



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

“Jesus went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.”

— Matthew 11:1b

The Lord’s Service

August 26, 2018

Why Community Groups?

With the start of fall comes the start of a new season of community group ministry at Redeemer. If you have never participated in community groups, I want to invite and strongly encourage you to consider joining one this year. Our community groups are an integral part of the overall ministry of our church and help us prioritize (1) Fellowship, (2) Growth in the Word, (3) Prayer, (4) Outreach & Good Works. Let me say a word about each of these.

Fellowship -- Community groups are one of the easiest opportunities to be known and get to know others in the church. We don't want our church to be a place where there are numerous acquaintances, a few friendships, but little real biblical community. And genuine biblical community -- transparent, vulnerable, and life transforming relationships -- doesn't just happen, it takes intentional effort and prioritizing of time together. Community groups are "devoted to the fellowship" (Acts 2:42) by eating together, celebrating together, and recreating together throughout the year.

Growth in the Word -- Community Groups are not just another Bible Study. Most groups actively discuss the sermons in their study time in order to "stir up one another to love and good works."

Prayer -- If we are not a praying church, we are not a biblical church. Community groups spend time in prayer on set topics each month so that our whole church is coming before our Father with a unified voice.

Outreach & Good Works -- Getting outside the four walls of the church is an important part of Christian witness in this world and our church mission. If we want to see God use our church to expand his kingdom in Traverse City, then we must have a plan of how we will "let our light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to our Father who is in heaven." Each community group commits to a specific plan for how it will engage in outreach and works of service and love throughout the year.

I realize that being part of a community group is a commitment. But I and the elders want to encourage you to make that commitment. God calls his church to be a place where believers are "devoted to the apostles teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). As we do that, not only will we personally reap spiritual blessings, but our church as a whole will be used of God as "salt and light" in Traverse City.

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Call to Worship

Pastor Chris Stevens

Psalm 66:1-5

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

All the earth worships you

and sings praises to you;

they sing praises to your name."

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

† =Stand, if able

Bold Words=Congregation

† Opening Hymn “Behold Our God”

$\text{♩} = 13$ C **VERSE** Em C Em

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered ev - ery grain of sand?
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

5 C Em C

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice. All cre - a - tion
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om
 God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave. Je - sus, Sav - ior,

8 Em7 G **CHORUS** C G/B Am F

ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a -
 all His won - drous deeds?
 ris - en now to reign!

13 C G C G/B Am F C G C

dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare. Come, let us a - dore Him!

† Invocation

Psalm 124:8

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 People: who made heaven and earth.

† The Greeting

Jude 1b-2

“To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: May Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.”

Amen

† Response #38:1 “Immortal, Invisible”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Confession of Sin

Hosea 4:1-3

Hear the word of the Lord, O children of Israel, for the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed. Therefore the land mourns, and all who dwell in it languish, and also the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens, and even the fish of the sea are taken away.

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess that we have not kept your law, and live in a land that willfully sins against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart; nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Father, have mercy on us through Christ. May the grace of the cross comfort us and cleanse us from within. Transform our hearts and desires to be like our elder brother. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

† Hymn of Assurance #263 “Lift High the Cross” (Vss. 1, 3 & 5 only)

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Scott Korljan

Scripture Reading

Joshua 5:13-15; Isaiah 35:1-6

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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.**

† Sermon Text Reading

Matthew 11:1-14

When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses.⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written,

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“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.

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Sermon “Our Questions, His Answers”

Pastor Chris Stevens

1) Confounding

2) Confirmation

3) Celebrations

Questions for discussion:

1. Why does Jesus respond indirectly to the disciples?
2. How is Jesus’ authority a comfort to us?
3. What is the significance of these miracles for us?

Prayer of Application

† **Sermon Hymn** #195 “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” (Vss. 1 & 4 only)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:

let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,
and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and nature sing,
and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love
and wonders, wonders of his love.

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.**

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

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.

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Post Communion Hymn #521 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)
 righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Bb(G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN Bb(G)
 whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)
 oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

† **Benediction**

† **Benediction Response**

Amen, Amen, Amen

Postlude

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Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Maggie Carins as she recovers from a stroke.
- Howard Long for strength and recovery.
- Jean VanDyk (mother of Dave), doctors continue to work with her determining some of the root health problems.
- David Delgado, for healing as he continues through the trials of chemotherapy.
- Kathy Van Til as she continues to recover.
- Kimberly Close (sister of Katina Gibson) for God's mercy in her struggles.
- Paul Mann (Maggie's son-in-law) 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.
- Joyce Weise at home recovering from back surgery. Pray for healing & rest.
- Beth Nussdorfer as her father died and healing for health challenges.

Financials

Year to Date	<u>July 31, 2017</u>	<u>July 31, 2018</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$167,648	\$177,180	\$181,562	(\$4,382)
Total Expenses:	\$165,278	\$170,083		

Want to receive Redeemer email notifications & reminders?

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.

Preaching next Sunday - Pastor Scott Korljan

Sermon Series - Returning to our Matthew series.

Candy Catechism - Catechism question of the month, WSC 98) What is prayer?

Ladies Fall Bible Study - begins Monday 9/17 (7 pm) and Thursday 9/20 (9:30 am)! All ladies are invited to join in a 10 week study using the guide *The Lamb of God: Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy*, by Nancy Guthrie. Please see Cherie vonDrehle for a book (suggested donation \$8) or you may order your own. Questions? See Heidi VanTil.

August Picnic - Today at the Greilickville Harbor Pavilion in Greilickville on M22! Redeemer will provide pulled pork sliders, please bring a dish to pass, your own tableware and anything you would take to the beach.

Community Group Fall Kick Off: August is the month to sign up for community groups that begin again in September. Sign up sheets will be available or you can contact the office.

Congregational Meeting: September 9th after service. Please plan to attend.

This week at Redeemer:

Picnic - today following our service

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

(Sacred Bond, Covenant Theology Explored led by Pastor Chris)

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	Worship Service 10:15 am Picnic	27	28	29	30 Men's Study 7:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon	31	

September 2018

2	Worship Service 10:15 am	3 Labor Day	4	5	6 Men's Study 7:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon	7	8 Single MOMM Event 4:30 to 7 pm
9	Sunday School 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am	10	11 Prayer Quilt Ministry	12 Session	13 Men's Study 7:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon Husted Small Group. 6:30 pm	14 Presbytery Meeting	15 Presbytery Meeting

Serving Today:

Communion Set Up:

Ralph & Teresa Kott

Greeting:

Les & Mary Leone, Carol DeVries

Music Ministry:

Connie Van Til, Leah Racine

Nursery:

Lindsay Korljan

Refreshments:

Picnic!!

Sound Board:

Gavin Weber

Serving on Sunday, September 2:

Communion Set Up:

Ron & Cindy Sabotka

Greeting:

Les & Mary Leone, Carol DeVries

Music Ministry:

Connie Van Til

Nursery:

Ashby Mizell

Refreshments:

Judy Conant

Sound Board:

Ralph Kott



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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: _____

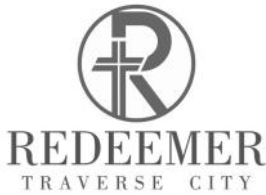
How did you hear about us:

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 (Pastors 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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Sunday School: 9 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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