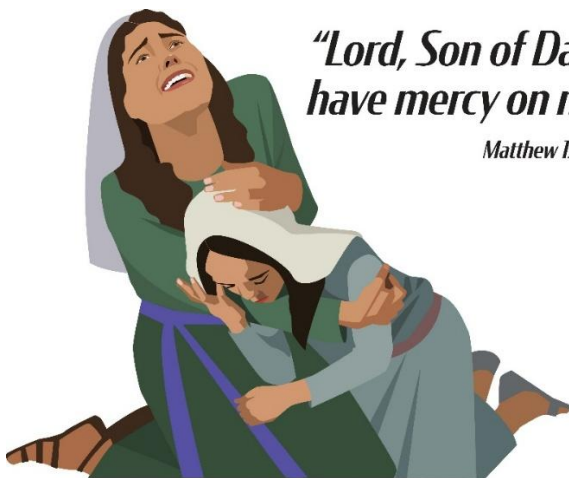




***"Lord, Son of David,
have mercy on me!"***

Matthew 15:22, NIV

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Joy at the Crossroads

Thursday & Sunday, August 13 & 16, 2026

As We Gather

In today's Gospel, our Lord Jesus moved beyond His ministry initially among the Jews now to the Gentile woman of Canaan. The miracle greater than the healing of her daughter was her great faith in Jesus addressing Him, saying, "Lord, help me" (Matthew 15:25). Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord said He would bring "foreigners" to His "house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:6–7). Here He gives "many blessings even though we are undeserving" (Prayer of the Day). The early church learned how the Gentiles are grafted into Israel, making the Christian Church the fulfillment of the true Israel, God's people! The outreach of the Gospel of Christ continues through His church, calling all people "that He may have mercy on all" (Romans 11:32). Because of God's effective call, you can have steadfast confidence in His loving kindness and mercy.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

10:45 AM Pre-Service Song “Fierce”

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Hymn “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” *LSB 901*

10:45 AM Opening Song “Because He Lives (Amen)”

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

P: I will go to the altar of God, **C: to God my exceeding joy.**

P: My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

C: Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.

Confession and Absolution

P: Today, though we are undeserving, we come to the Lord saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.” Let us seek the Lord here while He may be found to grant us healing, help, and forgiveness.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, Son of God, we are severely oppressed by sin in all our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned against You by our own fault. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and grant us forgiveness, help, and salvation. Amen.

P: Almighty God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all who believe in the name of His only begotten Son, is the God of mercy and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In that mercy He gives power to become the children of God and promises His Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. **C: Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

Introit

C: The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

P: To You, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help, when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary. Blessèd be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

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. The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of Praise “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” *LSB* 556; *sts. 1, 10*

10:45 AM Song of Praise “One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)”

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.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 56:1, 6–8*

(after the reading)...

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

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Special Music “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” *LSB* 940. Accompanied by Dr. Lou Rossman on Euphonium with Organ.

Epistle *Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32*

(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 *Matthew 15:21–28*

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord. *(after the reading)...*

P: 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 "Preserve Your Word, O Savior" *LSB 658*

10:45 AM Sermon Song "The Blessing"

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayer of the Church

P: (after each request)... 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 salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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...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

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

Distribution

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Distribution Hymns "God Loved the World So That He Gave" *LSB* 571; "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" *LSB* 660; "Fight the Good Fight" *LSB* 664

10:45 AM Communion Song "Just As I Am (I Come Broken)"

Post-Communion Collect

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

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Closing Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" *LSB* 832

10:45 AM Closing Song "Soul On Fire"

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.

Please stop by Care Corner to sign **Anniversary** cards for Don & Barb Jorgensen celebrating 69 years together, and for Gerald & Linda Collins celebrating their 50th.

Altar Flowers are given by Scott & Beth Bowman in honor of their 36th anniversary.

Come help celebrate Don and Barb Jorgensen's 69th wedding anniversary. They've bought donuts for everyone, so come join us in the parish hall for a cup of coffee and a donut.

St. Paul's golf outing and meal is this afternoon. There are still a few open spots if you would like to golf and lots of food so please come and join us at St. Paul's school gymnasium for the steak dinner starting at 4:30 pm.

