

Who Is This Mary?

Sunday, November 30, 2025

10:45 AM Pre-Service Song "Goodness Of God"

As We Gather

Today is not only the First Sunday in Advent but also the commemoration of St. Andrew, whose day governs the start of Advent. In this way, Andrew continues to point to Christ as we begin a new Church Year. This reminds us that Jesus came for the cross and empty tomb, and this is the only Gospel that can save us from sin and death. In order to enjoy the fruits of His redeeming work, we must be able to answer "Who is this?" (Matthew 21:10). This question of the crowd also becomes a question for us as we enter into Advent and a new Church Year. We marvel at this man, also true God, who is born among us in flesh and blood, who suffers and dies to win salvation for us, and who will come in His glory to bring all things to their perfect consummation and bliss.

₩ PREPARATION №

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

- P: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.
- C: So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Silence for self-examination.
- P: Holy and gracious God, C: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.
- 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.**
- P: He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

₩ WORD ₩

The Advent wreath is lit with the other candles as the hymn or Introit is sung.

8:15 AM Opening Hymn "Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!" *LSB 340*

10:45 AM Opening Song "God So Loved"

10:45 AM Baptism Layna Mae Skow

Introit

P: With the merciful you show yourself merciful;

C: with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;

P: with the purified you show yourself pure;

C: and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.

P: For you save a humble people,

C: but the haughty eyes you bring down.

P: For it is you who light my lamp;

C: the LORD my God lightens my darkness.

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

C: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he.

P: humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...one God, now and to the end of all the ages. C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 7:1–14 (after the reading)...

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

8:15 AM Hymn of Praise "Hark the Glad Sound!" LSB 349

10:45 AM Song of Praise "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

Epistle Romans 13:(8–10) 11–14 (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 Luke 1:26-38

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

8:15 AM Hymn of the Day "Savior of the Nations, Come" *LSB* 332; *vrs. 1-4*

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

Sermon

8:15 AM Apostles' Creed

Prayer of the Church

P: (after each request)... let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.

8:15 AM Lord's Prayer

Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

Pax Domini

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

Benedicamus

P: Let us bless the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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.**

8:15 AM Closing Hymn "Savior of the Nations, Come" *LSB* 332; vrs. 5-8

10:45 AM Closing Song "Joy To The World"

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

Welcome! A cordial welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. We are happy to have you share the joy of this Lord's Day with us. A special welcome to those worshiping 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: 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 a Birthday card for Daniel Ellis.

Anniversary card for Chris & Gene Cook and for John & Anita Stansell celebrating 55 years together.

Sympathy cards for the family of Rod Rentel and for the family of Betty Roberts.

Altar & Pulpit Flowers are given by Altar Guild in honor of Pastors Wives.

Our annual voters meeting be December 7, at 2:00 pm. Budget is available in the back of the church.

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

Soup Supper, Christmas Caroling, Fellowship, and more! Our second annual Soup Supper/Christmas Caroling event will be held on the evening of Monday, December 1. This year we will begin our evening at 5 pm with a soup supper and fellowship at church. Then we will break into some small groups and head out to spread the Christmas cheer, singing our favorite Christmas carols to many of our shut-in or care facility residents. Please consider joining us this year. The more people we get to go out caroling with us, the more people we can reach. We have sign-up sheets at the back of the sanctuary, for both people who would like to participate, as well as names of members who anyone would like for us to go visit and sing to. What a great way to kick off the advent season and get into the Christmas spirit!

Join us for *Our Dear Christ Enters In*, a special midweek Advent service, **Wednesday**, **December 3**rd, **(11:30 AM & 7:00 PM)**, as we contemplate the unique family tree that Jesus was born into. It is a family tree that hits home for us the truth that Christ came to make us a part of the family of God.

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.

Redeemer Youth & LWML 'TOYS FOR TOTS'- Your donation helps provide a brighter Christmas for the less fortunate children in our community. New and unwrapped toys ages 0-18 years. We will have drop off sites at the South & North entrance through December 11.

