



Say to those who are of
a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God."

Isaiah 35:4, NRSV

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Worship Service: Divine Service 3 (LSB p. 184)

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation “The Advent of Our King” *LSB 331; vrs. 1-3*

Invocation

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

Exhortation LSB 184

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins LSB 184

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of Grace LSB 185

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. **C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

- P** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
C **I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more.**
P My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.
C **With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.**
P O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
C **So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come. 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 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Gloria Patri LSB 186

- C** **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.**

Kyrie LSB 186

- C** **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Hymn of Praise “Once He Came in Blessing” LSB 333; vrs. 1-3

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And with thy spirit.**
P Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 35:1–10*

(after the reading)...**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *James 5:7–11*

(after the reading)...**A** 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.

Alleluia LSB 190 

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 11:2–15*

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** *(after the reading)...*

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

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message & Celebrate Song 

Hymn of the Day "Savior of the Nations, Come" *LSB 332*

Sermon

Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **C** **Amen.**

Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards

Prayers of the Church

P: *(after each request)...* Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

Salutation *LSB 201*

P The Lord be with you. **C** **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus *LSB 202*

A Bless we the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction *LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

Hymn to Depart "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *LSB 357; vrs. 1-3*

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: 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 Norma Gunn.

Altar Flowers are given by Ruby Kahler in memory of Art.

Pulpit Flowers are given by Doug & Kristine Schrad.

Mike & Linda Albright celebrate their 43rd Wedding Anniversary, December 18th. Congratulations!

***Thank you to everyone** for the kind words, cards, and calls at the sudden passing of our nephew Scott Bumsted. Also, a very big thank you for the prayers and well wishes for our grandson Jarrod. He rang the bell on last Friday to celebrate being cancer free! We give thanks for our church family at Redeemer for remembering Jarrod in your prayers these past few months. God's blessings to you all. ~~ Gary & Elieen Bumsted*

***I would like to thank everyone** involved in helping make the soup supper/caroling event a tremendous success! It was certainly a chilly evening, but we were still able to gather 5 different groups of carolers who went out to sing to 20-25 different people in their homes. What a great way to kick off the Advent season and get into the Christmas spirit, sharing God's Love, Peace, and Joy!*

Our Christmas Cantata will be Sunday, December 14th, 8:15 & 10:45 AM, featuring choir, bells, and orchestra ensemble. Fellowship and refreshments between services. This is a great event to invite friends and family to join you.

Please join us on Sunday December 14^h, at 3:00 pm for the Children's Christmas Program. The Sunday School and rock Wednesday students have been working hard to learn their songs and lines for the program. So come watch them as they tell you the true meaning of Christmas and the decorations that we use. Stay after the program for cookies and coffee.

High School & Middle School Youth Christmas Party - Join us on **Sunday, December 14th from 5:30–7:30 PM** for our **Youth Christmas Party!** We'll have an **Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest**, a **Gingerbread Building Contest**, and a **Cookie Exchange**. Bring a **friend!** Come for food, fun, and festive fellowship — don't miss it!

Midweek Advent Service, December 17th, 11:30 AM & 7:00 PM.

In this third service for *Our Dear Christ Enters In series*, we contemplate the name Jesus, which was given to him at his birth. It is a reminder to us of his reason for entering in to our world: He came to save us.

Pastor Senstad will be leading devotions at Whispering Creek senior living on Wednesday, at 10:30 a.m. If you know someone who lives there, please remind them that he will be there.

Red M&M's Bible Study has been moved from Saturday, Dec. 13th to December 20th, 7:30 AM, due to the weather.

Youth Christmas Program Practice Schedule:

- **December 13 (Saturday) – Dress Rehearsal @ 10:00 AM**
- **December 14 (Sunday) – Program at 3:00 PM**
(Please arrive at the church by 2:30 PM)

Youth Silent Auction Fundraiser! The youth will be hosting their annual *Silent Auction Fundraiser*. We will be collecting Baskets to auction off. **Bidding will end today, Sunday, December 7th, after the 10:45 worship service.** All proceeds will go to the youth to help pay for the mission trip to Sulphur, Ok. Thank you to everyone for your generous support of our youth. Questions contact Jonathon Bailey, DCE.

