

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Thursday & Sunday, December 26 & 29, 2024

As We Gather

Did you already forget Christmas? The department stores have begun selling the leftovers for a discount because "Christmas is over." For the same reason, formerly decorated Christmas trees already line the streets as refuse for disposal. Even though Christmas songs speak joyously of "the twelve days of Christmas," many, if not most, people seem to think of them as a countdown rather than an extended celebration. Remember? Today, December 29, is but the fifth day of the twelve! We are not done yet. Or did you forget? Remembering during Christmas means much more than merely recalling a

past event as something that has no real, lasting effect on today; rather, the opposite is true. For instance, God remembers His promises by acting to fulfill them in each believer. For us, to remember means to bring a past promise or act to take effect in the present. Today we continue to shine the light of Christ. So, remember that it is still Christmas. Remember to believe that the Christ Child is that Light of the world who came to free us. Remember, that is, believe that Christ was born for you to save you. Remember, that is, believe that the forgiveness He won for us on the cross is actually given to us in Word and Sacrament.

Opening Hymn “Joy to the World” *LSB* 387

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences

P: By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

C: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

P: For I will be merciful, . . . and I will remember their sins no more.

C: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered.

Confession and Absolution

P: God our Creator said to Adam and to us all to remember that “you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” But now He calls all to repentance of sin and faith in His Son, who is the remembrance of God’s mercy and who came to destroy sin and death and restore us to life. Before the newborn Redeemer of the world, let us repent and receive His forgiveness.

C: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, remember not our sins of thought, word, and deed, the sins of our youth or of our old age. Because we often forget Your mercy toward us, we ask for Your forgiveness. Remember Your gracious will that whoever calls on Your name will be

saved. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us always to remember Your mercy and Your steadfast love that we may live as Your own children, now and forever. Amen.

P: Thus says the Lord, "I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins." Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise "Go Tell it On the Mountain" *LSB 388*

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 13:21–22*

(after the reading)...

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *2 Corinthians 4:5–7*

(after the reading)...

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

L: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 5:14–16*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. *(after the reading)...*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message & Celebrate Song 

Hymn of the Day "O Little Town of Bethlehem" *LSB 361*

Sermon

Offering & Involvement/Attendance Cards

Apostles' Creed

Prayer of the Church

P: *(after each petition)*... Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" *LSB* 380

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! A cordial welcome to everyone worshipping with us today. We are happy to have you share the joy of this Lord's Day with us. A special welcome to those worshipping with us for the first time. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about our congregation, please speak to a pastor after service or call the church at 712.276.1125.

Our worship services will continue to be available, traditional &/or contemporary, on our website: www.redeemersiouxcity.com or you can like us on Facebook or find us on YouTube.

Children's Bulletins and Quiet Bags are in the back of the church. Please place the Quiet Bags in the plastic container (next to the bags) when finished. Thank You!

Large-Print Bulletins and hearing devices are available from Ushers.

Just a reminder that we welcome prayer requests through our church email: [redeemerchurchsc@gmail.com](mailto:redemerchurchsc@gmail.com). You don't have to be a member to request prayers.

If you would like to give a charitable donation, you may drop off at the church or mail to RLC, 3204 S. Lakeport, Sioux City, IA 51106.

Please stop by Care Corner to sign a *birthday* card for Paul Fleckenstein.

Altar Flowers are given by Bob & Pam Naylor for the New Year-Happy 2025!

Pulpit Flowers are given by Marty & Marcy Delperdang in memory of Dad.

Thank You for all the prayers, cards, and get well wishes Gary received while he was ill. 'Special Thanks' to Pastor Senstad and Pastor Zirpel for their care. We would also like to thank you for the prayers for our grandson Jarrod. He is improving and may get to go home from the hospital this week. He will then have weekly trips to St. Louis for chemo. All Glory to God! ~- Gary & Eileen Bumsted

Join Us on Tuesday, December 31st, for our New Year's Eve Services with Holy Communion 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM.

The Office will be closed New Year's Day! Have a Safe and Happy New Year!

