



THURSDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 14 & 17, 2026
 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
 & KINDERCOTTAGE PRESCHOOL

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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	Jennifer Lay, Receptionist
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Angela DuBois, Office Manager	

Sunday, May 17, 2026: Traditional Worship Service:
Divine Service 1 (LSB p. 151)

Confession and Absolution

8:15 AM Prelude “Aria” by Cynthia Dobrinski. Performed by Handbells.

As We Gather

It is not over. Easter is not over. Christ’s mission is not over. Peace and pardon are not over. Even as we gather to commemorate the ascension of our Lord, nothing ends today. It is not as if Christ ascends to heaven and takes all His blessings with Him! This world remains forever marked by His grace and love. And now, reigning over all things, our ascended Lord intercedes for us at His Father’s right hand. Christ remains present for us in His Word and Sacraments, and Christ’s Body, the church, continues the joyful proclamation that Christ is risen, and indeed, He is coming again!

Hymn of Invocation “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” *LSB 650*

Invocation

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

Exhortation *LSB 151*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of Sins *LSB 151*

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

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as

ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution LSB 151

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

Service of the Word

Kyrie LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

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

Hymn of Praise “Fight the Good Fight” LSB 664

Salutation and Collect of the Day Easter 7

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

P Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

First Reading Acts 1:15–26 (after the reading)...

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

Epistle *1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11*
(after the reading)...

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

8:15 AM Special Music “All Things Bright and Beautiful” arr. by
Nancy Jane Blair. Performed by Handbells.

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

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156 

C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of
eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *John 17:1, 6–11*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth 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 “What Is the World to Me” *LSB 730*

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayer of the Church

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

C **hear our prayer.**

Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160

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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 161

P Blessed are You...one God, now and forever. **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 LSB 163

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

Agnus Dei LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

Distribution Hymns "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" *LSB 457* and "This Joyful Eastertide" *LSB 482*

Thank the Lord LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

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

Benediction LSB 166

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.**

Hymn to Depart “Crown Him with Many Crowns” *LSB 525*

Contemporary Service Sunday, May 17, 2026
Service of Holy Communion 2 – 10:45 AM

Prelude “Aria” by Cynthia Dobrinski. Performed by Handbells.

Welcome

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Opening Song “Today Is The Day”

Baptism Layna Mae Skow

Preparation

P We are here in the name of Jesus Christ.

C **We are here because we are sinful and unclean. We are stubborn fools and liars to ourselves. We do not love God nor other people as we ought. We war against life. We hurt each other. We are sorry for it and know we are sick from it. We seek new life.**

P Giver of life, heal us, forgive us, and free us to live for you.

C **Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us to listen. Come fill this moment.**

Song of Worship “God Of Wonders”

First Reading *Acts 1:15–26*

(after the reading)...

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Epistle 1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11
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Sermon Song “Mighty To Save”

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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

G **hear our prayer.**

Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards

Service of Holy Communion

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

P Thanks and praise be to you, O Father, who sent your only Son into the world to be a man, born of a woman, to die for us on a cross.

G **He came for us. Help us to receive Him.**

P He gave us this sacrament and commanded us to remember His death ... His death which gives us life ... and to wait for Him until He comes again in glory. **G** **We remember His death. We live by His presence. We wait for His coming.**

Words of Institution

P With all the faithful, whoever were, are, and will be, with all

creation in all time, with joy we say:

C Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.

Distribution Songs “You Are My King (Amazing Love)” and Just As I Am (I Come Broken)”

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in the one true faith, unto life everlasting. Peace be with you.

C Amen.

P Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

C And His steadfast love lasts forever.

Final Blessing

P Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. Praise the LORD, all his word everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Go serve the Lord You are free!

Closing Song “My Lighthouse”

Today we welcome Redeemer's newest member:

✠ By Baptism, **Layna Mae Skow**. Parents are Adam & Alicia Skow.
Sponsors are Desirae Cogswell and Garrett Wall.

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: 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.

Altar Flowers are given by William & Mindy Byrne in honor of their 30th anniversary.

I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, cards, kind words, and prayers since the passing of my husband Ron. I especially would like to thank Pastor Senstad and Pastor Zirpel for being there in our greatest time of need. The plan is to have a celebration of life towards the end of July when my daughter Gina and her family can come home from Portugal. We will post a note in the bulletin around that time. Thank you for all the support. ~~ Judy Buckley

Pastor Senstad will be leading devotions with communion at Whispering Creek Senior Living this coming Wednesday, 5-20 at 10:30 a.m.

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!

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser Volunteers Needed: We are in need of volunteers for the Monday Night Pizza Ranch Fundraiser from 4:00–8:30 PM. **Available shifts: (4:00–6:15 PM and 6:15–8:30 PM).** Funds raised from this fundraiser will go toward the sound system. If you are able to help, please contact Pastor Zirpel or Kristy Fisher. Thank you for your support!

NEXT SUNDAY IS FOOD SUNDAY: Thanks, everyone, for your ongoing support of Redeemer's Food Shelf! We continue to assist several households a week with this mission. We count on your financial support, as well as gifts of nonperishable food and household items. Please bring yours to church Sunday, May 24 (or at any time). Questions? See Angie DuBois. Thank you!

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.**

- **Redeemer T-Shirt Fundraiser** - We're excited to introduce a brand-new Redeemer apparel design! Each item features the Redeemer logo on the front, placed over the left pocket area. On the back, a powerful design of a tornado is paired with the words: **“My God is stronger than the storm!” – Psalm 93:4.** These shirts are available in blue and come in a variety of styles:

- Hoodie
- Sweatshirt
- Long Sleeve T-Shirt
- Short Sleeve T-Shirt



How to Order: Place your order online by scanning the QR code below. Online orders can be shipped directly to your home. Prefer paper? You can also fill out an order form. Paper orders will be delivered to the church and distributed once they arrive. **Paper Orders must be turned in by May 31st.** Don't miss out—grab yours today!