Family Christmas Party - Join us for our annual **Family Christmas Party** on **Friday, December 19th from 6:00–8:00 PM** at **Redeemer Lutheran Church**. There will be **crafts and games in the gym, Bingo in the Parish Hall**, and **pictures with Santa!** This is an **all ages event** — everyone is welcome!

- **Crafts:** Picture Ornament, Cookie Decorating, Card Making, Christmas Gel Bags
- **Games:** Snowball Fight, Minute to Win It, Bible Trivia, Obstacle Course
- **Bingo:** Prizes and Christmas Music Bingo
- **Snacks:** Popcorn, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Nachos, and Hotdogs

Come enjoy an evening of fun, food, and fellowship as we celebrate the Christmas season together!

Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser! The youth will once again be selling delicious subs for the Super Bowl! Order forms will be available beginning **January 11th**. Please fill out **one order form per sub** you would like to purchase. Completed forms should be returned by **February 1st**. Sub orders may be picked up on the **morning of February 8th**. All proceeds will support the youth mission trip to **Sulphur, Oklahoma**, in **June 2026**. Thank you for your continued support of the youth of our congregation! If you have questions or need additional order forms, please contact **Jonathon Bailey, DCE**.

Ice Skating - Inviting all Highschool Youth to an evening of Ice Skating. **Friday January 16th**. Doors open at 6:00 pm Skating From 7-9pm. The ibp Ice Center is located at 3808 Stadium Drive. Cost is \$8 per person. Concessions are available at an additional cost.

Middle School Half Lock-In! Calling all Middle School students! Let's have a lock-in! Join us on **January 30th from 6:00–11:30 PM** for a fun night filled with games, devotions, snacks, and plenty of candy. Feel free to bring a friend! Please let us know you're coming by **January 25th**. We hope to see you there! To RSVP- Call DCE Jonathon Bailey or the church office 712-276-1125.

Siouxland's New Horizons Band will present Christmas concerts during the month of December: Sunrise – Point, Dec. 15, 2:00. Public is invited!

Offering Envelopes for 2026 are now available. They are located in the hallway under the coat rack next to the Office.

LWML - Religious Greeting Cards Now Available (South Entrance) for all occasions! (single cards \$1.00 or 12 cards for \$10.00). We now have Christmas Cards available! (single cards \$1.00, small box-18ct. \$4.00, large box-24ct \$7.00)

'Women Serving in Christ' Group-Christmas Celebration on Thursday, December 18th, 12:00 PM. Come for fellowship, devotion, and potluck lunch and \$5.00 Gift Exchange. All women are invited to join in this celebration. RSVP Marlene Heithold.

The October – December 'Portals of Prayer' are now available! Stop by the South Entrance or office and get your copy today! Thanks!

Time to start saving your Hy-Vee receipts for KinderCottage Preschool!! All receipts from Sioux City or South Sioux City stores are eligible for the School Bucks program. Receipts **MUST** be dated September 1, 2025 through April 1, 2026. **Receipts for Fuel, Gift Cards or any services offered at Customer Service will not be eligible nor counted toward the receipt totals.** The preschool receives \$1 for every \$100 worth of receipts we turn in. This is an easy way for anyone to support the preschool. Please place any receipts in the bin located in main office marked for Hy-Vee receipts. We greatly appreciate your help!

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

Thrivent Members Who Have Choice Dollars - NEW Choice Dollars for the 3rd quarter of 2025 are now available. Please direct them as soon as possible by calling the Home Office at 1-800-847-4836 or you can direct them online at www.thrivent.com. Thank You for continued support of the Choice Dollar program at Redeemer.

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! 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.

