



## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

*God Loves You Dearly!*

Thursday & Sunday, December 30, 2021 & January 2, 2022

### **As We Gather**

God loves you! He chose you before the foundation of the world and knew that you would be part of His family through faith in Jesus Christ. Whom do you know who needs to experience God's unconditional, all-accepting, no-strings-attached love? As we are reminded throughout the Scriptures, God's love is for all people. Who is near to you who may still be far from God? How can you connect with them this year so that they might come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved?



## ✘ PREPARATION ✘

**10:45 AM Pre-Service Song** “What Child Is This”

**6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Hymn** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
LSB 379

**10:45 AM Opening Song** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

### **Invocation**

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

### **Opening Sentences**

P: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

**C: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.**

P: This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

**C: He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

P: For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.

**C: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: O Giver of all good gifts, we come to You today acknowledging our foolishness and shortsightedness. As we live in this world, we succumb to the thinking of this world, which does not always align with Your thoughts. Amid the strains and stresses of life, we forget about Your unfailing love for us and for all in our world. For the sake of Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, forgive our sins and renew us by Your love.**

P: Our God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, loves us dearly and blesses us with every spiritual blessing. We have redemption through Jesus' blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. 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: Thank You, Jesus! Amen.**

✂ WORD ✂

**Introit**

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

**C: and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

P: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**C: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.**

P: But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

**C: in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

P: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

**C: Praise your God, O Zion!**

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

**C: and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

**Kyrie**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the gifts of forgiveness, grace, and the heavenly inheritance that awaits us, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for wisdom for all who lead, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For God's chosen people, gathered here and scattered throughout the earth, and for the proclamation of God's unconditional love for all and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

**6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of Praise** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" LSB 367

**10:45 AM Song of Praise** "He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)"

**Prayer of the Day**

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

**Old Testament Reading** 1 Kings 3:4–15

*(after the reading)...*

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

**Epistle** Ephesians 1:3–14

*(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.

**Verse** Luke 2:40

**C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him.

**C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel** Luke 2:40–52

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him. Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing Him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

**C: And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.**

P: And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished. And His mother said to Him,

*Women: "Son, why have You treated us so? Behold, Your father and I have been searching for You in great distress."*

P: And He said to them,

*Men: "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?"*

P: And they did not understand the saying that He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them.

*Women: And His mother treasured up all these things in her heart.*

*Men: And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.*

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

**Children's Message & Celebrate Song** 🎵

**6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of the Day** "God Loves Me Dearly"  
LSB 392

**10:45 AM Sermon Song** "Hymn of Joy"

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed**

**Prayer of the Church**

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

**ALL Services: Offertory** "Let All Together Praise Our God" LSB  
389; stz. 1

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

**Proper Preface**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless times You show how much You love all the people of this world. Through Your Son, Jesus, You most vividly demonstrated Your love in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us—the righteous for the unrighteous—so that we might be saved from Your just wrath. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. You have given us life, and life to the full as You have lavished Your love on us and welcomed us into Your family through faith in Jesus, through whom You richly and daily forgive our sins. Grant us the fullness of Your wisdom, that as we are fueled by the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus, we live lives that reveal Your grace and mercy to all. To You alone

be all glory, honor, and worship—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Distribution**

#### **6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Distribution Hymns**

"Hark! The herald Angels Sing" LSB 380; "Go Tell It on the Mountain" LSB 388; "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" LSB 394

**10:45 AM Communion Songs** "Silent Night/It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

### **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

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

### **Benediction**

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. . . In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory. **C: Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you all. The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—abide with you, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Closing Hymn** "Joy to the World" LSB 387

**10:45 AM Closing Song** "Joy To The World (Casting Crowns)"

## 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](http://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.

**Please take home**, or discard into a waste basket, your church bulletins as you leave the sanctuary. Thank You

**Prayer requests** may be shared with the Prayer Leader in the Choir Loft after service. We also welcome prayer requests through our church e-mail: [redemerchurchsc@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.

