



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Lord, Give Us Such a Faith as This

Thursday & Sunday, April 9 & 12, 2026

10:45 AM Pre-Service Song "Christ Is Risen"

AS WE GATHER

"Seeking dedicated worker. Suffering not optional." If we were to read that simple line in a job posting, it certainly would give us pause. People generally want to avoid suffering at any cost. Scripture reminds us that there may be a dynamic of discomfort to faith-filled living that follows the call of the risen Savior. In his hymn text "'Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake" from the 1600s, Johann Scheffler concludes, "Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed and, firmly clinging to His Word, in suff'ring be undaunted. For those who bear the battle's strain the crown of heav'nly life obtain" (*LSB* 688:5). The challenges of the twenty-first century may differ from those of the seventeenth, but they are just as real. Our Lord promises that He is always with us on our life's journey. With Easter joy, we travel onward together toward His glorious heavenly kingdom!

✘ PREPARATION ✘

The Light of Christ

P: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Pascal Candle is Lit

P: The light of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Hymn “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” *LSB* 464

10:45 AM Opening Song “House Of The Lord”

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

P: Alleluia! We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

C: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

C: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare Your greatness.

Confession and Absolution *Micah 6:6–8*

P: Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking forgiveness and amendment of our lives as we follow the Lord.

C: “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?”

Women: “Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?”

Men: “Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?”

C: “Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

P: He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

C: Almighty God, we confess that we are indeed sinful. By our very nature we are sinful. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Savior. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may live out our lives on earth faithfully until that time when we, by His grace, join the company of heaven forever.

P: God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and at His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May our gracious God, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him eternally in His glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

☩ WORD ☩

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of Praise “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” *LSB* 465

10:45 AM Song of Praise “All Creatures”

Prayer of the Day

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

Hymn Introduction

P: The hymn texts of the Easter season span well over a thousand years of Christian poetic writing. In one of the more recently written Easter hymns, Lutheran pastor Herbert F. Brokering shares an easily envisaged image of brightness, describing sacred music being provided by trumpets resounding in glorious light in the first stanza of “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” (*LSB* 474). In the last verse of the final Psalm,

the sacred writer exclaims, “Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!” (Psalm 150:6). That assemblage of “everything that has breath” might well include those instruments—from trumpets and trombones to flutes and recorders that God’s people use to express their joyful praise, especially in this glorious season of Easter.

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” *LSB* 474

First Reading *Acts* 5:29–42

(after the reading)... and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

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

Psalm *Psalm* 148

C: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!

Women: Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars!

Men: Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

C: Let them praise the name of the LORD! For He commanded and they were created. And He established them forever and ever; He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Women: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling His word! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Men: Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

C: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints, for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the LORD! 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.

Epistle *1 Peter* 1:3–9

(after the reading)... and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

P: 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.

Verse *Romans 6:9; John 20:29b*

C: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *John 20:19–31*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth 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 🎵

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of the Day “O Sons and Daughters of the King” *LSB 470; stz. 1-5*

10:45 AM Sermon Song “I Can Only Imagine”

Sermon

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of Response “He Is Arisen! Glorious Word” *LSB 488*

Catechism *The First Article*

P: In the First Reading, Luke records that Peter and the apostles spoke plainly of the action of God as they proclaimed the resurrection from the dead of Jesus. They plainly stated “The God of our fathers raised Jesus. . . . God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior” (Acts 5:30–31). The First Article of the Creed is focused on God, our Creator, from whom our divine Savior, Jesus Christ, was begotten before all worlds.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily

provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

P: *(after each petition)*...let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, grant our petition.**

Lord's Prayer

Exchange of Peace

P: In the Holy Gospel, we heard the account of that moment when Jesus was reunited with His disciples for the first time after His resurrection. John records that His first words to them were "Peace be with you." As disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, we have the opportunity to share that special peace that our Lord first shared in the room behind closed doors as we greet one another today. *A greeting of peace may be exchanged.*

Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Offertory "Lord of All Good" *LSB* 786; stz. 3

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 "O Sons and Daughters of the King" *LSB* 470; stz. 6-9

10:45 AM Closing Song "All The People Said Amen"

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: [redeemerchurchsc@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.