Red M&Ms: Our breakfast and bible study will be moved back one week. We'll meet December 13, at 7:30 a.m. All men are invited.

Youth Christmas Program: With Christmas just around the corner, it's time to start preparing for our annual Youth Christmas Program! We will begin having 1-hour practices on Sunday afternoons starting November 9th at 1:00 PM. This first practice is when we will assign parts, so please make every effort to attend.

Practice Schedule:

- No Practice November 30
- December 6 (Saturday) 2 hours 2:00-4 PM
- December 7 1 hour @ 1:00 PM

- 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)

We're looking forward to a fun and meaningful season as we share the story of Christ's birth!

Youth Silent Auction Fundraiser! The youth will be hosting their annual *Silent Auction Fundraiser*. We will be collecting Baskets to auction off. **Bidding on the Baskets will begin on November 9**th. **Bidding will end on Sunday, December 7**th, **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 13th 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!

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!

Siouxland's New Horizons Band will present Christmas concerts during the month of December: Whispering Creek, Friday, Dec. 5, 2:30, Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Sunday, Dec. 7, 2:00, Morningside Lutheran Church, Dec. 10, 12:30, Holy Spirit, Dec. 12, 2:30, and Sunrise – Point, Dec. 15, 2:00. Public is invited!

Select large & small Pies and canned items are always available. November proceeds support our missionary family, JJ Wolf. December proceeds will support Bibi's Hope Orphanage, Bamako, Mali, West Africa. Thanks so much for your support in these projects!

As in year's past, a special Christmas offering will be taken on December 18 & 21 for Bibi's Hope Orphanage in Bamako, Mali, West Africa. This offering goes towards the Christmas presents for the children, as well as a special Christmas meal & outing. Thanks for your support

This year we are partnering with Mid-Step Services. The Angel Tree will go up November 19th. Take a tag and purchase the requested item(s) and return gift wrapped and tagged by December 14th. Thank you for sharing God's love as we celebrate Jesus's birth!

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)

LWML MITES Sunday, November 30th – Feed your MITE Box! Grant #5 – Iowa West District, Unity Ridge Lutheran School, Scholarship Assistance \$17,120.05. Thank You for Your Support!

LWML - Come join in the fun, December 2nd, at 5:00 PM, decorating the Parish Hall.

Women's Morning Bible Study- Wednesday, December 9th, 10:00 AM, Conference Room. Bible Study: "Forgiveness"- Lesson 6. pgs 176-184. Questions contact Jackie Krueger at 712-251-8714.

Women's Evening Bible Study – "Leaning on Jesus" – This group will take a break during Advent and will resume in January 2026.

LWML- Christmas Cantata, December 14th! If you are willing to provide muffins, pastry, coffee cake, etc. between the services, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or contact Brenda Ernst.

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



Tour of Steeples (Friday, December 5th: 4-7 PM). 20+ local churches will be open to the public for you to come and go. This event is free to the public. A free-will donation can be dropped at any participating church. (Donations will be split between the 'Soup Kitchen' and 'Warming Shelter') Each

church will have a map with the list of churches to take on your tour. For more information: Scan QR Code, Facebook/Tour of Steeples, or call 712-898-9349/712-276-3346.

Goodwill Shoe Party: Saturday, December 6th, 9:00 AM – 1 PM. (3011 W. 4th St., Sioux City). Kindergarten - Eighth Grade walk-ins only. No preregistration required. First come, first served.

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

Nov 30, 2025 - 10:00am - "Puzzle Club Christmas" The Puzzle Club must solve a missing person mystery before Christmas. 10:30 AM - Rev. Lucas Booher, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, IA, presents a message titled "Hosanna to the King!". This sermon is based on Matthew 21:1–9. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. 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."

