

Redeemer

Presbyterian Church



“After Darkness, Light”

The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul . . .
—Psalm 19:7

October 31, 1517:
Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses
to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg
with hammer strokes which echoed
throughout all of Europe.

The Lord's Service
October 25, 2015
Reformation Sunday

Welcome!

If you are **visiting our church** today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please be sure to fill out the Visitor Pad with your name and contact information when it is passed to you. This will help us serve you better. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall in the lower level for coffee and refreshments after the service. Our facility is equipped with a **hearing assistance system**. Please ask one of the Deacons for a receiver.

Staffed Nursery Available - for infant to 4 years old. Please see a Deacon or Greeters for directions to the Nursery.

The order of service we use at Redeemer is biblical and gospel orientated. Every week in our service we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel in what can be summarized as the 5 C's - Call, Cleansing, Consecration, Communion, Commission.

God Calls us into His Presence: Worship begins with God's invitation to worship. As sinners, we can only come as the result of his gracious invitation. We respond to his call by entering his presence with singing (Psalm 100)!

God Cleanses us from our Sin: Having entered his majestic presence, we are confronted with our own sinfulness and unworthiness. We confess our sin together, and receive God's assurance of forgiveness because of Christ.

God Consecrates us to His Service: God consecrates us through the reading of Scripture and the preaching of the Word. We offer prayer, offerings, and songs of praise.

God Communes with us: God affirms his relationship with us by inviting us to commune with him at his table.

God Commissions us into the World: God sends us out into the world with his blessing that we might be salt and light, living for his glory in a watching world.

**More information about our church can be found on our website:
“www.redeemertraversecity.org”**

The Lord's Service

October 25, 2015

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 96:1-2 Pastor Scott Korljan
Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

†**Opening Hymn** #92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *Martin Luther, 1529*

†**Invocation** Isaiah 40:6-8

A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass.

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.**

Let us pray.

†**The Greeting** 2 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

†**Response** #101 "Come, Thou almighty King" (Verse 4 only)

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.

His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Confession of Sin Ephesians 2:12-13; 4:1

As the children of God, we are called to perfect obedience and conformity to Christ. Yet, because of our flesh we fall short and do not live in a manner worthy of the God who called us into his own kingdom and glory. Therefore, let us repent, confess our sins, and seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

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Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from old. Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. For your name's sake, O Lord; Pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Declaration of Forgiveness 1 Peter 1:3-4

Hear the good news!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

Brothers and sisters, having confessed your sins to Almighty God, and having believed in his Promise now fully realized in his Son, be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†Hymn Of Assurance “He Will Hold Me Fast” Bulletin Pg. 13

Prayers of the People “Litany of Petition”

From “The Forme of Prayers” by John Knox, 1556

O God, in mercy remember your inheritance, and forget not the congregation of your people forever. You are our Redeemer and the lifter up of our head, and under the shadow of your wings shall we find our shelter and rest.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not thyself from our petitions.

Preserve, O God, the universal Church in holiness and truth, in unity and peace. May she ever advance the honor of her Lord, forever represent his sacrifice, glorify his person, and advance his kingdom, that being accepted of you, and filled with his Spirit, she may partake of his glory.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not thyself from our petitions.

Give to your servants, pastors, elders and deacons the spirit of patience and humility, of holiness and diligence, of prudence and courage, to declare your will by a pure life and wise words, that they may minister to the good of souls, and find the reward of the Master's approval at his coming.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not thyself from our petitions.

Give to our relatives and friends pardon of sin and the support of your grace, comfort in their sorrows, strength in their temptations, and the guidance of your good Spirit; that doing your will and rejoicing in your mercies here, they may partake of your glories hereafter.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not thyself from our petitions.

Give protection to all widows and orphans, patience and submission to the sick, consolation to the afflicted, that they may be rewarded by your comforts for the days wherein they have suffered adversity.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not thyself from our petitions.

Be a star and a guide to them that travel by land or sea; the strength of them that toil in factories; give to all merchants faithfulness and truth; to the farmer health, fair seasons, and reward his toil with the dew of heaven and the blessings of the earth. Give to all workman diligence in their callings, and a blessing on their labors; give to the old a mature religion, and the desires after heaven; give to the young an early piety; give to all families your protection.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not thyself from our petitions.

Give unto our enemies your forgiveness, charity towards us, and love for you. Bring all sinners to repentance, and all your saints to perfect love and holiness; bring all those who are still in darkness to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus, and all the benefits of his passion; to the glory of his name.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not thyself from our petitions.