**Birthday Cards** for Bev Baker, Eleanor Feikema, and Pam Limoges.

**Altar & Pulpit Flower Sponsorship Dates Available:** To sign up, please see the schedule in the back of the church to see available dates to sponsor altar or pulpit flowers for an upcoming Sunday. This is a special way to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, remember loved ones who have passed away, or just celebrate God's glory! Cost is \$35 for Altar flowers and \$25 for Pulpit flowers. Thank you!

**The Office** will be closed on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Quilting:** The start of quilting has been moved to Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. New quilters are welcome- just show up at 9:00 a.m. in the basement center room.

**Children's program and Christmas Eve** offerings go to the JJ Wolf missionary family in Africa and also to the Adam Lehman Family in Puerto Rico.

**Iowa District West Tornado Relief.** We will be accepting a free-will offering today for those affected by the recent tornadoes...both in the South and in

the Midwest. Please mark your checks with Tornado Relief. You can also make your checks out to IDW-Tornado Relief and we'll send that in for you. Or, you can go to [www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org) and click on Donate at the top of the website page. If you have questions, please speak with either pastor.

**Member Noon Luncheon** will be held on Monday, January 2, 11:30, Red Lobster. Call or text Pam Naylor with your reservations: 712.203.1111

**Matthew Lifelight Bible study** continues on Wednesday, January 5, 2:00 pm, conference room. We will begin with Lesson 5. Newcomers welcome!

**Confirmation Class** resumes this week, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Red M&M** (men's bible study) will be January 8. Breakfast is at 7:30 a.m. with a bible study to follow.

**LWML Epiphany/Christmas Celebration – Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00.** – All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Program will focus on devotion, service, and fellowship. The General membership will be hosting. Service project tying of fleece blankets for the St Luke's Unity Point NICU (2 - 1 ¼ yards of fleece are needed for each blanket) and/or you can participate in an in-gathering of items of need for the "Council on Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence". A list of items follows: (*Gloves & hats, Diapers Size 4 – 7, Wipes, Underwear Size 5 – 8, Slippers, Tennis Shoes, Sports Bras, Socks, Hair Brush & Hair Ties, Deodorant, Nail Polish Remover, Medications: Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Sleep Aid, Cold, Infant, etc., Paper ware: cups, bowls, plates, silverware, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, Laundry Detergent, Household cleaning supplies: hand soap, dish soap, bleach, pin sol, etc.*)

**Financial Peace University (Dave Ramsey) is coming to Redeemer!** It will start January 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9 pm in the basement. Financial Peace University is a nine-lesson course that teaches you how to save for emergencies, pay off debt fast, spend wisely, and invest for your future. For over 25 years, Dave Ramsey's been teaching common sense, biblical money principles that work. Every time! This class will be free to our members and be led by Doug Stucky and his daughter, Morgan. Sign-up sheet will be at the back of the church.

**Redeemer's ConnecTeam** would like to help celebrate the birthdays of our confirmed Middle & High School youth members. Each youth will receive a 12" decorated cookie. This project is funded with the help of a Thrivent Action Team Card. Happy Birthday Blessings to those celebrating in January - **Jayden Goldsmith (1/6), Makayla Milligan (1/6), Valerie Magnuson (1/7) Katelyn Engle (1/8), Jack Sanderson (1/9), Talan Willson (1/9), Jordyn Marlow (1/24), Alexys Jones (1/30), and Beau Smallcomb (1/30).** Happy Birthday & God's Blessings from Thrivent Financial & the Redeemer ConnecTeam!

**We have been invited** to partner with a group of individuals to travel to Louisiana the end of February or beginning of March to help with Hurricane relief efforts – something similar to what we did in 2005 and following years with Hurricane Katrina. If you are interested somewhat in this endeavor, please visit with Pastor Zirpel.

**There are a few jars of canned items still available in the church office:** 16 plumcot jams (cross between plum and apricot, 12 peach jams, 3 Aronia berry jellies, 4 mild pickled pepper jars, and 9 pickled jalapeno jars - \$6 a piece or 5 for \$25 – proceeds for LWML mites.

**If you would like to volunteer** with food preparation or serving at the Soup Kitchen, just call 712.258.0027 and ask for Lynn or Kath. You can also go online to [www.siouxlandssoupkitchen.com/volunteer](http://www.siouxlandssoupkitchen.com/volunteer) to sign up to volunteer. **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 also accepted. ~~Thank You!

