

Legalists and Mystics and Ascetics, Oh My!

Colossians 2:16-23



ONLY JESUS

July 28, 2024
9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

ORDER OF WORSHIP
July 28, 2024 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Theme: Only Jesus

As We Gather

“If we esteem them too highly, good works can become the greatest idolatry.”
— Martin Luther

Prayer Before Worship

Dear God, because you are merciful and gracious, because you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, I know that my relationship with you is secure. No matter what I've done or what I do in this life, you will be faithful to finish what you started in me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Mystery Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

(Sponsored by Susan Semlow; The song played before our wedding.)

(introduced by Leslie Whitfield)

Guest Speaker

Nancy Ghanem

Holy Land Christian Solidarity Cooperative

Opening Hymn

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on the cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Order of Service

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism - 10:30am

(Following the Baptism, our worship continues with the Children's Message)

Child: Amelia Louise Burmeister

Parents: Bill and Amanda Burmeister

Sponsors: Adam and Heather Burmeister; Brandon and Liz Zdrojewski

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C: A broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 9:1-4

(The Passover)

The LORD spoke to Moses in the Desert of Sinai in the first month of the second year after they came out of Egypt. He said, "Have the Israelites celebrate the Passover at the appointed time. Celebrate it at the appointed time, at twilight on the fourteenth day of this month, in accordance with all its rules and regulations." So Moses told the Israelites to celebrate the Passover.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 2:16-23

(The things that can ruin your faith)

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow. Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility

and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-13

(The Lord's Prayer)

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: " 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.' " Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*(10:30 am service continues with the Sermon Hymn;
Confession of Faith was made during the baptismal liturgy.)*

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son:
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

Sermon

Text: Colossians 2:16-23

“Legalists and Mystics and Ascetics, Oh My!”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Gathering of Offerings

At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today. There are two simple ways to do this:

1. Scan the QR code on the front page of the announcements and fill out the online attendance form.
2. Use the worship card found in your pew. You may drop it in the offering plate or simply leave it in your pew after you fill it out.

This is also an opportune time for personal prayer and meditation. For help, see the prayers beginning on page 102 of the red hymnal and the Psalms beginning on page 123.

Doxology

Tune: hymn 15

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn 648

I am Jesus' Little Lamb

*(favorite hymn of Kimberly Bloink, Talitha Farah,
Pat Raezler, Ollie Vowell)*

1. I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.
2. Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst He bids me go where the quiet waters flow.
3. Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, by His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, there within His arms to rest.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist

Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by Andy and Kim Martin in celebration of Joseph's 7th birthday yesterday. *Sanctuary lectern flowers* were placed by Ron and Susan Semlow, in celebration of their second wedding anniversary. *Chapel altar flowers* were placed by Rachel Carter in celebration of Alexis Klaus's birthday.

Altar Guild

Beth Greenwalt, Karen Pridmore, Theresa Schulz, Stacie Millichamp, Marilyn Staargaard, Colleen Tafel, Laurie Krentz, Joanne Greenwalt

Greeters

10:30 - William & Stacy Baker Family

Reader

9:00 - Mike Dundas

10:30 - Mike Dundas

Audio and Video Operators

9:00 - Jim Wingo

10:30 - Greg Merryman and David Hardoin

Ushers

9:00 - Keith Lewis, captain; Dave Peterson, Rick Russ, Arnie Glesmann, Brian Vautaw, Kevin Hessen, Rudy Becker

10:30 - Special Team

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Visit us at: www.redeemberbirmingham.org for more detailed information
Mission: Bringing the love of Christ to a searching world.



Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Phone: (248) 644-4010 / E-Mail: office@redeemberbirmingham.org

Announcements for the week of July 28, 2024

Welcome to Redeemer! No matter your past or present...Your current family or marital status...Your past or current religious affiliation...Your personal history, age, background, or ethnicity...You are invited, accepted, and most welcomed here. May all who walk through our door know that God loves them. We are pleased to have you worship with us. We pray you will return and share God's Word with us again. For information on membership, contact Laura Vowell at (248) 644-4010 x121.

Worship/Communion Schedule

Sunday

8am – Chapel - Communion 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

9:00/*10:30am – Sanctuary - Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

*10:30am livestreamed service

Go to www.redeemberbirmingham.com and click on VIMEO/LIVESTREAM.