Give cheerfulness to sad hearts, maintenance to the poor, be a defense to the oppressed, and put a stop to the sins and miseries of all mankind; and give to us all pardon, and holiness, and life eternal.

Father, we pray these things in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Savior, Amen.

New Testament Reading 2 Timothy 3:10-16 Elder Fred Janke

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks Be to God

Giving God Our Offerings

If you are seated on the center aisle, please pass the black Fellowship Pad for all visitors to sign.

†Doxology

Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter, 1551

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

†Sermon Text Reading Psalm 19

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This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon “God’s Perfect Word Our Only Authority”

Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

†Sermon Hymn #94 “How Firm a Foundation”

(Vs. 1 & 6 only)

Please be seated after singing the hymn

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, have been baptized and have publicly professed their faith as members of any evangelical Christian church. We encourage families to come forward together, but ask that young children not partake of the elements until they have met with their Elders to make a profession of their faith. We encourage those not participating to spend this time reflecting on the prayers printed on Page 9. We hope these prayers will be helpful to you as you consider your relationship to Jesus Christ and His people, the church. ***Please note that the inner rings of cups in each communion tray contains non-alcoholic wine; the outer rings contain wine.***

Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer #1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I, with body and soul,
both in life and death, am not my own,
but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,
who with his precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins,
and delivered me from all the power of the devil,
and so preserves me
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;**

indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation, therefore by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready, always, to live for him.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

Lamentations 3:41

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 118:1

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give you thanks and praise, eternal and ever blessed God, Lord of heaven and earth. As we set apart these common elements of bread and wine for holy use, we ask you to bless them and use them to strengthen and edify your people. Your wisdom is seen in all your works; your grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ, your Son; your power and presence are given to us through your Holy Spirit. Therefore, with angels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus

John Mercedke, The English Reformation, 1550; based on Isaiah 6:3

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The

whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the

whole earth is full of his glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord.

Words of Institution

Communion Hymns

#468 “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

“Every Promise of Your Word”

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“All I Have is Christ”

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Prayer after Communion

We give thanks to you almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Dismissal “Nunc Dimittis”



Now may your ser - vant, Lord, ac - cord - ing to your word,
de - part in ex - ul - ta - tion. My peace shall be se - rene,
for now my eyes have seen your won - der - ful sal - va - tion.

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



Individual Prayers for Communion

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I repent of my sins of self-ruling and self-saving. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Thank you that my sin and rebellion are Yours, and Your righteous, perfect, and obedient life is mine through faith in You. Knowing that you died on the cross and have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive and rest upon you alone as my Savior and Lord. I now resolve in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit and through the power of the gospel graciously working in my life to walk in manner pleasing to You. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Sermon Text
Psalm 19

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- ² Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
- ⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
- ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
- ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
- ⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
- ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

- ¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

NOTES

Hymn of Assurance

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er
 2. Those He saves are His de- light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre- cious in his
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just- ice has been

would pre- vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev- er keep my hold
 ho- ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His
 sat- is- fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end- less life,

Through life's fear- ful path; For my love is oft- en cold; He must hold me
 Prom- is- es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me
 He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
 fast.
 last!

For my Sa- vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Communion Hymn

“Every Promise of Your Word”

1. From the break - ing of the dawn to the set - ting of the sun, I will
 stum - ble and I sin, con - dem - na - tion press - ing in, I will
 faced with an - guished choice, I will lis - ten for Your. voice and I'll
 lifts me from de - spair, love that casts out ev - 'ry___ fear, as I

stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. Words of pow - er, strong to
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. You are faith - ful to for
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. Through this dark and trou - bled
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. Not for - sak - en, not a -

save, that will nev - er pass a - way; I will stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your
 give that in free - dom I might live, so I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your
 land You will guide me with Your. hand as I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your
 lone, for the Com - for - ter has - come, and I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your

Word.
Word.
Word.
Word.

For Your cov - e - nant is sure and on
Guilt to in - no - nce re - stored, You re -
And You've prom - ised to com - plete ev - 'ry
Grace suf - fi - cient, grace for me, grace for

this I am se - cure -
mem - ber sins no more -
work be - gun in me -
all who will be - lieve -

I can stand I can stand I can stand I can stand
So I'll stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your
So I'll stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your
We will stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your

Word.
Word.
Word.
Word.