Pastor Senstad will be at Whispering Creek senior living this coming Wednesday, 8/19, at 10:30 a.m. for devotions and communion.

We are excited to announce a new video-based bible study for Sunday mornings. Starting this next Sunday, (8/23), we'll be looking at *Where Love Abides*. A video-based study led by Donna Pyle. It's based on John 15:1-17.

Upcoming Bible Study: Starting this Fall, NEW MORNING MERCIES Bible study will be offered. There will be daily engaging readings leading off with a compelling, gospel-centered thought, followed by an extended meditation for the day. These readings and corresponding Bible passages will be discussed on **Wednesdays** starting at **5:45-7 PM**. It is the goal that this study will help people encounter our living God and equip them with the good news that they need to trust in God's goodness, rely on his grace, and live for his glory-day in and day out. This 11-session course will begin **Sept. 9-Nov.18**. For more information or to sign up text or call Curt Green.

Redeemer is in need of some help to run the technology during worship services at 8:15 & 10:45 am. No experience needed. We will train you. If you are interested, please let Angie know in the office. Thanks

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

- **100th Celebration Service Project:** Join us as we celebrate 100 years of Redeemer Lutheran Church with a special Service Project, **Sunday, August 23rd!** We are aiming for **100 volunteers** to roll bandages for 100 minutes—and we need all hands-on deck to make it happen!

The day will begin with a **Pizza Potluck at 1:00 PM**. Please bring your favorite large pizza to share as we gather for food and fellowship. At 1:30 PM, we will head to the gym and start the clock for our 100-minute service project. During this time, we will work together to tear sheets and roll them into bandages. Our goal is to make as many as possible in those 100 minutes. These bandages will be sent to *Global Health Ministries*, where they will ultimately be used to provide care in war-torn regions of Africa. Please sign up at the back of the church to participate. Come be part of this meaningful way to celebrate Redeemer's 100-year legacy of faith, service, and community!

- **High School Parents & Students:** You're invited to join us for a **Dinner & Orientation Meeting** on **Wednesday, August 26th, from 5:30–6:30 PM** in the **Gym**. We'll enjoy a meal together and go over important information for the upcoming year. There will be a few forms to fill out, and this is a great time to ask any questions you might have. **Please let**

me know if you're planning to attend — call or text 620-655-5395 to RSVP. Looking forward to seeing you there!

➤ **Newsletter Error: This is NO ROCK Wednesday Orientation Aug. 26**

➤ **Family Event – Explorers Baseball Game:** Join us for a fun Evening at the Explorers Baseball Game! **Date:** Friday, August 28th,

- **Time:** 6:30 PM - **Cost:** \$24 per adult ticket - \$19 Per Student 12 and under
- **Who:** Families, friends, and guests are all welcome!
- We will sit at the party Deck on the Left Foul Line.
- Buffet will include Hamburgers, Hotdogs, And Brats with Chips and cookies.
- Drinks are included Pepsi products and bottled water.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary to reserve your tickets. **Deadline to sign up is August 17th.**

➤ **Save the Dates!** *High School Youth Gathering* October 2nd – 4th @ camp Okoboji and *Jr. High Youth Gathering* October 23rd&24th @ the Sheraton in West Des Moines.

Pie & jams/jelly are available: \$6 each or 5 for \$25. Thanks for your support.

Steaks are available for St. Paul's Lutheran School. 2 for \$25: 12 oz steaks, ¾" thick!

We now have newly processed beets in pint jars: \$6 or 5 for \$25.00, mix and match with jams/jellies, and pint jars of pickles. Thanks to our crew who accomplished this last Tuesday!

Quarts of tomato soup will be processed Monday!

We have newly canned dill pickles (\$8 a qt. and \$6 a pint) and hamburger sweet dills (8 a qt. and \$6 a pint). Thanks to our 20 individuals who helped do this work last Monday afternoon, etc., 8 bushels of cucumbers were processed! Beets will be processed and canned in a few weeks as well as Tomato soup.

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), also accepted. ~~Thank You!

NEW THRIVENT CHOICE CHANGES! In Mid-April, Choice Dollars were designated up front as a single annual lump sum. Members can now direct their full amount anytime between now and December 31, instead of after each quarter. Now, ALL Thrivent members receive Choice Dollars, expanding the reach of generosity. Call 1-800-847-4836 or go online to direct your Choice Dollars. Thank you for your support for this program at Redeemer.