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

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 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- (December 11 & 14, 2025): USHERS:

Thursday 6:30 PM- Harlan & Mary Feddersen (Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). **Sunday 8:15 AM- Team 4** (Gary Kitzmann, Dick Braun, Dale Henningsen, James Bailey). **10:45 AM- Team 8** (Dave Schlotman, Scott & Beth Bowman, Paul Schlotman) **ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM-** Evan Shrauner & Liam Behrens; **10:45 AM-** Kate Van Meter & Bruce Bailey. **TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 PM-** Heidi Schleis; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** Erik Koehler; **10:45 AM-** Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM: 1-** Buckley & Lessmann. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS: LWML**

ADVENT SERVICES (December 17, 2025): USHERS: 7:00 PM- Team 5- Mark Boyd. **GREETERS: 7 PM-** Dale & Nadine Henningsen; **ACOLYTES- 7 PM-** Cameri Jones & Jase Fisher. **Technologist: 11:30 AM-** Jennifer Lay; **6:30 PM-** Heidi Schleis

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (December 18 & 21, 2025): USHERS: Same as last week. **ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM- Logan Cain; **10:45 AM-** Jeremiah Jessen & Hayden Kunze. **TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 PM-** Heidi**

Schleis; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** Jordan Fisher; **10:45 AM-** Curt Green.

COUNTING TEAM: 2– Mack & Hermelbracht's. COFFEE & ROLL

SERVERS: Dave & Lori Albrecht

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending Dec. 7, 2025

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 28+114+112=254 (23%)

Adult Bible Study: 21; ROCK Sunday: 42; ROCK Wednesday: 16

Sudanese: N/A

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
Dec. 7, 2025	\$23,713	\$15,548	151%
Year-to-date	\$706,271	\$770,851	92%

Building Fund Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Total
\$6,094.55	\$625	\$6,719.55

New Sound System Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Remaining
\$13,660	\$0	\$95,670

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:15 & 10:45 AM Christmas Cantata

9:30 AM ROCK Sunday

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation Instruction for Membership

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study

1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship

1:00 PM Preschool Christmas Program

3:00 PM Christmas Program

5:30-7:30 PM Christmas Party for 6-12th Graders

Monday, December 15, 2025

2:00 PM New Horizons Band Christmas Concert at *Sunrise-Point*

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

11:00 AM Retired Educators Meal - Catered

1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mtg

5:00 PM Aktion Meal/MWM

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

10:30 AM Devotions w/Pastor Senstad at *Whispering Creek*

11:30 AM Advent Service

5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal- *Sub Sandwiches*

5-7 PM Midweek- Christmas Caroling

5-7 PM ROCK Wednesday
7:00 PM Advent Service
No Handbell or Adult Choir Practice
7:30-9 PM Youth Group- *Pizza*

Thursday, December 18, 2025

10:00 AM Thrivent Choice Mtg
1:00 PM 'Women Serving in Christ' Christmas Celebration
5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion

Friday, December 19, 2025

Preschool Extended Day out at 1:15 PM
9 AM Food Shelf
6:00-8 PM Family Christmas Party

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
9:30 AM ROCK Sunday
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation Instruction for Membership
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship

December Worship Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 14: Christmas Cantata, 8:15 & 10:45 AM,
Christmas Preschool Program 1 PM. Children's
Christmas Program 3 PM. Middle School & High School
Christmas Party at 5:30 PM.

Wednesday, Dec. 17: Advent Worship, 11:30 AM and 7 PM.
Confirmation Caroling, 5:30-6:45 PM.

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24:

- ✙ Candlelight Services at 11:30 AM, 4 PM & 11 PM.
- ✙ Contemporary Candlelight Service at 7 PM

Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25: 9 AM Worship with
Holy Communion

Sunday, Dec. 28: (First Sunday after Christmas) 8:15 & 10:45
AM Worship Services

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 31: Holy Communion
Worship service at 11:30 AM & 6 PM