**HyVee Receipts & Ink have a new home.** They got moved into the office. There are baskets on top of the filing cabinet where you can place your items. If for some reason the door is locked please place your item behind the open/closed sign on the door. Thanks for your help! If you have any questions please ask Angie, Office Manager.

**KinderCottage Preschool** is looking for a part-time staff person to help out in the afternoons starting January 3<sup>rd</sup> with our new extended day program. Please contact Tara Vander Weil at 712-224-2273 or 712-333-9507 if you would be interested.

**Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator Part-time job available!** This position serves the ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church by assisting the Pastors, staff, and committee leaders in developing, coordinating, and administering an effective and comprehensive team of member volunteers; to assist the Associate Pastor and the Evangelism team with the development and implementation of new ideas and special projects; and to provide training and motivation to Redeemer’s volunteer committee leaders. If you are interested in this 15 hour per week part-time position, feel free to visit with Pastor Zirpel.

**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.

**Jan. 2 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. Bruce Lesemann of St. John

Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, IA, delivers the message “The Most Important Things” based on 1 Kings 3:4-15. 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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)). Just hit “Sioux City.”

**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 2022 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- (December 30, 2021 & January 2, 2022):**  
**USHERS: Thurs. 6:30 PM-** *Harlan Feddersen*. **8:15 AM- Team 2** (*Scott Ernst, Roy Olsen, Lamont Onken, Phil Schauer, James Bailey, Brian Duff*); **10:45 AM- Team 5** (*Mark Shapiro*). **ACOLYTES- Sunday 8:15 AM-** *Jonathan Wittman* **10:45 AM-** **Technologist: Sun. 8:15 AM-** *Gary Judd*; **10:45 AM- TBD. COUNTING TEAM: #3** (*Bobolz's & Schmith's*).  
**COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** *Youth*

**SERVING NEXT WEEK- (January 6 & 9, 2022):** **USHERS:** same as last week. **ACOLYTES- Sunday 8:15 AM-** *Jonathan Wittman* **10:45 AM-** *Alyssa Urban & Brooklyn Robinson*. **Technologist: Sun. 8:15 AM- TBD;** **10:45 AM- TBD. COUNTING TEAM: #3** (*Fink & Buckley*). **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** *TBD*

**Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending December 26, 2021**

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 18+78+78=174 (12%)  
 Adult Bible Study: 15; ROCK Sun: N/A; ROCK Wed: N/A  
 Sudanese: 34

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
Dec. 26, 2021	\$30,873	\$14,385	215%
Year-to-date	\$727,982	\$752,396	97%

**Building Fund Income:**

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Total
\$20,867	\$3,025	\$23,892

**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

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

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study  
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation  
No ROCK Sunday  
1:00- 3 PM Sudanese Worship

**Monday, January 3, 2021**

*Office Closed*

Preschool classes resume for M/W/F  
11:30 AM Members Luncheon at *Red Lobster*  
5:30 PM Adult Fitness  
6:30 PM Pickleball

**Tuesday, January 4, 2021**

Preschool resumes for T/TH (Extended Day Starts)  
2:00 PM Staff Bible Study/Mtg

**Wednesday, January 5, 2021**

9:30 AM Lamplighters at *Hope Lutheran in S. Sioux City*  
1:00- 3 PM Pickleball  
2:00 PM LifeLight Bible Study (Matthew)- Conference Rm  
5- 5:40 PM Midweek Meal- *Pigs in a blanket*  
5:00- 7 PM Midweek  
5:00- 7 PM ROCK Wednesday  
6:00 PM Handbells Practice  
7:15 PM Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, January 6, 2021**

5:30 PM Adult Fitness  
6:30 PM Worship Service

**Friday, January 7, 2021**

9:00- Noon Food Shelf  
4:00- 7 PM High School Youth Volunteer at *'Soup Kitchen'*

**Saturday, January 8, 2021**

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

**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Service  
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study  
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation  
9:30 AM ROCK Sunday  
1:00- 3 PM Sudanese Worship  
2:00- 4 PM LWML Fleece Blankets-Center Rm  
4:00- 6 PM Pickleball  
6:00- 9 PM Dave Ramsey Class