RED M&Ms: We have our men's breakfast & bible study January 4th at 7:30 AM. Men, bring a friend and come enjoy the fellowship and learning.

Upcoming Bible Study: 'Where God Came Down: The Archaeological Evidence' by Joel P. Kramer offers compelling evidence that the Bible is trustworthy. Layer by layer, the Bible and archaeology agree! We will examine different Biblical sites, revealing how divine interactions with simple people thousands of years ago shaped ordinary, unimportant places into holy sites, still revered today. This bible study will involve studying different Biblical passages and corresponding videos which show where these events took place! This course will strengthen your faith that the Bible is indeed true and inspired by God! **The course will be begin Wednesday, Jan. 8th, at 5:30 PM and continue each week until February 26th.** If interested, call or text Curt Green 712-560-5866.

LIFE LIGHT is returning for January. Since Pastor Senstad will be gone Jan. 14, we decided to wait until the Jan. 21 to start with Life Light (studying 1 & 2 Chronicles). We'll once again be meeting at *Whispering Creek Senior Living* on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

Super Bowl Sub fundraiser. The youth will be selling subs for the Super Bowl again this year. Order Forms will be available starting on January 5th. Please fill out one order form per sub that you want. Return the forms by February 2nd. Orders can be picked up the morning of February 9th. All proceeds will go towards sending our youth to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans July of 2025. Thank you for your continued support of the youth of this congregation. If you have questions or need more order forms, contact DCE Jonathon Bailey- 620-655-5395.

LWML Winter 2024 Women's Quarterly Magazines are here. Pick up a copy on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary.

Today is MITES Sunday. We collected Mites for special LWML projects in the US and around the world. There are "LWML" mite boxes at the north and south entrances. Please give generously.

Calling All Quilters!!! Quilting every Monday starting January 6th, 9:00 AM in the Lower Level Center Rm downstairs. All are welcome. Quilts are sewn for local and international mission needs.

LWML Board Meeting on Monday, January 6th, 6:30 PM, in the conference room. At 5:00 PM, we are also taking down Christmas decorations in the Parish Hall. All Hands would be welcomed to accomplish this task!!

Women's Morning Bible Study: Wednesday, January 8th, 10:00 AM, Conference Rm. **"Pew Sisters"** Bible Study for women "goes and tells what God has done" in the lives of real women in the church today –Session #7 – "Diedre: Broken Heart Syndrome/vocation" If interested contact: Jackie Krueger.

Women's Evening Bible Study: Wednesday, January 8th, 5:30 PM. Michaela Uhl hosting (2015 S. Helen St., Sioux City, IA).

If interested contact: Michaela Uhl or Tawnya Becker. Bible Study on **"Forgiveness"** by Donna Pyle, Lesson 4

Day 1: The Myth of Forgiving Yourself- pg 106

Day 2: When God Meets you in the Dirt – pg 110

Day 3: Eradicating Roots of Bitterness – pg 114



LWML Volunteer Activity at the Critton Center (3901 Green Ave, Sioux City, IA) on Saturday, Jan. 11th, 1:30-3:00 PM. Well having games, crafting, and fellowship with the 6-18 year old residents. Use the QR code to access Volunteer Application.

Your 2025 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up. They are located in the hallway under the coat rack next to the Office.

Thrivent Choice Dollars are at work all year long in a variety of projects. This Christmas season, the Thrivent Choice Committee along with the Board of Elders, will be visiting many of our shut –ins to deliver baskets funded by Choice Dollars and Action cards provided by members. Thank you for your support of Thrivent Choice Dollars and Action Cards provided by many of you during the year.

We are in need of Greeters for our 10:45 AM Service. If anyone is interested, see Pastor Senstad or Gary Kitzmann.

Ushers Wanted! We are in need of Ushers for our 10:45 AM service. No Experience Necessary. If interested, Please contact Doug Stucky 402-404-9068.

The Exalt team is always looking for more musicians to join us for the 10:45 Contemporary Service on Sunday mornings! If you, or someone you know, would like to join the group, please let Nathan Klaumann know either after church or by contacting him directly (402-587-0479)!

