



**REDEEMER**  
TRAVERSE CITY

**And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven,  
but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven,  
either in this age or in the age to come.**

**— Matthew 12:32**

**The Lord's Service  
September 23, 2018**

## *Why Recite A Creed Every Week?*

Every week, before we partake of the Lord's Supper, we recite together one of the ancient Creeds of the Christian Church. Most of the time we use the Apostles Creed, but we also use the Nicene Creed and occasionally parts of the Heidelberg Catechism. Why do we do this?

First, reciting a Creed names and gives substance to the God we worship. In a pluralistic society such as ours, people use the term 'god' to refer to any number of things that they have chosen to believe in. By reciting a Creed, we are leaving no room for ambiguity *which* God we worship and serve - The Triune God revealed in Scripture - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Second, reciting a Creed connects our worship with the generations of saints that have gone before us, and with those who will come after us. The Apostles Creed, for example, was composed no later than the 4<sup>th</sup> century, and has been used in the Christian Church since that time. Thus, when we recite it in worship, "we are verbally joining the venerable communion of saints... confessing our solidarity with the Church of all ages." Reciting the Creed also reminds us that the church is bigger than our denomination or even the American Church, as it unites us with believers in other parts of the world who have a different language, culture, and customs, but who share this common faith.

Finally, reciting the Creed as part of our preparation for the Lord's Supper reminds us that personal faith in the Triune God is necessary if we are to benefit from the Sacrament. In this regard, our reciting of the Creed is not meant to be merely an exercise in mental assent to certain doctrines, but a personal statement of trust. As one writer has said, "When we say 'I believe in God the Father Almighty,' we are not stating an opinion or even assenting to a doctrine; rather, we are confessing our personal trust, our faith in the Father almighty." The supper does not work "automatically" in the sense that God imparts grace to us without personal faith in Christ. If we come to the table without personal faith, we will *not* receive the grace that God promises to give. Only those who believe what the Creed says, whose trust is in the Triune God for salvation, can appropriately dine at the table he has set.

# The Lord's Service

September 23, 2018

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

## Silent Prayer of Preparation

## Call to Worship

Pastor Scott Korljan

Psalm 103:1-4

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

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**Bold Words**=Congregation

## † Opening Hymn “Jesus Shall Reign”

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc cess - ive jour - neys run;  
 2. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; The pris - ner leaps to lose his chains;  
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue Dwell on His love with sweet - est song;  
 4. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring Bless - ing and ho - nor to our King;

His king - dom stretch from shore to shore, Till sun shall rise and  
 The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest, And all the sons of  
 And in - fant voi - ces shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings  
 An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the

set no more.  
 want are blessed.  
 on His Name.  
 loud a - men!

**Refrain**

To our King be high - est praise Ris - ing through e - ter - nal days.  
 Just and faith - ful - He shall reign: Je - sus shall  
 reign!

## † Invocation

Psalm 124:8

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

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: 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 #342** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (Vs. 5 only)

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.**

**Confession of Sin**

Psalm 32:1-6a

**Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.**

**Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

**For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.**

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

**I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;**

**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Romans 8:1-2; 1 John 1:9

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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# † Hymn of Assurance "In Christ Alone"



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain: then burst - ing forth in glor - ious  
 power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



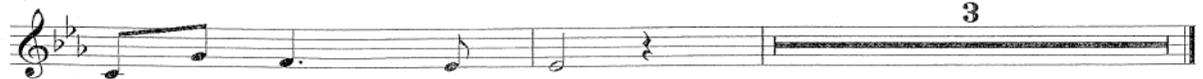
Ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of  
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save: 'til on that  
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No power of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis -  
 stands in vic - tor - y sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er take me from His



cease! My Com - for - ter, my All in All, here in the  
 fied, for ev - ery sin on Him was laid; here in the  
 me, for I an His and He is mine, bought with the  
 hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the



love of Christ I stand.  
 death of Christ I live.  
 pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 power of Christ I'll stand!

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# Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Chris Stevens

## Scripture Reading

Colossians 2:11-15; Hebrews 6:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

## Giving God Our Offerings

## Special Offertory Music

### † 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 12:22-37

<sup>22</sup> Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. <sup>23</sup> And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" <sup>24</sup> But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons." <sup>25</sup> Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? <sup>27</sup> And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>28</sup> But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>29</sup> Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. <sup>30</sup> Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. <sup>31</sup> Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. <sup>32</sup> And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

<sup>33</sup> “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. <sup>34</sup> You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. <sup>35</sup> The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. <sup>36</sup> I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, <sup>37</sup> for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “The Sin God Will Not Forgive”

Pastor Scott Korljan

### Sermon Notes

#### Questions for Discussion:

1. What is the unforgiveable sin? Can a Christian commit it?
2. What comfort can we take from Jesus’ claim that he has bound the strong man?

