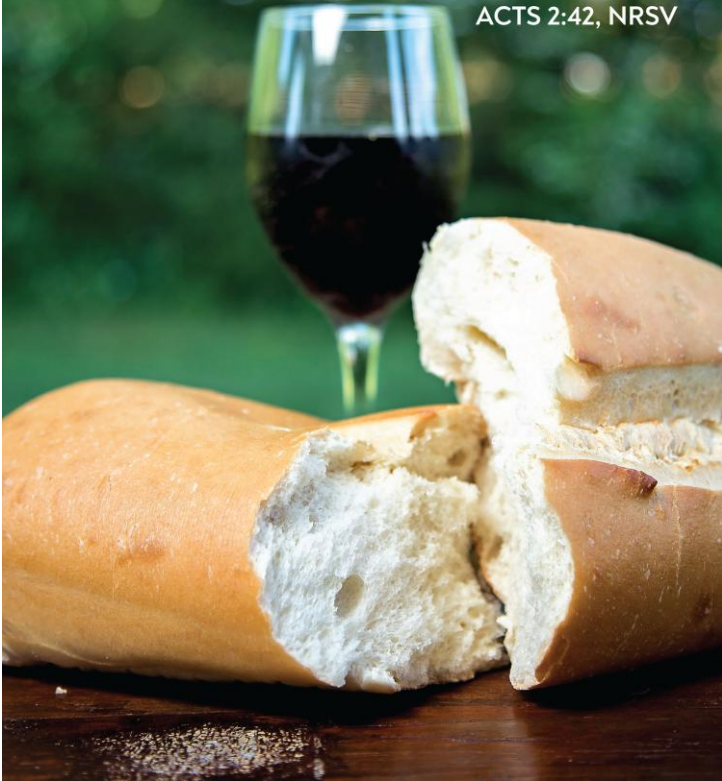


They devoted themselves to ...
the breaking of bread
and the **prayers.**

ACTS 2:42, NRSV



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Thursday & Sunday, April 30th & May 3rd, 2026

'Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled'

As We Gather

How far can you see? Several factors affect our vision but for an observer at sea level, the horizon is about three miles away. How clearly a person can see may be limited by atmospheric conditions such as fog, haze, dust, and water vapor. A clear vision makes a great difference in every situation! In “What God Ordains Is Always Good,” German hymn writer Samuel Rodigast shared this Christian life insight about God’s plan and providence: “Now I may know both joy and woe; someday I shall see clearly that He has loved me dearly” (*LSB* 760:4). Our worship helps us clarify our vision of God’s graciousness!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

The Light of Christ

P: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. The light of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Opening Hymn “To God Be the Glory”

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done, So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O Come to the Father through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **Refrain**

3. Great things He Hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **Refrain**

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

P: The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

C: in those who hope in His steadfast love.

P: O LORD, how manifold are Your works!

C: In wisdom have You made them all.

P: May the glory of the LORD endure forever.

C: Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Confession and Absolution

P: As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C: O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. **C: Amen.**

P: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

Introit *Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1*

P: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!

C: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

P: O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

C: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

P: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.

C: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

C: 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.

P: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!

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.**

First Reading Acts 2:37–47

Women: *Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”*

Men: *And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”*

Women: *And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”*

Elder: So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Men: *And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

Elder: And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

Men: *And all who believed were together and had all things in common.*

Elder: And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Women: *And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people.*

Elder: And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise “Praise the Almighty” *LSB* 797

Epistle *1 Peter 2:2–10*

(after the reading)...

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

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

Holy Gospel *John 14:1–14*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth 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 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” *LSB* 633

Sermon

Hymn of Response “He is Risen! Glorious Word” *LSB* 488

Catechism *The Second Article*

P: As we celebrate the risen Christ in this season of Easter, let us speak together the words of the Apostles’ Creed regarding our Savior, who is the Second Person of the Trinity.

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at

the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

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

Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards

✕ SACRAMENT ✕

Preface

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.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and proper...with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray...in the heavenly chorus forevermore. **C: Amen.**

The 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

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: Amen.**

✠ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ✠

“Savior, Thy Dying Love” Tune to *LSB* 748; “Jerusalem the Golden” *LSB* 672; “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *LSB* 621

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray...one God, world without end. **C: Amen.**

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

Congratulations, 2026 Confirmands!

This morning, during our Worship Service, we will confirm 8 students. Please keep them, and their families, in your prayers as they continue their walk with Jesus!

Today we welcome Redeemer's newest member:

✠ By Private Baptism, **Gable Maule**. Parents are Alexander & Jade Maule. Sponsors are Isaac Farrens, Addison Johnson, Bella Johnson, Devin & Megan Johnson, Gabe Madsen, Kenzie Moreno & Josiah Paulsrud.

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: redeemerchurchsc@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 Shawn & Cynthia Robinson celebrating 30 years together.

