

February 8, 2026



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Mission: The Redeemer Family exists to know Jesus, grow in Jesus, and share Jesus.

## Focus of the Day

To know God intellectually, merely to exercise a fasting ritual without faith, can be devoid of purpose. But through the Holy Spirit, the wisdom of God is made known to us in our hearts and minds. Then acts of mercy for those enmeshed in poverty, wickedness, and hunger season the world with God's graciousness and righteousness. In these moments, God's favor is made known, light shines, good works are done, and God alone is glorified.

## This Week At Redeemer

### FEBRUARY 8 SUNDAY

- Sunday Worship w/Communion-8:00am
- Sunday School/Bible Study-9:30am
- Sunday Worship w/Communion-10:30am

### FEBRUARY 9 MONDAY

- Women's Bible Study-10:30am
- Praise Team Rehearsal-7:00pm

### FEBRUARY 10 TUESDAY

- Hour of Prayer-7:15am
- Choir Rehearsal-6:30pm
- Handbell Rehearsal-7:15pm

### FEBRUARY 11 WEDNESDAY

- Quilters-9:00am

### FEBRUARY 15 SUNDAY

- Sunday Worship-8:00am
- Sunday Worship-10:30am

## Sermon

"The Light Shines"

Matthew 5:13-20

Preaching: Rev. Zachary Holdorf

## Readings

Isaiah 58:3-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Matthew 5:13-20

## 8:00am Worship

Divine Service #3

412, 578, 849

## Sunday Worship

### Worship Times

8:00am & 10:30am

### Children and Adult Bible Study Classes

9:30am-10:15am

### Sunday Communion Schedule

Second, Fourth and Fifth Sundays

At Both Services

Information on receiving Holy Communion can be found in the back of each pew.

## For More Information

Website: [www.redeemerjackson.org](http://www.redeemerjackson.org)

Follow us on Facebook: [@redeemerjacksonmi](https://www.facebook.com/redeemerjacksonmi)

Subscribe to Our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RedeemerLutheranChurchJacksonMI>

## Lent and Easter Schedule

- **Ash Wednesday**
  - 2/18-Potluck Supper-5:30pm Worship 6:30pm
- **Wednesdays in Lent**
  - 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 Potluck Suppers-5:30pm Worship-6:30pm
- **Holy Week**
  - 4/2 Maundy Thursday Worship-6:30pm
  - 4/3-Good Friday Worship-Noon and 6:30pm
- **Easter Sunday**
  - 4/5-Worship 8:00am and 10:30am
  - Easter Breakfast Potluck between services approx. 9:15am

### Lenten Suppers

This Lenten season we will be doing a Soup, Salad and Sandwich POTLUCK. No sign up required to attend, simply bring one of these dishes to share. Suppers will begin at 5:30pm, February 18 and go through March 25. Located on the lower level in the RAC (gym).

### Lenten Devotionals

Devotional booklets are available in the Narthex. Grab one today. Lent begins February 18

### Prom Rewind

This adult prom at Cascades Manor House on March 21st at 6pm isn't just a chance to relive your prom night (or finally have the one you missed)—it's an opportunity to make a meaningful impact. Every dollar raised at this dinner, dance, silent auction event will go directly to supporting Trinity Lutheran School of Jackson's mission to provide exceptional education rooted in faith, community, and academic excellence. Check out [givebutter.com/TLSFundraiser2026](http://givebutter.com/TLSFundraiser2026) for details, tickets (thru 3/6), and other support opportunities!

### Volunteer Opportunity-Mobile Food Pantry

Date: Feb 28 Time: 9:30am-11:00am Place: Trinity Lutheran Church, Downtown Jackson  
Volunteers to serve are greatly needed.

### Financials

Weekly Offerings needed for 2026 Budget: \$11,900.12

Offerings Received  
**1/26/2026-2/1/2026**  
 Budget-\$34,617.78  
 Non-Budget-\$470.32

2025 Year End Financials  
as of 12/31/2025  
 Income-\$577,880.98  
 Expenses-\$554,121.72

### Giving

If you'd like to support our ministries financially:

- Give as you enter the sanctuary
- OR Give online at [redeemerjackson.org/give/](http://redeemerjackson.org/give/)

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KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE  
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## Why do we use candles in the Divine Service?

Imagine that you are attending a worship service 500 years ago. Since there are no lights, even during the daytime, the church is dark. How will you see what is going on? How will you see the pastor? How will you walk up to the altar to receive the Lord's Supper? As you probably guessed, one of the first uses for candles in church was to give light in the sanctuary. Actually, oil lamps were probably used until the fourth century when candles became more common.



## I Is there more to using candles than just lighting the room?

With the invention of the light bulb, candles were no longer needed to light the church. That doesn't mean they lost their importance in the church. Candles have been used for hundreds of years to symbolize Christ's words when he said: "I am the Light of the world" (John 8:12). **Candles remind us that Jesus is the Light that has conquered the darkness of sin.** As you can see, candles play an important role in our worship.



**Parents:** When the candles are lit at the beginning of the service, remind your children that Christ is the Light of the world. Teach them that when the candles are lit, we are honoring our God and recognizing His presence in the sanctuary. He is really here just as He promised!

