



THURSDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 15 & 18, 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Traditional Worship (6:30 PM Thurs; 8:15 AM Sunday).....	p. 3
Contemporary Worship (10:45 AM Sunday).....	p. 6
Announcements.....	p. 9

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & KINDERCOTTAGE PRESCHOOL

3204 S. Lakeport Street, Sioux City, IA 51106
Ph. 712-276-1125 ♦ www.redeemersiouxcity.com

TRADITIONAL SERVICE:

6:30 PM Thursdays; 8:15 AM Sundays

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 10:45 AM Sundays

SUDANESE SERVICE: 1:00 PM Sundays

communion celebrated 1st & 3rd Sunday of month



Russell C. Senstad, Pastor
David N. Zirpel, Pastor
Jonathon Bailey, Director of Christian Education
Christy Jessen, Family Ministry Assistant
Tara Vander Weil, Preschool Director
Michelle Prescott, Preschool Instructor
Brian Searls, Facilities Supervisor
Angela DuBois, Office Manager

Jennifer Lay, Receptionist
Kristy Fisher, Assistant / Volunteer Coordinator
Charity Koehler, Handbell & Adult Choir Director
Nate Klaumann, Exalt Choir Leader
Shannon Peterson, Adult Choir Accompanist
Bonnie Rossman, Jan Null, Sharleen Schlotman & Paulette Schmidt, Organists
Jim Schroeder, Christian Estate Planning Counselor

Sunday, May 18, 2025: Tradition Worship Service:
Prayer and Preaching (LSB p. 260)

Hymn of Praise “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” *LSB 465*

Opening Versicles *LSB 260*

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord. **C** Teach me Your paths.

L Sanctify us in Your truth. **C** Your Word is truth.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise “In Thee Is Gladness” *LSB 818*

Readings From Holy Scripture

First Reading *Acts 11:1–18*

L (after the reading)...

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

Epistle Reading *Revelation 21:1–7*

L (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.

Gospel Reading *John 13:31–35*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

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

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

Responsory LSB 263

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Nicene Creed

Children's Message & Celebrate Song

Hymn of the Day "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *LSB 700*

Sermon

Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

Prayer of the Church

L (*after each request*)...Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You...now and forever. **C** Amen.

Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. **C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Distribution Hymns "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" *LSB 631* and "The Lord Is My Light" *LSB 723*

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.
- C Keep us firm in the true faith that we may join the rest of Your good creation in singing Your praises at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Collect of the Day

- L** O God...one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Collect for the Word

- L** Blessed Lord...one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 267*

- L** Let us bless the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**
- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. **C Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" *LSB 803*

Contemporary Worship Service, A Service of Prayer and Preaching

10:45 AM Pre-Service Song “Your Love Defends Me”

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song “Everlasting God”

Sentences for the Service

- P** God is spirit: **C** and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.
- P** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord, Jesus Christ.
- C** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting;
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Act of Adoration

- P** Let us adore our heavenly Father, who created us, who sustains us, who loves us with an everlasting love and gives us the light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
- C** We praise you, O God and acknowledge you to be the Lord.
- P** Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; who in every respect was tempted as we are, yet without sinning; who went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom; who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; who died and is alive forevermore; who has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; who is seated at the right hand and of God in the glory of the Father, who will come again as Judge and King.
- C** You are the King of glory, O Christ.
- P** Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, by whom we are born into the family of God, and made members of the body of Christ; Whose witness confirms us, whose wisdom teaches us, whose power enables us to do far more than all we ask or think.
- C** All praise to you, O Holy Spirit

Song of Praise “Better Is One Day”

Act of Confession

P O God, our Father, since you have set forth the way of life for us in your Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, our reluctance to bear the cross.

C Have mercy and forgive us, O Lord.

P Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of Your Word, our hesitating witness for Jesus, our evasion of responsibility in your service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

C Have mercy and forgive us, O Lord.

P Forgive us that so little of your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

Time to Hear God's Word

First Reading *Acts 11:1–18*

L *(after the reading)...*

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

Epistle Reading *Revelation 21:1–7*

L *(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.

Gospel Reading *John 13:31–35*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth 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 🎵

Sermon Song "Lord, I Need You"

Sermon

Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

Act of Thanksgiving

- P** Almighty God, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to you, and for all your loving kindness we bless your holy name. For life and health, for love and friendship, and for the goodness and mercy that have followed us all the days of our life.
- C** **Glory, thanksgiving, and praise be to you, O Father Almighty, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

An Act of Supplication

- P** Almighty God, because you have committed to your people the ministry of intercession, hear us as we pray for others, and grant that our hearts may be filled with peace and love. For your people here and everywhere, that you would inspire them with love for your house, zeal in your service, and joy in the advancement of your kingdom. **C** **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Prayer of the Church

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

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion Songs "In Christ Alone/Solid Rock (Medley)" and "At The Cross (Love Ran Red)"

Post-Communion Collect

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

Final Blessing

Closing Song "Eye Of The Storm"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Communion is celebrated at Redeemer in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that we may show forth His death until He comes. We ask visitors who are in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, to first speak with a pastor.