Birthdays cards for Donna Ocker, Becky McKenny, Kathryn Christiansen, Ruth Staben, Rose Linduski, and Sympathy card for Judy Buckley on the passing of her husband, Ron.

Pulpit Flowers are given Carolyn Junck in memory of Rolly.

On May 10th, during the education hour (9:30 a.m.), we will be hosting a farewell cake and coffee for Paulette Schmidt. The reception will be in the parish hall. Very soon she will be moving to be closer to her sons and her grandchildren. While we are excited for her, we're sad to see her leave. We wish Paulette God's speed and we are very thankful for the years of service and the many areas of ministry that she has been involved, here and throughout our circuit.

May Fundraisers - Throughout the Month of May

- Our congregation will be hosting special fundraisers to support an important upgrade to our church sound system. We will be offering a variety of homemade goods, including: **Fresh-baked pies** – ½ or whole – \$10/\$20 (Apple, Cherry, German Chocolate Cake, Peach and Strawberry Rhubarb). **Jams, jellies, and pickles as well.** All proceeds will go directly toward improving our sound system so that everyone can better hear and participate more fully in the worship services and events. Sales will be available after Thursday and Sunday services each week in May. *If you'd like a specific pie or cake on a particular day, you can place a request in advance. (Pecan, Pumpkin, Raspberry, Rhubarb, Rhubarb Custard, Strawberry Rhubarb, Tripleberry, Coconut Cream, French Silk, Cherry Cheesecake, Turtle Cheesecake and German Chocolate Cake)* Thank you for your continued generosity and support as we work together to strengthen our church community.
- **Pizza Ranch Fundraiser Night: On Monday, May 18, 4:00–**

8:30 PM, come out for great food and a great cause! Tips and 10% of all sales will benefit Redeemer's sound system project. Kids enjoy the *Fun Zone* Arcade at half price all evening! We're also looking for volunteers to help bus tables—let us know if you can lend a hand!

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR. Please see the MAY newsletter for information from *The Endowment and Legacy* committee regarding tuition money available to Redeemer members who enroll in Redeemer KinderCottage Preschool or St. Paul's Lutheran School (grades K-5).

YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS BELOW – If you have questions, please contact **Jonathon Bailey, DCE**.

- **Graduate Recognition Sunday:** We will recognize our 2026 high school graduates on Sunday, May 10th at both worship services.

Senior Bibles - Bibles for our seniors are available on the table in the parish hall. Please take a moment to write an encouraging note or highlight a favorite Bible verse. These Bibles will be presented to the seniors on Graduation Sunday.

Senior Breakfast - Senior Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, May 9th at 9:00 a.m.** All seniors are invited to come relax, enjoy a meal, and spend time in devotion. Parents are welcome to attend as well.

- **Sunday School Announcement:** As the school year comes to a close, so does our regular Rock Sunday program. Our last day of Sunday School will be May 17th. We will take a couple of weeks off before transitioning into our Summer Sunday School program.

Summer Sunday School will begin on June 7th. Middle school and high school students will meet in the upstairs youth room, while 5th grade and younger will meet in the large room downstairs.

- **Youth Rummage Sale, June 12th, 8am- 6pm 13th 8am-2pm, here at Redeemer Lutheran Church-Gym.** We will begin taking donations on Sunday June 7th. Please no donations of

outdated electronics. (ie. Printers, old computers, VCRs, DVD players, TV's, etc). We will accept Beds that are in good condition without stains on the mattresses. Thank you for supporting our youth! If you have questions reach out to Jonathon Bailey.

LWML NEWS & EVENTS!

- **Jesus & Java:** Come Join Us on Saturday, May 2nd, at 9:00 AM! Grab a cup of your favorite morning starter and stay for a devotion and fellowship time together. (Council Oak Coffee Parlor, 101 W. 3rd, Sioux City, IA)
- Come Join Us as we guide our Women's Ministry Tuesday, May 5th, 6:00 PM. Conference Rm.
- **Women's Morning Bible Study-** Wednesday, May 13th, 10:00 AM, conference room: "Great Pray-ers of the bible" - We dedicate ourselves to him with all that we are and have. Pages 4-9. Questions, contact Jackie Krueger.
- **Women's Evening Bible Study-** Wednesday, May 13th, 5:30 PM, Oscar Carl Vineyard: "Leaning on Jesus" A Study of God's Strength. Week 5-'Leaning on Jesus When We Need Comfort' pages 128-136. Contact Tawnya Becker or Michaela Uhl.
- **Join us as a Young Women's Representative** at the LWML District Convention at Camp Okoboji **June 11-13, 2026**. This is your chance to learn more about LWML and how you can serve. Meet other young women who are passionate about faith and service. Participate in workshops, Bible Studies, and fun activities. Experience the joy of fellowship and inspiration in a beautiful camp setting. Interested? **Contact: Tawnya Becker or Jackie Krueger by March 25th**. Qualifications: 1) Member of a Sioux City Zone Church, 2) Ages between 18-40.
- **Religious Greeting Cards** are available (South Narthex) for all occasions! (single cards \$1.00 or 12 cards for \$10.00).