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## Prayer of Application

† **Sermon Hymn** #92 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Vss. 3 & 4 only)

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure,  
for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

## 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

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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

**Post Communion Hymn** #55 “To God Be the Glory”

† **Benediction**

† **Benediction Response**

Amen, Amen, Amen

**Postlude**

## Prayer Requests

### Redeemer Family:

- Maggie Carins she is making progress, but continues to recover.
- Judy (CJ's mother) for strength and peace as she has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- Howard Long for strength.
- 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.
- Joyce Weise at home recovering from back surgery. Pray for healing & rest.
- Brett Schut as he heals from a broken foot.
- Tony Pintcke, for physical strength and recovery.

### Churches in our Presbytery:

**Michiana Covenant, Granger, Indiana:** Pray for fall shepherding groups & Pastor Joel Irvin as he prepares to start a church plant in Elkhart County. Praise for faithful elders and deacons and a fruitful sabbatical for Pastor Wallace.

**Trinity, DeMotte, Indiana:** Pray for our faithfulness and that the Lord may bring growth to our church.

### Financials

Year to Date	<u>Aug. 31, 2017</u>	<u>Aug. 31, 2018</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$189,291	\$200,430	\$207,496	(\$7,066)
Total Expenses:	\$184,394	\$192,194		

### **Want to receive Redeemer email notifications & reminders?**

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Phone: 231-946-1700

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

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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.

**Sunday School** - Has resumed for all ages! K -8<sup>th</sup> grade will be using GCP material focused on teaching our children key biblical truth and how it all holds together. 9-12<sup>th</sup> will be working through R.C. Sprouls "Essential Truths of the Christian Faith." Adult Sunday school continues with a class taught by Pastor Scott called "Understanding Reformed Theology: The Joy of Calvinism."

**Candy Catechism** - 86) What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**Potluck!** - Our month end potluck resumes next Sunday after our worship service. Please bring a hearty dish to share with all!

**Ladies Fall Bible Study** - Mondays (7-8:30pm) and Thursdays (9:30-11am) through November. Any questions see Heidi VanTil

**Wednesday Night Studies** - Group will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 6pm. Food and childcare will be provided.

**Save the Date!** - All ladies are invited to share dinner and listen to a guest speaker on **strengthening our marriages** Friday night October 5 in the Fellowship Hall.

**Fall Clean-Up** - Will be held on Saturday, October 13 from 9am until noon.

**Barn Dance!**- Friday, October 26 at Jacob's Farm (7100 M-72 West), Traverse City. Prizes for best costume as Reformation figure. Games & prizes, live music & dancing. Dinner starts at 6pm and we party until 9:30pm. Also, discounts for corn maze: \$6/person, \$10/family doing mini-maze, open from 10am-9pm.

**Sign Up Sheets** - Sign up sheets for opportunities to participate with Community Groups, Communion Set Up, Nursery, & Refreshments are located in the Narthex.

### **This week at Redeemer:**

**Stevens Community Group** - Today after our service

**Ladies Bible Study** - Monday, 7pm

**Men's Study** - Thursday, 7:30am

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

**Ladies Bible Study** - Thursday, 9:30am

**Prayer Gathering** - Thursday, 12 noon

**Missions Meeting** - Thursday, 4pm

# September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 Sunday School, 9 am <b>Worship Service</b> 10:15 am Stevens Small Group	24 Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	25	26	27 Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon Missions Meeting 4 pm Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm	28	29
30 Sunday School 9 am <b>Worship Service</b> 10:15 am <b>Potluck!</b>						

# October 2018

7 Sunday School 9 am <b>Worship Service</b> 10:15 am vonDrehle Small Group	8 Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	9 Prayer Quilt Minis- try 1:30 pm	10	11 Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am Prayer Gathering, 12 noon Missions Meeting, 4 pm Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm	12	13 Fall Clean Up, 9 am until Noon Single MOMM Event
1 Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	2	3 Wednesday night studies, 6 pm Food & childcare provided	4 Men's Study 7:30 am Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon Bauer's Small Group 6:30 pm	5 Women's Dinner and guest speaker, 6:30 pm	6	

**Serving Today:**

**Communion Set Up:**

Ralph & Teresa Kott

**Greeting:**

Buzz & Cathy Bauers, Tom & Beth Nussdorfer

**Music Ministry:**

Connie Van Til

**Nursery:**

Heidi Van Til

**Refreshments:**

Michonne Palmer

**Sound Board:**

CJ Weber

**Serving on Sunday, September 30:**

**Communion Set Up:**

Kit Hinz

**Greeting:**

Buzz & Cathy Bauers, Tom & Beth Nussdorfer

**Music Ministry:**

Connie Van Til, Joo

**Nursery:**

Lindsay Korljan

**Refreshments:**

Potluck!

**Sound Board:**

Ralph Kott



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*1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us:

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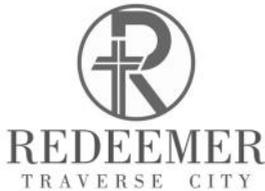
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1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_

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**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

**Redeemer Staff**

Scott Korljan, Pastor  
Chris Stevens, Associate Pastor  
Connie Van Til, Music Ministry  
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Bookkeeper

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**Sunday School: 9 AM**

**Worship Service: 10:15 AM**

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