Monday

7:00pm – Chapel

Communion after 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday

Out of respect, please do not bring food or drinks into the Sanctuary or Chapel (i.e. coffee, water bottles, etc.). Also, please turn cell phones off or to silent. Thank you for your cooperation.

~Redeemer Board of Elders and Pastors

Redeemer Nursery: Infants and children are always welcome in church, but if you choose, our nursery is available during 9:00 and 10:30am Sunday worship services for children 3 and under. You are welcome to bring your child to the nursery at any time during the service.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Scan this QR code and fill out the online attendance form.

COMMUNION NEWS: If you would like communion to be brought to you, **please let an usher know before the service begins** and they will be sure that you are accommodated.

The West Narthex door will be locked on Sundays to enhance building security. To enter the church on Sundays please use: the main Narthex doors, the West Town Square doors, or the doors by the Chapel.

The Holy Land Christians coming to REDEEMER!!

Since we were unable to travel to the Holy Land this July, the Holy Land Christians are coming to Redeemer TODAY. During worship, we will be hearing a ministry moment about the Christians of the Holy Land. They will bring a nice display of handmade olivewood religious articles from Bethlehem available for purchase. These carvings include olivewood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts that could make nice wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter and Christmas gifts. The carvings are handmade by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on it for their daily bread.

More than 70% of the Christian Community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income. For decades those Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing conflict, the wars, the 12-yard wall built around Bethlehem, the

COVID-19 pandemic, and nowadays the catastrophic ongoing war. Due to this, tourists are afraid and unable to visit the Holy Land. This made it very difficult for the Christian families to find their daily bread and forced them to immigrate and flee their homeland since they lost their source of income. The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, today it is less than 1%. If it continues like this, in few years we will find no Christians in the land of Christ, which could cause tragic consequences to our faith and holy sites. Please help support our Christian brothers and sisters in the town where Christ was born by purchasing their carvings.

Monday Night Fellowship: now through August 26th

Fellowship will include light dinner, dessert and refreshments. Starts at 6:30pm outside the Chapel and runs until worship starts at 7:00pm.

Sponsored by Nicole and Children's Ministry.

Serving: Walking tacos, fruit, and Birthday cake in celebration of Laura Vowell's birthday.

Pastor Jimmy is at Redeemer Kamp!

He is giving communion to staff at Sunday's worship services and presiding over their Opening Worship service on Monday.

TEASER AND TRIVIA FOR WORSHIP AND STAFF TEASER!

Stan Kelley was a familiar face around Redeemer – volunteering and helping out with the facilities. Back in 1973, he reported a problem with pigeons roosting around the West Entrance. A month or so later, he reported that the pigeons had relocated themselves to the Methodist church down the street!

Did Stan “help” them along?

***Learn so much more about our Worship Ministry
and Staff in July of 2025!***

SAVE A LIFE

Birmingham Community Blood Drive
Thursday, August 8 - 8:30am - 1:00pm
Redeemer's Gym



CPR TRAINING AT REDEEMER

We are offering a CPR Training session **Sunday August 11th at 12pm** in the Redeemer Gym for anyone in the congregation that is interested. This is a 90-minute non-certification training. Redeemer is covering the cost of the training, with an option for a free will offering if you choose. We need a minimum of 20-30 individuals to hold a session. Please note that this will be the final opportunity to participate this year. Signup sheets are posted on the Town Square bulletin board. Please contact Chris Lagoe with any questions 248-515-5873 clagoe1221@icloud.com

In honor of the baptism of Amelia Louise Burmeister, a \$50 donation in her name has been made to Care Net Pregnancy Center of Berkley. Care Net Pregnancy Center exists to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ and communicate Biblical truth regarding sexuality and the sanctity of human life. To find out more about Care Net and the ministry they provide and ways you can help, call (248) 545-6411 or carenetberkely.com. Also, by the generous donation in memory of Rosa Stauffer, a few drops of water from the Jordan River have been added to the baptismal water.

PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP!

Be a Reader! BE A GREETER! HOST A COFFEE HOUR!

Be an acolyte or Cross Bearer! Sponsor Altar Flowers!

***THREE ways to sign up!**

- 1 Sign-up on the Town Square bulletin board**
- 2 On the front page of the church website-click the "ways to serve" box**
- 3 Call the church office**

Feed the Homeless!