Technologist Wanted! We are in need for students or adults who are interested in running technology on Sunday mornings. No experience necessary. We will train you. If interested, please contact Angie DuBois or Tim Young at 712-276-1125.

Thrivent Members Who Have Choice Dollars: NEW Choice Dollars for the 3rd Quarter of 2024 are now available. Please direct them as soon as possible by calling 1-800-847-4836 or by directing them online at **www.thrivent.com**. Thanks for your continued support of the Choice Dollar program at Redeemer.

Fresh rhubarb, rhubarb custard, strawberry rhubarb custard & strawberry rhubarb pies, small & large are available, Thursday and Sunday mornings. \$20 for large & \$9 for small! At times, there are other flavored pies available! Tlx for your purchases! Thanks for all your help. Small jars of jams, jellies, & pickles are \$6 each or 5 for \$25. Large jars of pickles & jams are \$8 each or 5 for \$35. Varied flavors of syrups are \$8. We have a new flavor: "Holiday Jam," A strawberry, cranberry, orange jam!

Aronia Jam

**Aronia Syrup*

Aronia Berry Rhubarb

Aronia Blueberry Jam

Aronia Berry Jelly

Aronia Peach Jam

Blackberry Jam

Blackberry Jelly

Blueberry Rhubarb Jam

Choke Cherry Jelly

**Choke Cherry Syrup*

Elderberry Jelly

Fruit Juice Jalapeno Jam

Fruit Juice Jelly

Gooseberry Jam

Gooseberry Jelly

Gooseberry—

Rhubarb Jam

Jalapeno Jam

Red Currant Jelly

Red Raspberry Rhubarb

Red Raspberry—

Rhubarb Jam

Rhubarb Aronia—

Jalapeno Jam

Rhubarb Ginger Jam

Rhubarb Jalapeno Jam
Strawberry Jalapeno Jam
Tart Cherry Jam
Wild Grape Jelly
Wild Plum Jalapeno Jam
Wild Plum Rhubarb Jam
*Wild Raspberry Rhubarb-
Jalapeno Jam*

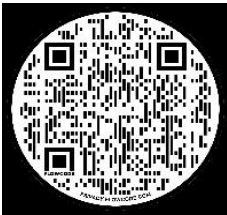
PICKLES

Dill
Strawberry Jalapeno Jam
Sweet Pickles

PIES

Rhubarb
Rhubarb Custard
Strawberry Rhubarb
*** *New— Holiday Jam**

GriefShare for the Holidays – Calvary is hosting this opportunity the evening of Mondays, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This endeavor offers grieving church members, as well as people in our communities, support, understanding, and tools to get through tough times regarding the loss of a loved one. Bring a family member, a friend...if questions please call 712-389-5226. You may register at calvaryleeds.com. FYI – GS's winter cycle begins Tuesday, 1/14 (morning) and on 1/16 (evening).



Giving has never been easier! You can now scan Redeemer's QR Code to access our online giving. Just open up your camera on your phone and point it at the QR code centering it on your screen. You may have to hold it still for a few seconds. Then tap the pop-up banner/link. This will direct you to Redeemer's giving website.

If you have "new" flats (lids) and/or new/used canning rings (narrow or wide), you no longer need, we would gladly accept your donation. Just put in a sack or box and place outside Pastor Zirpel's door. Canning jars, especially 8 oz (narrow) and 16 oz (narrow & wide) jars, also accepted. ~~Thank You!

Additional Listening on Sundays:

1. Good Shepherd Hour- 8:00 AM KSCJ
2. Lutheran Hour- 8:30 AM KSCJ
3. Main Street Living- 10:00 AM KCAU, Channel 9.

January 5 airing - This is the Life – "The Other Wiseman" – Another Magi, making his journey to the Christ child, encounters others and

shows kindness along the way. Worship Service – Rev. Merle Mahnken of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig, IA, delivers the message “Growing in Wisdom” based on Luke 2:40-52. If you would like to watch **Main Street Living** at a different time other than Sunday morning, 10:30, you can log on to the website (www.mainstreetliving.com). Just hit “Sioux City.”

