



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

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— Matthew 21:42**

**The Lord's Service
July 15, 2018**

Why Do we Baptize Infants & Children before they profess faith?

Depending on your background, you may find the practice of “infant baptism” to be strange, confusing, and seemingly at odds with what the Bible teaches. Why do we do it?

Perhaps it’s best to begin by clearly stating why we DO NOT do it. We do not practice infant baptism because we believe there is anything magical about the water. We do not practice infant baptism because we believe it automatically saves the child or because it will guarantee that the child will one day go to heaven. We do not do it because of church tradition (although this practice has a rich history in the church). We do not do it because of sentiment, although it does bring much joy and encouragement to Christian parents.

The reason we baptize the infants and children of believing parents *before* they profess faith is because we believe the Bible teaches that our children are members of covenant people of God, and as such should receive the sign of covenant membership. Throughout the history of the Bible, God has entered into relationship and promised to bless his people in the form of a covenant. The Old Testament records God entering into covenant with Noah, Abraham, Moses and Israel, and David. What is important about these covenantal relationships is that God always included the children of these believers in his covenant promises. He said to Abraham, “I will be a God to you and *to your offspring after you*” (Gen 17:7). Because Abraham’s offspring were included in this promise of God, Abraham was commanded by God to give the covenant sign of circumcision to his children, *including infants* (Gen 17:10-14).

While the sign has changed from circumcision to baptism (Col 2:11), the New Testament affirms the continued inclusion of children among the people of God. The Apostle Peter, preaching on the day of Pentecost, emphasized the principle that the covenant promise is still for believers and their children just as it was in the Old Testament: “Repent and be baptized, every one of you for the forgiveness of your sins...the promise is for you *and your children* and for all who are far off, for all whom the Lord our God will call.” Children baptized as infants have the responsibility to embrace Jesus Christ in personal faith for salvation, but they properly receive the sign even if they do not.

As Princeton theologian B.B. Warfield once wrote: “God established his church in the days of Abraham and put children into it. They must remain there until he puts them out. He has nowhere put them out. They are still then members of his church and as such entitled to its ordinances. Among these ordinances is baptism.”

Our hope and prayer for all the children who are baptized at Redeemer is that they will grow up never knowing a day when they did not trust in Jesus for their salvation.

The Lord's Service

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Call to Worship

Pastor Scott Korljan

Psalm 95; 1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

† =Stand, if able

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† Opening Hymn "For the Cause"

A/D **D** G/D D D/F# G A Bm D/F#

1. For the cause of Christ the King We give our lives, an of - fer - ing 'Til all the
 2. For the cause of Christ we go With joy to reap, with faith to sow As ma - ny
 3. For the King once lift - ed high To cries of rage, of 'Cru - ci - fy!' En - dured the
 4. To the King who con - quered death, To free the poor and the op - pressed, For last - ing
 5. Let it be my life's re - frain; To live is Christ, to die is gain; De - ny my -

5 A D/F# G G/B ^{1.3.} D G/D D A/D ^{2.4.5.} D G/D D

earth re-sounds with cease-less praise To the Son.
 see and ma - ny put their trust In the Son.
 cross as eve - ry sin was laid, On the Son.
 peace, for life and li - ber - ty In the Son.
 self, Take up my cross and fol - low the Son.

Refrain

11 G D/F# G D D/F# G D/F# G A D/F# G A

Christ we pro - claim, The Name a - bove eve - ry name; For all cre - a - tion, Ev - ery

16 Bm⁷ D/F# G G/B ^{1.2.} D D C/D D D A/D **D.S.** ^{last time} D

na - tion, God's sal - va - tion Through the Son!

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† Invocation

Psalm 124:8

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

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

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power to remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused mind with your word, heal our divided will with your law, heal our troubled conscience with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

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Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:24

Now lift up your heads and hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ Jesus. "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."

† **Hymn of Assurance** #305 "Arise, My Soul, Arise" (Vss. 1, 2, & 4 only)
(red hymnal)

Receiving of New Members -

Darryl & Susan Johnson, Keith & Jessica McLennan, Dan, Ashby & Troy Mizell

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Questions to the Congregation:

Do you as a congregation now welcome these brothers and sisters as members of this body?

We do.

Do you promise to undertake with sincerity and love your responsibilities to build up these new members and to seek to practice with them true Christian community and true Biblical church life?

We do.

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Baptism of Troy Daniel Mizell, son of Dan & Ashby Mizell

Questions to Parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly commit your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question to Congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

We do

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Giving God Our Offerings

† Doxology

**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.**

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† Sermon Text Reading

Matthew 21:28-46

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

³³ “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance’. ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

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⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon “True Religion”

Reverend Brent Meyers

Prayer of Application

† **Sermon Hymn** #585 “Take My Life, and Let it Be” (Verse 1 only)

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in cease-less praise,
let them flow in cease-less praise.

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.

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.**

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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 and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise for you are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. As we come now to the supper which he gave to us, we ask for the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that the bread that we break and the cup that we bless would be a participation in the body and blood of our Lord. And now, with the angels, and all the company of heaven, we magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of his glory,

the whole earth is full of his glory,

the whole earth is full of his glory.