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: redemmerchurchsc@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 an **Anniversary** card for Jeff & Stacey Lewis celebrating 35 years together.

Sympathy Card for Lisa Gottburg & Family on the loss of her father Elden Zellmer.

Pulpit Flowers are given by Carol Junck in honor of her 90th birthday, May 15th.

***Thank you all** for your prayers, cards, food, gift cards, and flowers as I recover from my fall on April 10th. I still have a ways to go before I'm fully healed, but with friends like you, the time will pass more quickly. A special thank you to Pastor for bringing me communion. I truly appreciate all your kindness. Thank You All ~~ Yvonne Pedersen*

Please join us today after the 1st service for a celebration of Carol Junck's 90th Birthday.

Elders: We have a regularly scheduled meeting this coming Thursday (5/22) at 7:00 pm. Please let head elder, Jeremy Schram, know if you are unable to attend.

EARLY BIRD bible study is coming soon! June 4 at 6:30 am. This study is open to everyone and only lasts an hour so you'll have plenty of time to still get to work.

We will have strawberry-rhubarb pies available in the coming weeks to help with AC expenses. This morning we also have a few apple pies in addition to the strawberry-rhubarb pies. \$20 each! Thanks!

Sunday School Update: As we wrap up another wonderful year of learning and growth, please note that the **last day of our regular Sunday School year is Sunday, May 18th**. Our **Summer Sunday School Program** will **kick off on Sunday, June 8th**, and run throughout the summer during our regular time, **9:30–10:30 AM**.

Classroom Locations:

- **Preschool through Elementary:** Big Room Downstairs
- **Middle School & High School:** Youth Room Upstairs

We're still in need of a **teacher for August 3rd**—if you're available to help, please let us know! Thank you to all our dedicated teachers and volunteers for making this ministry possible!

End of School Year Family Picnic! Come celebrate the end of the school year with a fun-filled family picnic at beautiful **Bacon Creek Park!**

Where: Pavilion #2 **When:** Sunday, May 25th | 5:00–7:00 PM

We'll be grilling up hamburgers and hot dogs, so come hungry. Kids can enjoy the playground, and there's plenty of space for everyone to explore the walking trail or even try some fishing. Bring the whole family, invite your friends—everyone's welcome! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Let's kick off summer together with good food, laughter, and great company. Questions contact DCE Jonathon Bailey 620-655-5395.

Join us for a powerful day of worship and music at the ***Christian Cross Fest—a free Christian music festival in Norfolk, NE!***

Date: Saturday, June 7th **Time:** 2:00 PM – 11:00 PM

(Food will be available for purchase from food vendors on-site)

Departure from church: 12:00 PM (noon)

Return: Around 1:00 AM on **Sunday, June 8th**

Everyone is invited! Students younger than high school must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We're renting a **15-passenger van** for transportation. If you would like to ride with us, **please contact DCE Jonathon Bailey by May 25th at 620-655-5395.** Let's make it a day of praise, fellowship, and fun!

VBS Training – Volunteers Needed! We will be holding a **VBS Training Session on Sunday, June 1st at 4:00 PM.** VBS is fast approaching, and we're still in need of a few more volunteers to serve as **Crew Leaders.** **Crew Leaders** help guide their crew of kids from station to station throughout the evening—it's a fun and rewarding way to make a difference!

Redeemer's Youth Rummage will take place on Friday, June 13th, 8:00 AM- 6 PM & Saturday, June 14th, 8:00 AM-2 PM. Items for the rummage sale may be dropped off beginning Sunday, June 8th. No mattresses or outdated electronics will be accepted!

RiseFest is coming! June 20-21. One of the best Christian concert events of the year is coming to Sheldon, IA. It will be a wonderful happening for the whole family. For more information, go to www.riseministries.com



VBS Student Registration Now Open! Online registration is now available for VBS! **All potty-trained children through 5th grade** are invited to attend. You can register online using the QR code on the information sheets in the entryway, or pick up a paper form. **VBS is July 6th-10th, 6-8:30 PM** (Dinner 5:30-6 PM) Questions? Reach out to **DCE Jonathon Bailey at 620-655-5395.**

TUITION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR for Redeemer Lutheran Kinder

Cottage Preschool and St Paul's Lutheran School (grades K-5). Members of Redeemer may receive \$500 per student towards Kinder Cottage Preschool tuition and/or \$1,000 per student towards St Paul's Lutheran School tuition. This assistance is courtesy of a generous donation to the Redeemer Lutheran Church Endowment and Legacy Fund. If interested, please call the church office {712-276-1125} to provide your contact information or pick up a form. Please note that funds are limited, and forms are processed on a first come/first served basis.

Deadline to apply is July 31st, 2025.

Redeemer Lutheran Church members leaving a legacy for future generations. Please see Redeemer's website for information from The Endowment and Legacy committee regarding an opportunity to "Remember the Future" of Redeemer by including Redeemer in your estate plans. This info can be found under the MORE tab / Monthly News and Bulletins / Leaving a Legacy.

We are thrilled to announce that our Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) is looking for passionate and dedicated individuals to join our leadership team! We have openings for the roles of *President Elect* and *Treasurer*.