2. When I
3. When I'm
4. Hope that

Communion Hymn

“All I Have is Christ”

Words and Music by Jordan Kauflin

$\text{♩} = 76$

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of a treble and bass clef system. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 76. The score is divided into several systems, each with a guitar chord progression indicated above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system includes three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes the lyrics 'own a reb-el to Your will. And if You had not loved me first, I would re-played, You suf-fered in my place. You bore the wrath re-served for me, now all I life in an-y way You choose, and let my song for-ev-er be my on-ly'. The fourth system includes the lyrics 'fuse You still. Hal-le-lu-jah! All I know is still. grace. You. boast is You.'. The fifth system includes the lyrics 'have is Christ. Hal-le-lu-jah! Je-sus is my life.' and a note '(Repeat chorus after 3rd verse)'. The guitar chords are: D, A, D, G, A, D, Em, G, A, D, A, Bm, G, D, Em7, Bm, G, A, Bm, G, Bm, A.

1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that
2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in - dif - ferent to the cost, You looked up -
3. Now Lord I would be Yours a - lone, and live so all might see the strength to

prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would
on my help - less state and led me to the cross. And I be-held God's love dis -
fol - low Your com - mands could nev - er come from me. O Fath - er, use my ran - somed

own a reb - el to Your will. And if You had not loved me first, I would re -
played, You suf - fered in my place. You bore the wrath re - served for me, now all I
life in an - y way You choose, and let my song for - ev - er be my on - ly

1. fuse You still. Hal - le - lu - jah! All I
know is still. grace. You. boast is You.

2. 3. fuse You still. Hal - le - lu - jah! All I
know is still. grace. You. boast is You.

have is Christ. Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus is my life. (Repeat chorus after 3rd verse)

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Bob Zimmer as he regains strength after his treatment for lymphoma
- Homebound: Dale Millward, June Rusch

Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches

- Etiennes (Haiti), Millwards (New City church plant), Reverend Brent Meyers (Spain) and all missionaries and their families.

For Churches in our Presbytery

- Christ Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan: “Pray for continued sensitivity to God’s invitation to participate in the building of His Kingdom and for faithfulness in heeding that call. Praise for an energetic return to our Fall ministry schedule. We are excited to see young people as well as seniors enthusiastically engaged in the study of God’s word and prayer.
- Christ Covenant Church, Midland, Michigan: “This Fall we are celebrating our 10 year anniversary of becoming a particular church. We praise God for his faithfulness in sustaining us and causing us to grow. In conjunction with our 10 year anniversary Dr. Darryl Hart, Ruling Elder in the OPC and Professor at Hillsdale College spoke to us twice on Sunday October 18th. We praise God that his sessions were well attended and well received by our congregation. We are also grateful for the wonderful fellowship that we enjoyed as a church on this date. We are in the process of negotiating the purchase of our own church building.”
- Reverend Tom Vanden Heuval: Pray for faithfulness as Seventh Reformed Church’s minister of visitation. Praise for good health and all God’s blessings.”

Announcements

Staffed Nursery Available - for infant to 4 years old. Please see a Deacon or Greeters for directions to the Nursery.

Next Sunday - Pastor Scott Korljan will preach from Psalm 37

4th Quarter Benevolence Offering - Today

Youth Gathering: There will be a Junior High/High School youth gathering at the Gibson house this Wednesday from 6-8pm. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Todd or Katina Gibson if you and/or your “youth” is attending.

Resources for your spiritual growth: Book table, lectionary readings, Tabletalk magazine & church library.

Financials Through September 30th, 2015

Budgeted Expenses:	\$184,599
Actual Expenses:	\$171,049
*Giving & Rentals:	\$174,702
(*Includes \$16,050 in Rental Income)	

This week at Redeemer:

Catechism Class - Meets Wednesday from 10:45 to 11:15 AM; for ages 3 - 6

Prayer Gathering - Tuesday from Noon to 1 PM

Men's Study - Thursday starting at 7:30 AM

Serving Today:

Communion Set Up: Chris & Nikki Millward

Elder: Fred Janke

Greeter: Dale & Cheryl Dorvinen

Nursery Volunteer:

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Refreshments: Potluck! (Clean Up; Gibson Small Group)

Sound Board: Max Wolfe

Serving Next Sunday, November 1st:

Communion Set Up: Barb Weber / Kate Empie

Elder: Bill Morrison

Greeter: Kate Empie

Nursery Volunteer: Katie Gordon

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Refreshments: Sarah Racine

Sound Board: Ralph Kott

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Sunday School: 9 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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