- **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.

Early Bird bible study will start June 3rd at 6:30 a.m. in the conference room. This study is open to everyone! It's only an hour so you can easily make it to work.

LWML NEWS & EVENTS!

- **'Women Serving in Christ' – Thursday, May 21, 11:30 AM.**
Lunch at Perkins (Eastgate Shopping Center). Bible Study: "Who is My Neighbor and What Does That Mean" pgs. 18-19 Spring 2026 Quarterly. Leader: Loralee Fink. Join us for fellowship and studying God's word. Everyone is welcome!
- **Lutheran Hour Ministries** – We are collecting new or gently used Portals of Prayers, LWML Quarterlies, Lutheran Witness, etc. for the Lutheran Hour Ministries Booth at the Clay County Fair. Bring to the South entrance of the Church by June 7.
- **LWML Iowa West District 42nd Biennial Convention at Camp Okoboji, June 11-13, 2026.** (if you are unable to attend the LWML IWD convention, but would like to contribute to the servant activities/ingathering. The following items below can be brought to church **by June 7** and will be taken to camp Okoboji).

For Swaddling Clothes Organizations across the District - *any size and brand infant/toddler disposable diapers (Not adult) and baby wipes (any brand).*

For Camp Okoboji – *Dish Towels, Rugs of all sizes, "Gain" brand laundry soap, Bleach, Paper Towels.*

- **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 ¾" 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 17, 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? You may be wishing to include a very deliberate spiritual focus to your plan. Your LCMS

Foundation Gift Planning Counselor is a full member of the LCMS. They can discuss with you, pray with you, all with an eye toward uncovering God's plan for great use of His gifts. 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 24 airing - This is the Life - "The Smashup" – A group of friends struggle with lingering guilt after an accident. Worship Service – Rev. Bart Day, CEO of Lutheran Church Extension Fund in St. Louis, MO, delivers a message for Pentecost Sunday. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Visit www.mainstreetliving.com for more information.

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: Psst...have you ever noticed how nearly impossible it is to tune out a whispered conversation nearby? Kids certainly can't. Parents, you can actually use that to your advantage—by

letting them “accidentally” overhear the things you most want them to learn. When they catch you speaking warmly about your spouse, it quietly builds their sense of security at home. When they overhear you saying good things about their teacher, it shapes how they show respect and cooperation at school. And when they hear you expressing genuine appreciation for your pastor, it naturally nurtures their respect for him as well. Those little, overheard moments? They often speak louder than a message communicated directly! www.LutheranFamilyService.org
Lutheran Family Service

SERVING THIS WEEK- (May 14 & 17, 2026): **USHERS:** **Thursday 6:30 PM** – Harlan & Mary Feddersen (Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). **Sunday 8:15 AM** – **Team 2** (Scott Ernst, Brian Duff, Roy Olsen, Lamont Onken, Phil Schauer). **10:45 AM- Team 6** (Mark Shapiro, Jim Phillips, Jeremy Schram, Aaron Schutt). **ACOLYTES:** **8:15 AM-** Camden Doscher & Evan Shrauner; **10:45 AM-** Bruce Bailey & Brody Goldsmith. **GREETERS:** **8:15 AM-** Scott & Brenda Ernst; **10:45 AM-** Jayne Edward. **TECHNOLOGIST:** **Thurs. 6:30 PM-** Heidi Schleis; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** Jordan Fisher; **10:45 AM-** Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM:** **3–** Bobolz’s & Schmith’s. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Dave & Lori Albrecht

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (May 21 & 24, 2026): **USHERS:** same as last week. **ACOLYTES:** **8:15 AM-** Jase Fisher; **10:45 AM-** Bruce Bailey & Eliana Engel. **GREETERS:** **8:15 AM-** Paul & Cindy Fleckenstein; **10:45 AM-** Jackie Krueger. **TECHNOLOGIST:** **Thurs. 6:30 PM-** Heidi Schleis; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** Erik Koehler; **10:45 AM-** Temperance Thomason. **COUNTING TEAM:** **4–** Fink & Buckley. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Steve & Ann Peterson

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending May 10, 2026

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 36+185+120=341 (31%)

Adult Bible Study: N/A; ROCK Sunday: 24; ROCK Wednesday: N/A

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
May 10, 2026	\$15,908	\$16,129	99%
Year-to-date	\$298,804	\$306,458	98%

Building Fund Income:

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$1,554	\$0	\$1,554

New Sound System Income:

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
\$1,075	\$179	\$93,891

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, May 17, 2026

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
9:30 AM ROCK Sunday – Last Day
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
1:00 PM KinderCottage Preschool Graduation
1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

Monday, May 18, 2026

4:00-8 PM 'Pizza Ranch' Fundraiser Night
5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

11:00 AM Retired Educators Meal/MWM
1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mtg
5:30 PM Adult Fitness

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

10:30 AM Devotions w/Pastor Senstad at *Whispering Creek*
1:00 PM Pickleball

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Last Day for T/TH Preschool
10:00 AM Thrivent Choice Mtg
11:30 AM 'Women Serving in Christ' Mtg at *Perkins*
5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:30 PM Worship Service

Friday, May 22, 2026

Last Day for M/W/F Preschool
9 AM – Noon Food Shelf

Sunday, May 24, 2026

FOOD SUNDAY

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
1:00 PM Sudanese Worship