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Always clearly mark your “special” offerings, so that the office can make sure that you are credited properly. Missionary support is always sent to Mission Central (Gary Thies, Mapleton, IA) through Redeemer Lutheran Church. Your quarterly statements will reflect your “special” offerings if clearly marked.

Redeemer's Missionaries of the year for 2024 are the Adam Lehman Family and the JJ Wolf Family. Contributions may be made to their accounts to Redeemer Lutheran and earmarked as such at any time. Contributions are then sent through Mission Central (Gary Thies, Mapleton) by Redeemer. Thanks for your consideration!

Depression is associated with many things, but weak faith is not one of them. Martin Luther himself struggled with depression as did many of our other church leaders. If you are feeling depressed, please don't suffer alone. Luther had the right idea five hundred years ago when he said, “Solitude produces melancholy. When we are alone the worst and saddest things come to mind. We reflect in detail upon all sorts of evils. And if we have encountered adversity in our lives, we dwell upon it as much as possible, magnify it, think that no one is so unhappy as we are, and imagine the worse possible consequences.” Reach out and talk to someone you trust. Your pastor and your team of Lutheran Family Service counselors are here for you, regardless of where you live. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

SERVING THIS WEEK- (December 26 & 29, 2024): Thursday, 6:30 PM- (Harlan & Mary Feddersen, Al & Mellisa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). **Sunday 8:15 AM- Team 3** (Gary Flammang, Mitchel Bauman, Gary Bumsted, Paul Feckenstein, Bob Naylor). **10:45 AM- Team 7** (Doug Stucky, Nate Klaumann, Christian Stai,

Tom Stokes). **GREETERS: 8:15 AM-** Dick & Deanna Braun; **10:45 AM-** Marty & Marcia Delperdang. **ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM-** TBD; **10:45 AM-** Camden Doscher & Kate Van Meter **TECHNOLOGIST:** Thurs. 6:30 PM- Tim Young; Sun. 8:15 AM- Erik Koehler; **10:45 AM-** Tim Young. **COUNTING TEAM: 3** (Bobolz's & Schmiths'). **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Dave & Lori Albrecht

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (January 2 & 5, 2025): Thursday, 6:30 PM- (Harlan & Mary Feddersen, Al & Mellisa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). **Sunday 8:15 AM- Team 1** (Alex Erickson, Marc Benson, Larry Nelson, Jerry Van Peurseem). **10:45 AM- Team 5** (Mark Boyd, Loren Field, Rick Lieber). **GREETERS: 8:15 AM-** Dick & Deanna Braun; **10:45 AM-** Scott & Beth Bowman. **ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM-** Mesa & Sierra Zellmer; **10:45 AM-** Kevin & Tyler Simpson. **TECHNOLOGIST:** Thurs. 6:30 PM- Tim Young; Sun. 8:15 AM- Erik Koehler; **10:45 AM-** Tim Young. **COUNTING TEAM: 4** (Buckley & Fink). **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Youth

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending December 22, 2024

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 22+156+138=316 (26%)
 Adult Bible Study: 20; ROCK Sunday: N/A; ROCK Wed: N/A
 Sudanese: 13

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
Dec. 22, 2024	\$12,192	\$15,548	77%
Year-to-date	\$750,781	\$802,047	94%

Building Fund Income:

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$3,915	\$100	\$4,015

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, December 29, 2024

MITES SUNDAY

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services
 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
 No ROCK Sunday
 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
 1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

Monday, December 30, 2024

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

11:30 AM & 6 PM New Year's Eve Worship w/ Holy Communion
1:30 PM Staff Bible Study and Meeting

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Office is Closed

No Midweek, ROCK Wed.

No Bible Study

No Handbell or Adult Choir

No Youth Group

Thursday, January 2, 2025

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion

Friday, January 3, 2025

9:00 AM - Noon Food Shelf

Saturday, January 4, 2025

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM ROCK Sunday

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation

1:00 PM Sudanese Worship