Holy is the Lord.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

Music for Meditation

Connie Van Til

Post Communion Hymn “I Will Glory in My Redeemer” (Verse 1 only)

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me.

Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the pow’r of sin and death,

my only Savior before the holy Judge, the Lamb who is my righteousness,

the Lamb who is my righteousness.

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Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Dismissal #32 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Verse 3 only)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

† Benediction

† Benediction Response

Amen, Amen, Amen

Postlude

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Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Gean VanDyk (mother of Dave), pray for healing and strength as she needs surgery for an aortic valve replacement.
- David Delgado, pray for healing and strength as he undergoes treatment for cancer.
- Kathy Van Til and her family. Pray for physical, emotional, and spiritual strength as she continues to recover from surgery.
- Kimberly Close (sister of Katina Gibson) for God's mercy in her struggles.
- Paul Mann (Maggie's son-in-law) encouraged by doctors report, pray for physical strength, recovery and for God to reveal Himself to him.
- Ann Nelson (Christi Throop's daughter-in-law) for healing and strength as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
- John & Beverly McSauby as they grieve family loss.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Michiana Covenant, Granger, Indiana - Pray for faithfulness for our elders and deacons. Praise for God's continued blessing in making the Word, sacraments, and prayer effectual means of salvation in our midst.

Reverend Paul Engle - Pray for health and safety on a trip to Israel to teach Christian leaders.

Financials

Year to Date	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$133,278	\$141,664	\$155,622	(\$13,958)
Total Expenses:	\$139,095	\$141,601		

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Contact the Church office at:

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Announcements

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

Welcome - To Reverend Brent Meyers and his wife Ellie! Brent & Ellie serve with Mission to the World in Barcelona, Spain. Our church has been supporting Brent since 2015. This morning he will preach on Matthew 21:28-46

Candy Catechism - Catechism question of the month, (WSC 42) What is the sum of the ten commandments?

Summer Picnic - Sunday, July 22nd following our worship service. We have been invited to the Nussdorfer's. They are providing brats, hot dogs, lemonade, water, and tableware. Please bring a dish to pass, beach towels, lawn chairs, picnic blanket, and anything you would take to the beach. Please park on Hawk Ridge Drive and walk into their back yard, signs will be posted. Maps are available in the Narthex.

Ladies Summer Book Club - Evidence Not Seen: A Woman's Miraculous Faith in the Jungles of World War II by Darlene Rose (July 24 at 7 pm or July 26 at 10 am), The Wonder Years edited by Leslie Leyland Fields (August 21 at 7 pm or August 23 at 10 am). Evening sessions at Cherie vonDrehle's, morning sessions at Silver Lake Park. Questions? See Heidi VanTil

Benevolence Offering - Sunday, July 29th

This week at Redeemer:

vonDrehle Small Group - Today

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am
(Sacred Bond, Covenant Theology Explored
by Brown and Keele, led by Pastor Chris Stevens)

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 Brent Meyers Missions, 9-10 am Worship Service 10:15 am vonDrehle Small Group	16	17	18	19 Men's Study 7:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon	20	21
22 Worship Service 10:15 am Picnic	23	24 Ladies Book Club, 7 pm	25 VanDyk Small Group 7 pm	26 Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Book Club, 10 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon Missions Meeting 4 to 5 pm	27	28
29 Benevolence Offering Worship Service 10:15 am	30	31				

August 2018

			1	2 Men's Study 7:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon	3	4
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Serving Today:

Communion Set Up:

Kit Hinz

Greeting:

Kit Hinz, Brett Schut, Barb Weber

Music Ministry:

Connie Van Til

Nursery:

Heidi Van Til

Refreshments:

Berneice Gonder

Sound Board:

Gavin Weber

Serving on Sunday, July 22nd:

Communion Set Up:

Les & Mary Leone

Greeting:

Kit Hinz, Brett Schut, Barb Weber

Music Ministry:

Rick Harkert

Nursery:

Lindsay Korljan

Refreshments:

Picnic!

Sound Board:

David Smith



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1st or 2nd time visitor?

Have a Prayer need?

Want to be on our weekly newsletter?

Want more info about ministry or service at Redeemer?

Please fill out and place in the Offering plate.

Thank You!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact
(Call/Text): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

How did you hear about us:

1st Time Guest: ____

2nd Time Guest: ____

Regular Attendee: ____

Member: ____



*If you would like to be prayed for
please fill out and place in the
Offering Plate*

Prayer Requests:

Share with Prayer Team: ____

Private: ____

Send me information about :

___ Becoming a Christian

___ Baptism

___ Membership

___ Serving on a Team

___ Small Groups

___ Other

The Session (Pastor and Elders)

Rev. Scott Korljan, Pastor

Rev. Chris Stevens, Associate Pastor

Buzz Bauers

Fred Janke

Chris Millward

Bill Morrison

Fred Weber

David Schafer (Emeritus)

The Deacons

Jerry DeVries

Bob Israel

Tim Schramm II

Dave VanDyk

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Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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