SERVING THIS WEEK- (November 30, 2025): USHERS: Thursday 6:30 PM- Harlan & Mary Feddersen (Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). Sunday 8:15 AM- Team 3 (Gary Flammang, Mithcel Bauman, Gary Bumsted, Paul Fleckestein, Bob Naylor). 10:45 AM- Team 7 (Doug Stucky, Loren Field, Rick Lieber, Julie Madden, Jason Madden) GREETERS: 8:15 AM- Dave & Lori Albrecht; 10:45 AM- Jayne Edwards. ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM- Jase Fisher & Jaiden Thomas; 10:45 AM- Cameri Jones & Eliana Engel. 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: Dale & Nadine Henningsen

ADVENT SERVICES (December 3, 2025): USHERS: 6:30 PM- Team 3 (Gary Flammang, Mitchel Bauman, Gary Bumsted, Paul Fleckenstein, Bobo Naylor). GREETERS: 6:30 PM- Paul & Cindy Fleckenstein; ACOLYTES-7 PM- Dominic DuBois & Brody Goldsmith. Technologist: 11:30 AM- TBD: 6:30 PM-Heidi Schleis

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (December 4 & 7, 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) GREETERS: 8:15 AM- Shirley Barth & Loralee Fink; 10:45 AM- Jackie Krueger. ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM-Evan Shrauner & Sierra Zellmer; 10:45 AM- Logan Cain & Heyden Kunze. TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 PM- Heidi Schleis; Sun. 8:15 AM- Jordan Fisher; 10:45 AM- Curt Green. COUNTING TEAM: 4—Buckley & Fink. COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS: John & Anita Stansell

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending November 23, 2025

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 41+146+149=336 (30%)

Adult Bible Study: 21; ROCK Sunday: 36; ROCK Wednesday: n/a Sudanese: 42

<u>Date</u>	Income	Budgeted Income	<u>%</u>
Nov. 23, 2025	\$12,684	\$15,548	81%
Year-to-date	\$673,655	\$739,383	91%
Building Fund Income:			
Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Total	
\$5,469.55	\$0	\$5,469.55	
New Sound System Income:			
Year-to-date	Weekly Income		
\$13,660	\$0	\$95,670	

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, November 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT/MITES SUNDAY

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services No ROCK Sunday

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation Instruction for Membership

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study

1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship

No Christmas Program Practice

Monday, December 1, 2025

5 PM Christmas Caroling (Soup Supper & Fellowship 5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

10 AM Devotions w/Pastor Zirpel at *Bickford Assist*. 10:45 AM Devotions at *Bickford Memory*

1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mtg

5 PM LWML Decorate the Fellowship Hall

6 PM LWML Board Mtg.

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

9:30 AM Lamplighters at Faith Lutheran

11:30 AM Advent Service

5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal- Sloppy Joes

5-7 PM Midweek/ROCK Wed.

6 PM Handbell Practice

7 PM Advent Service

Choir Practice after worship service

7:360-9 PM Youth Group

Thursday, December 4, 2025

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6 PM BBF Bible Study (Lower Level)

6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion

Friday, December 5, 2025

9 AM Food Shelf

2:30 PM New Horizons Band at Whispering Creek

4-7 PM Tour of Steeples

Saturday, December 6, 2025

2-4 PM Christmas Program Practice

10 AM-3 PM Tour of Steeples

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services w/holy communion

9:30 AM ROCK Sunday

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation Instruction for Membership

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study

1-2 PM Christmas Program Practice

1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship

2 PM Voter's Meeting

2 PM New Horizons Band at Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

Last Day of Youth Silent Auction

December Worship Schedule

- Wednesday, Dec. 3 Advent Worship, 11:30 AM and 7 PM
- Wednesday, Dec. 10: Advent Worship, 11:30 AM and Family Advent Service, 7 PM. Chicken Strip meal at Noon and 5-7 PM. Free-will offering for J.J. Wolf Missionary Family
- 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, Tuesday, Dec. 24:

- ♣ Candlelight Services at 11:30 AM, 4 PM & 11 PM.
- Contemporary Candlelight Service at 7 PM
- Christmas Day, Wednesday, 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, Tuesday, Dec. 31: Holy Communion Worship service at 11:30 AM & 6 PM