LWML NEWS & EVENTS!

- ***Thank you, LWML leaders, currently serving and taking on new positions, please pray for the Lord's continuing guidance for these women as they serve the Lord with gladness.***

President – Lenore Field

Treasurer – ConniJo Bailey

Secretary – Michaela Uhl

Committee Chairs:

Cheer – Karen Rupiper

Christian Life – Lorelee Fink

Communications – Tawnya Becker

Funeral – Lori Albrecht

Human Care/Gospel Outreach – Ida Milligan

Women Serving in Christ – Marlene Heithold

If you would like to serve in any way, please reach out to any of these ladies.

- **Jesus & Java – Saturday, August 22nd, 9:00 AM:** Grab a cup of your favorite morning starter and stay for devotion and fellowship time together at Koffee Knechtion (419 Golf Rd, South Sioux City, NE)
- **Save The Date!** Fall Fun at Oak Tree Farm & Gardens (3610 220th St, Anthon, IA 51004) on Saturday, September 12th, 2026. Meeting 9:15 AM in Redeemer's parking to carpool.
- **IWD-Fall Retreat:** September 19th, 10AM-2PM, at Perry Lutheran Homes (Eden Acres Campus, 1300 28th St, Perry, IA). Registration

\$15. Keynote Speaker – Rev. Max Phillips. Birthday Blessing Bags In-Gathering & Service Project.



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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

August 23 airing - This Is the Life – “Flight Plan” – A man has to deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it? **Worship Service** – Rev. Robert Mayes of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Beemer, NE, and Zion St. John Lutheran Church in Wisner, NE, delivers the message **“From Famine to Feast”** based on Matthew 14:13-21. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

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!

SERVING THIS WEEK- (August 13 & 16, 2026): USHERS: Thursday 6:30 PM: *Harlan & Mary Feddersen (Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergen, Mike Searls).* **Sunday 8:15 AM – Team 1** *(Alex Erickson, Marc Benson, Larry*

Nelson, Jerry Van Peurse). **10:45 AM- Team 5** (Mark Boyd). **ACOLYTES:** **8:15 AM-** Liam Behrens; **10:45 AM-** (open). **GREETERS:** **8:15 AM-** Aaron & Tawnya Becker; **10:45 AM-** (open). **TECHNOLOGIST:** Thurs. **6:30 PM-** Heidi Schleis; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** Erik Koehler; **10:45 AM-** Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM:** **4–** Fink & Buckley. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Carol Bobolz

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (August 20 & 23, 2026): **USHERS:** same as last week. **ACOLYTES:** **8:15 AM-** Liam Behrens; **10:45 AM-** (open). **GREETERS:** **8:15 AM-** Bruce & Roberta Timmons; **10:45 AM-** Dale & Tina Revell. **TECHNOLOGIST:** Thurs. **6:30 PM-** Heidi Schleis; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** Jordan Fisher; **10:45 AM-** TBD. **COUNTING TEAM:** **1–** Buckley & Lessmann. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Dave & Lori Albrecht

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending Aug. 9, 2026

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 42+150+94=286 (26%)

Adult Bible Study: 23; ROCK Sunday: 12; ROCK Wednesday: N/A

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
Aug. 9, 2026	\$10,998	\$16,129	68%
Year-to-date	\$476,621	\$516,140	92%

Building Fund Income:

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$2,079	\$0	\$2,079

New Sound System Income:

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
\$8,480	\$0	\$88,932

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, August 16, 2026

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

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study

1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

1:00 PM St. Paul's Golf Tournament

Monday, August 17, 2026

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

10:30 AM Staff Bible Study/Mtg

11:00 AM Retired Educators Meal/MWM

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

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

Thursday, August 20, 2026

10:00 AM Thrivent Choice Mtg

6:30 PM Worship Service

Friday, August 21, 2026

9:00 AM-Noon Food Shelf

2:00 PM New Horizons Band at *Regency in South Sioux City*

Saturday, August 22, 2026

9:00 AM Jesus & Java at *Koffie Knechtion*

Sunday, August 23, 2026

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Service

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study

1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

1:00 PM *100th Year Celebration Service Project*