Redeemer partners with Family of God (FOG), a Lutheran Church in southwest Detroit, that provides meals to those in need 6 days a week! YOU can help provide these meals in MANY different ways:

🍲 meal plan 🍲 shop

🍲 prepare a hot meal 🍲 deliver/serve a meal

🍲 prepare frozen meals 🍲 make bagged lunches

🍲 donate funds to be used to purchase supplies for the meals

Signup to help on our website at www.redeemberirmingham.org under the Ways to Serve box or on the Town Square bulletin board. **NOTE: If you are signing up on our website, there is a separate signup to sponsor a meal than there is to plan, shop, cook or serve the meal.** If you have questions or need more information, please contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org).

Special Music Needed for Summer Services

Whether you sing or play an instrument, if you would be willing to use your vocal or instrumental talent to provide special music for the 9:00am service on a Sunday in the summer, please let Steve SeGraves know. (ssegraves@redeemberirmingham.org). **Summer Music is needed all the way through Labor Day weekend. Many slots available. Make beautiful music and share it with the Lord!**

Mystery Prelude: You can have Rick Helderop play the Prelude spot at all the Sunday Services for that day (8am, 9am and 10:30am). Sign up for one of the available Sundays on the front page of the website or scan this QR code to be taken directly to the form. **It is \$10 and ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OUR MISSION FUND!** Thank you for participating!



For those who are grieving:

- Prayers for the family and friends of John Millichamp, who was called to his heavenly home on July 23rd.

For those with health concerns:

- Jim Endress, prayers of healing after hand surgery
- Cary Bohner, friend of Jon Duff
- George Bailey, friend of the Tyndall's
- Pat Raezler
- Patricia Hunsinger
- David Struck
- Sharon Tylenda's Father
- Michael, friend of Andrea Calvaneso
- Dale, family member of the Mammel family
- Linda and Sue Sack
- John Wargelin
- Myrna Orava
- Beth Hamada
- Ron Ging

For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh
- Helga Compagnia

Special Petitions:

- For all those who are serving in the military, police & fire-fighters.
- President Biden and all world leaders, to be receptive to Godly counsel.
- For all those suffering from health concerns and for their caregivers devoting themselves to helping everyone who is sick.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.
- For Amelia Louise Burmeister who was baptized today.
- For Carole Citron and Steven Khoury who were married this past Saturday.

Anyone in need of long-term prayers (more than 3 weeks) will be included in our daily prayer chain email distribution and rotated on our Sunday prayer list once a month.

HEARING LOOP

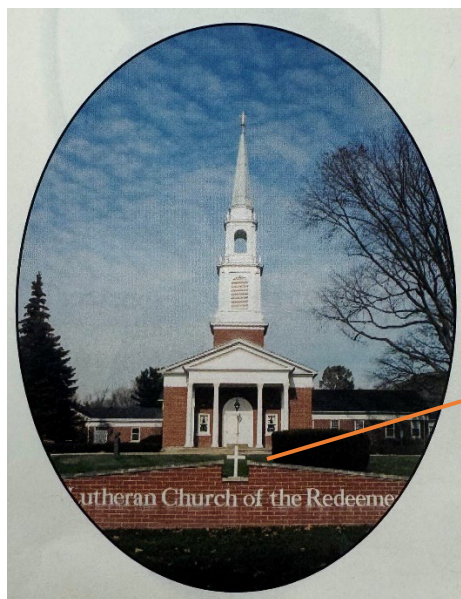


Our Sanctuary has a hearing loop to assist those with hearing loss. Users should set their hearing aids to T-coil. Please see an usher if you have questions or for additional information.

Donation Information: If you would like to donate, you can scan this QR Code using your phone's camera, or you can use one of the offering envelopes found in the pew. If you choose to give online, we have cards in the pew for you to place in the offering basket indicating you have donated online. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**



DID YOU KNOW? The white cross from our original sign, has found a new home. Thank You Fred for cleaning the area between Redeemer and Mills Pharmacy and find a place to display the cross. When you drive by the Chapel, take a look!



Four New AED's Around Building

One is located in the Narthex, another in the Staff Hallway near the elevator, a third in the hallway right outside of the Great Room, and the fourth in the basement right outside the elevator.

