

August 23, 2026



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

Focus of the Day

The counsels of God are permanent – impeccable exhortations from His mind, His will, His heart, and His actions in Christ. Everything that proceeds from God's wisdom is congruent. Barren wombs are filled with offspring. Desolate wastelands are restored. God's Word resurrects what once was decimated. These astonishing interventions transform our lives so that we may unconditionally invest our sanctified bodies, minds, and gifts all to the glory of God!

This Week At Redeemer

AUGUST 23 TODAY

- Sunday Worship
w/Communion-8:00am
- Summer Classes-9:30am
- Sunday Worship
w/Communion-10:30am

AUGUST 24 MONDAY

- Praise Team Rehearsal-
7:30pm

AUGUST 25 TUESDAY

- Hour of Prayer-7:15am

AUGUST 26 WEDNESDAY

- Quilters-9:00am

AUGUST 30 SUNDAY

- Sunday Worship
w/Communion-8:00am
- Sunday Worship
w/Communion-10:30am

Sermon

"Who do you say I am?"

Matthew 16:13-20

Preaching: Rev. Zach Holdorf

Readings

Isaiah 51:1-6

Romans 11:33-12:8

Matthew 16:13-20

8:00am Worship

Divine Service #3

575, 645, 644

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

Call the Church Office: (517)750-3100

Website: www.redeemerjackson.org

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

Subscribe to Our YouTube Channel:

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

Let's Kickoff Fall

The weeks of August 30 and September 6 there will not be classes. A new year of classes will begin on Sunday, September 13.

- **Adult Bible Study** will be on The Book of Ephesians, beginning at 9:30am, on the lower level in the Connection Room.
- **Children/Youth Classes** will begin at 9:30am, on the lower level.

"Jesus and Women" Women's Bible Study

Join biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland on those dusty roads as she transports you back to Jesus' world, following in the footsteps of the women who came face-to-face with the Living God. Over 8 sessions, examine the historical and cultural climate of first-century Middle Eastern society to not only understand Jesus more deeply but to fuel your worship of Him today. Meeting Mondays, beginning September 20, 9:30am-11am in Redeemer's Library. Facilitated by Angela Martin.

Redeemer Leadership Board Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for members of Redeemer's Leadership Board. Elected positions include Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. If you'd like to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact the Church Office (517)750-3100.

Rummage Sale

The annual Rummage Sale at Redeemer has new dates. We will begin setting up on Monday, September 21 through Thursday, September 24, and the sale will be Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26. Please see Kathy Voss or call the church office, (517)750-3100, if you can help in any way. All proceeds will go to Water Mission.

Hymn History Lesson

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less LSB 575, Author Edward Mote written in 1834 and is reported to be published in 1242 hymnals. Edward Mote (1797-1874) was a London cabinet maker who became a Baptist minister in 1852, at 55 years old. The original title was "Jesus, my All and All. The tune we currently use was written by a fellow minister, William Bradbury in 1863 and first appeared as the familiar hymn we know in the Devotional Hymn and Tune Book, published during the Civil War.

Volunteer Opportunity-Mobile Food Pantry

Date: Sept. 26 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
8/10/2026-8/16/2026
Budget-\$6,814.57
Non-Budget-\$7,038.32

2026 YTD Financials
as of 7/31/2026
Income-\$349,815.35
Expenses-\$353,967.12

Giving

If you'd like to support our ministries financially:

- Give as you enter the sanctuary
- OR Give online at redeemerjackson.org/give/

WORSHIP

GROW

SERVE

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is the “Office of the Keys”?

When you hear this question, you might think that there is an office somewhere in the church building that holds a lot of keys. But this use of “office” means duty and obligation. For example, when someone is elected to Congress, they are elected to a public office with authority and certain duties. The Office of the Keys is an authority given by Christ to His Church with the duty to forgive repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Why is this authority called “keys”?

This authority given to the Church works just like a set of keys that locks and unlocks the gates of heaven. When forgiveness is withheld, the door of heaven is locked. When forgiveness is given, the door of heaven is opened and God’s forgiveness in Christ is poured out on the repentant person!



Parents: Trying to understand why the Church would withhold forgiveness may be difficult. Be sure to study John 20:22–23 and Matt. 18:18 with your child. Discuss what it means to be unrepentant as opposed to repentant. An unrepentant person is not sorry for their sins and does not believe in Jesus Christ. A repentant person is sorry for their sins out of love for God and believes in Jesus Christ for salvation!