President Elect: Assists in leading our organization, supports the President, and helps plan / execute our events. One year term, then rolls into one year term as President.

Treasurer: Manages our finances, keeps our budget on track, and ensures our financial records are accurate and up-to-date. Two year term.

If you feel called to serve in either of these roles, please reach out to Tawnya Becker (712-253-3528) by May 31, 2025. Your involvement will help us continue to grow and make a positive impact in our church and community.

Her Health Women's Center: Your CHANGE can make a difference for LIFE! By participating in our Baby Bottle Campaign you help Her Health Women's Center provide confidential and caring services at no charge for anyone in Siouxland facing an unintended pregnancy. Pick up a bottle and fill it with coins, cash or checks and **return it by June 16th, Father's Day**. For more information on the ministry of Her Health Women's Center go to PartnersofHerHealth.org

June 26-29th - 2025 LWML Convention in Omaha, NE. **Online registration now open..** *If you would like to car pool, please sign up ASAP, so that we may determine if we have sufficient numbers. Sign up on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary.*

Woodbury County Fair (LWML Sioux City Zone) Wednesday, July 30th – Please sign up to volunteer and/or provide a pie(s). Volunteers needed **9:30 AM-1 PM, 1:00-4:30 PM, and 4:30-7:30 PM.** Pies needed (Cherry, Apple, Peach, or \$20 donation for pie). Sign Up sheet in the South Entrance.

Thrivent Members Who Have Choice Dollars - NEW Choice Dollars for the 1st quarter of 2025 are now available. To direct your Choice Dollars, call the Home Office at 1-800-847-4836 or you can direct them online at www.thrivent.com.

Jams & Jellies are available for asking! (5 for \$25 or \$6 each. Dill pickles \$8 a quart)

Come Join Us on Facebook ---- LWML Redeemer Lutheran Church - Sioux City.

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!



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.

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.

May 25 airing - This is the Life - “Time Out for Bill” – What is proper when Christians face adversity. Worship Service – Rev. Steven Hokana, Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces in St. Louis, MO, presents a message titled “Faith and the Warrior”. The sermon is based on Isaiah 6:7. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Please Like our Facebook

page <https://www.facebook.com/Bibishopemissiontrip>

Follow us for great stories, pictures, and updates. Thank you!

Please Like us our Facebook

page <https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerLC>

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 2025 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!

SERVING THIS WEEK- (May 15 & 18, 2025): *Thurs. (Harlan & Mary Feddersen, Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). Sunday 8:15 AM- Team 1 (Alex Erickson, Marc Benson, Larry Nelson, Jerry Van Peurse). 10:45 AM- Team 5 (Mark Boyd, Kirk Campbell, Andrew Campbell, Preston Marsh). GREETERS: 8:15 AM- Bruce & Roberta Timmons; 10:45 AM- Scott & Beth Bowman. ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM- Evan Shrauner & Eliana Engel; 10:45 AM- Bruce Bailey. TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 AM- Tim Young; Sun. 8:15 AM- Erik Koehler; 10:45 AM- Temperance Thompson. COUNTING TEAM: 3 – Bobolz's & Schmith's. COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS: Dale & Nadine Henningsen*

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (May 22 & 25, 2025): same as last week. *GREETERS: 8:15 AM- Justin & Emily Wulf; 10:45 AM- Kirk & Angela Campbell. ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM- Jase Fisher & Eliana Engel; 10:45 AM- Bruce Bailey. TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 AM- Tim Young;*

Sun. 8:15 AM- *Jordan Fisher*; **10:45 AM-** *Curt Green*. **COUNTING TEAM: 4 – Buckley & Fink. COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS: TBD**

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending May 11, 2025

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 38+191+129=358 (29%)

Adult Bible Study: n/a; ROCK Sun. 29; ROCK Wed: n/a

Sudanese: 10

Date	Income	Budgeted Income	%
May 11, 2025	\$10,870	\$15,548	70%
Year-to-date	\$286,986	\$296,969	97%

Building Fund Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Total
\$775.00	\$0.00	\$775.00

New Sound System Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Goal
\$760.00	\$630.00	\$125,000

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, May 18, 2025

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

9:30 AM *Carol Junck's Birthday Celebration*

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation Instruction for Membership

9:30 AM ROCK Sunday

1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

4:00-6 PM Pickleball

Monday, May 19, 2025

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

11:00 AM Retired Educators Meal/MWM

1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mtg

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

1:00 PM Pickleball

7:30-9 PM Youth Group

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Last Day of Preschool for T/TH

1:00 PM Altar Guild

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:00 PM BSF Bible Study (lower level- center rm)

6:30 PM Worship Service

7:00 PM Elders Mtg

Friday, May 23, 2025

Last Day of Preschool for M/W/F

9:00 AM – Noon Food Shelf

Sunday, May 25, 2025

FOOD SUNDAY

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation Instruction for Membership

9:30 AM ROCK Sunday

1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

4:00-6 PM Pickleball

5:00-7 PM Family Cookout at *Bacon Creek*