Walk for Life - Saturday, August 3rd at the Detroit Zoo!

Help us encourage moms & dads to choose LIFE for their preborn babies!

Visit www.WalkForLifeDetroit.com

for more information!

Sponsored by Care Net Pregnancy Center

Men's Golf and Barbecue

Guys of all ages – mark your calendar for **Wednesday, August 14th** for our 23rd annual Men's BBQ at Beverly Park Pavilion (Beverly Rd. west of Southfield). The BBQ begins at 6:00 p.m. and there is also an optional 9-hole scramble golf event at Lincoln Hills beginning at 3:00 p.m. Contact "Golf Commissioner" Walt Sweitzer (248-797-2755) to sign up for golf or with questions. Sign up by August 11th on the Town Square bulletin board for the BBQ or the BBQ and golf or contact Gary Priskorn (248-561-2641 or gpriskorn@redeemberirmingham.org). There is no charge for the BBQ – a freewill donation will be received. Join us for a great time of fellowship!

A Day at the Hollis' Cottage

Thursday, August 15 - 2:00-6:00 p.m.

The Hollis family has again invited adults of all ages to join them on Thursday, August 15th at their cottage on North Lake in Dexter Twp. for fun, food and fellowship from 2:00 – 6:00p.m. Guests are asked to bring beverages and a dish to pass to serve 10 (appetizers, salad, vegetables, dessert). Dinner (sloppy joes) will be at 5:00 p.m. Carpooling is encouraged! Sign-up sheet (by August 12th) and maps are on the Town Square bulletin board. Questions? contact Gary Priskorn (248-644-4010 ext.123)

Come Join our Study: Join us for *Unoffendable*, a 6-week video Bible study that began on June 24, based on the book by Brant Hansen. Brant discusses how letting go of our "right" to be offended is one of the most simplifying, refreshing, stress-relieving, life-giving things we can do. We can release the burden of righteous anger and experience the joy of gratitude. Please email Anna Lewis at agl4575@yahoo.com or text 248-224-0383 to sign up. Childcare is provided.

Summer RYG (High School) & JAMS (Middle School)

Wednesdays from 6-8pm

Middle Schoolers (JAMS) & High Schoolers (RYG) are hanging out on Wednesdays from 6-8pm ALL SUMMER LONG at NO COST! Everyone meets outside on the playground for a pizza dinner. Afterward, JAMS will go in the Gym to play games and RYG will go to the Youth Room for Bible Study! Parents, you can drop your high schooler and middle schooler off at the same time so that they can have Christian fellowship and some time to grow in their faith! Contact Gia, Eric, or Laura for more information.

****NO MEETING on Wednesday 7-31!**

ALL FRIENDS WELCOME!

Cedar Point - August 7

Students going into grades 6-12 are invited for a day of fun on the roller coasters of Cedar Point on **Wednesday, August 7th!** The cost is \$50 and includes admission, travel to & from park, breakfast, and a water bottle for the day. Grab a permission slip from outside Gia/Eric's Office, Laura's Office, or download one from the church website. **Forms & money are due TODAY** – LIMITED QUANTITY OF SPOTS! Contact Gia, Eric, or Laura for more information.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES - Begin September 29

Become a Member! If you are interested in becoming a member of Redeemer, please contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org). She will guide you through the easy process!

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Bible Study - Rev. Ronald Farah

Romans - meets all year long – ***No Bible Class TODAY***

Sundays, after 9am service (Scheidt Room)

Children's Sunday School - Nicole Olds

Sundays, 10:30am (lower-level classrooms)

NEW Bible Study - Anna Lewis

Unoffendable - 6-week video Bible Study

Mondays, 9:15-10:45am

Adult Bible Study - Pastor Jimmy

**On break for the summer until September*

Women's Bible Study - Kitty Sweitzer

Pop-Up Bible Study 6:30pm (Great Room)

Tuesdays: August 13

Men's Bible Study - Gary Priskorn

Acts ***Zoom available**

Wednesdays, 6:45-7:30am - all year long (Great Room)

Core Group (RYG - High School) - Gia Scheidt

Wednesdays, 6-8pm (Youth Room)

Young Adult Bible Study - Michael Banerian

First Thursday of every Month - 6:30pm (Michael's house)

For more information on a particular study, contact the names indicated or call the church office at 248-644-4010.

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