Steak Sales: Support St. Paul's Lutheran School with our Steak Fundraiser! Steaks - 2 for \$25, each steak is 12 oz and $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick and individually wrapped (Previous year's steaks were 8 – 10 oz

and 1/2" thick) Place your order today! Order forms are available on the back table in the Parish Hall, next to the jams and jellies. **May 3, 2026 - Guidance from the LCMS Foundation:** A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Some might consider this a difficult task. How does an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor help? A Counselor encourages you in the process. There are many reasons why you have not created your estate plan or reviewed your existing plan. The counselor's encouragement can be that extra spark to get you moving, completing your plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor enjoys this task. Contact Leon Schoenfeld at Leon@iowadistrictwest.org or call 712-830-7481.

THRIVENT Members Who Have Choice Dollars! NEW Choice Dollars for the 1st quarter 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.



Giving! You can 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.

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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 10 airing - *This is the Life* – “The Now Crowd” – A soldier on leave helps his brother work through struggles in his life. Worship

Service – Vicar Caleb Garman of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lincoln, NE, delivers the message “Faith in the One who has been Raised Up” based on Numbers 21:4-9. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Visit www.mainstreetliving.com for more information.

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 2026 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!

Building Healthy Families: Would your mom or dad make it into a “Perfect Parent Hall of Fame”? Probably not—because let’s be honest, there’s no such thing as a perfect earthly parent. But imperfect, amazing Christian parents for whom we’re eternally thankful? Absolutely! Open your hymn book today and revisit Luther’s explanation of the 4th commandment. How are you doing with this one? Where does it challenge you—or gently nudge you to do something different? Prayerfully consider how you might better apply this instruction. In doing so, may you discover a deeper joy in following God’s path – honoring, loving, respecting, and appreciating the imperfect parents who are part of your story. www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

SERVING THIS WEEK- (April 30 & May 3, 2026): USHERS:

Thursday 6:30 PM – Harlan & Mary Feddersen (Al & Melissa

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). ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM- Camden Doscher & Evan Shrauner; 10:45 AM- Bruce Bailey & “Eliana Engel. **GREETERS: 8:15 AM- Aaron & Tawyna Becker; 10:45**

AM- Scott & Beth Bowman. TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 PM- Heidi Schleis; Sun. 8:15 AM- Jordan Fisher; 10:45 AM- Curt Green. COUNTING TEAM: 1- Buckley & Lessmann. COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS: Paul & Cindy Fleckenstein

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (May 7 & 10, 2026): USHERS: same as last week. ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM- Camden Doscher & Evan Shrauner; 10:45 AM- Bruce Bailey & Eliana Engel. GREETERS: 8:15 AM- Dick & Deanna Braun; 10:45 AM- Marty & Marcy Delperdang. TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 PM- Heidi Schleis; Sun. 8:15 AM- Erik Koehler; 10:45 AM- TBD. COUNTING TEAM: 2- Mack & Hermelbracht's. COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS: Paulette's 'Going Away' Party

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending April 26, 2026

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 25+146+86=257 (23%)
 Adult Bible Study: 18; ROCK Sunday: 20; ROCK Wednesday: n/a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
April 26, 2026	\$8,626	\$16,129	53%
Year-to-date	\$262,617	\$274,200	96%

Building Fund Income:

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$1,334	\$100	\$1,434

New Sound System Income:

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
\$1,075	\$100	\$94,070

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, May 3, 2026

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
- 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday
- 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
- 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
- 10:45 AM Confirmation Service

1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

Monday, May 4, 2026

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

10:00 AM Devotions w/Pastor Zirpel at *Bickford Assist.*

10:45 AM Devotions at *Bickford Memory*

1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mtg

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:00 PM LWML Board Mtg

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

9:30 AM Lamplighters at *Calvary*

7:30-9 PM Youth Group

Thursday, May 7, 2026

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:30 PM Worship Service

Friday, May 8, 2026

7:30 AM RED M&M's Breakfast & Bible Study

Saturday, May 9, 2026

9:00 AM Senior Breakfast

Sunday, May 10, 2026

MOTHER'S DAY

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services

Senior Graduation Recognition

9:30 AM ROCK Sunday

No Adult Bible Study- Paulette Schmidt 'Farewell' Reception

10:45 AM Blanket Dedication for Seniors

1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

GOD BLESS OUR 2026 CONFIRMANDS



CONFIRMED SUNDAY,
MAY 3, 2026

† Dominic DuBois	Robinson
† Sienna Karrer	† Madilyn Schutt
† Hayden Kunze	† Brayden Surber
† Victoria Peterson	† Kate Van Meter
† Kennedy	

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” *Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)*