
2. As a mother stills her child,  
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will  
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"  
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
3. When at last I near the shore  
And the fearful breakers roar  
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,  
May I hear Thee say to me,  
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

### Sermon

John 14:1-6

"I Am The Way, The Truth, and The Life"

Vicar James Greenwalt

### Voluntary

Come Home - Courtney

Sue Helderop

# Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

## Benediction

### 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' your 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

Rick Helderop, organist



Thanks and appreciation to:  
Sue Helderop for providing special music at the services.

Ushers

1:00 - Bob Stewart

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

Altar Guild

Kathy Eley, Cheryl Schiller, Ginny Breckenfeld, Tillie Browett,  
Lynn Duerr, Katie Moigis, and Tracey Fish

Audio/Video Operators

7:00 - Greg Merryman and David Hardoin

Our Lenten Meal Preparers:

(lunch): Karen Rose

(supper): Michele Margosian

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



**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*