Please stop by Care Corner to sign a *Birthday* card for Neil Rippke and Steve Ebsen.

Altar Flowers are given by Marc & Shari Benson in honor of their 43rd anniversary.

Pulpit Flowers are given by Anita Mack.

We are having a special voters meeting to be held immediately after the 10:45 service. This is a special voters meeting so it is a single agenda meeting: The Constitution and By-laws of our church. Our leadership council is recommending making a change to Article 7 of the by-laws to allow a woman to be the Chairman and the Vice Chairman. The proposed wording is in the back of the church.

Sunday, we resume our **Life and Teaching of Jesus** Bible study at the 9:45 adult bible class in the parish hall. It's a wonderful study filled with bible stories that Christ taught in His three year ministry. It's very interesting and open to all people.

Endowment & Legacy committee will meet April 16th (3rd Thursday) at 7:15 pm in the conference room.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR. Please see the April newsletter for information from *The Endowment and Legacy* committee regarding tuition money available to Redeemer members who enroll in a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod school, at preschool through graduate levels.

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

- **CONFIRMATION PARTY!** All 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students are invited to join us for a fun night at Tilt in the mall!
Date: Wednesday, April 22 **Time:** 5:30–7:30 PM
Cost: \$5 for members & \$15 for non-members (friends are encouraged to come!). Your admission includes bumper cars, glow mini golf, mini bowling, and arcade games (excluding ticket and claw machines). Snacks will be available for purchase at the concession stand. Students may bring extra money if they would like to play ticket or claw machine games. ***Please let Jonathon know if you are able to attend by April 15th.***
- **Mission Trip Meeting:** Sunday, April 19th, 2:00 PM

LWML NEWS & EVENTS!

- **Women Serving in Christ:** Meeting on Thursday, April 16th, 1:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Bible Study: “Overflowing in Comfort” pg. 16-17. Spring 2026 Quarterly. Bible Study Leader – Lenore Field. Hostess – Susan Nolan. Join us for fellowship and studying God’s word. Everyone is welcome!
- **Bloom Ladies Night- Redeemer Lutheran Church:** Tuesday, April 28th, 6:00 PM. Join us for a night of fellowship as we discover how flowers can encourage our ‘growing’ faith. The night will include a light meal, a craft, and devotion. We are collecting items for Camp Okoboji (dish towels, rugs of all sizes, paper towels, ‘GAIN’ brand laundry soap & bleach). ***Please RSVP to your LWML group or Jen Copenhaver by April 21- 712-899-2927.***
- **Join us as a Young Women’s Representative** at the LWML District Convention at Camp Okoboji **June 11-13, 2026.** This is your chance to learn more about LWML and how you can serve. Meet other young women who are passionate about faith and service. Participate in workshops, Bible Studies, and fun activities.

Experience the joy of fellowship and inspiration in a beautiful camp setting. Interested? **Contact: Tawnya Becker or Jackie Krueger by March 25th**. Qualifications: 1) Member of a Sioux City Zone Church, 2) Ages between 18-40.

- **Religious Greeting Cards** are available (South Narthex) for all occasions! (single cards \$1.00 or 12 cards for \$10.00).

HyVee Receipts: Thank you for continuing to save your HyVee receipts for the preschool!! We receive \$1.00 for every \$100 in receipts we turn in. **April 1, 2026 is the last receipt date eligible for this year and I need to have ALL receipts submitted by April 12, 2026!**

2026 HER Women's Health Annual Vision Dinner will be on Tuesday, April 14, 6:30-8:30 PM, at the South Sioux City Marriott Center (385 East 4th St., South Sioux City, NE). Register at PartnersofHerHealth.org (Vision Dinner 2026) or call 712-276-0237. Registration ends April 5th.

NEW Choice Dollars for the 1st quarter of 2026 should be available for you to direct about April 6, 2026. 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

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!

Building Healthy Families: Listen to the news on any given evening and you will be inundated with accounts of terrible things that are happening, around the world and close to home. It's easy to become distressed and overwhelmed. And it's possible for a traumatic news story to trigger memories of your own trauma – experienced recently or in your personal history long ago. This week, take a few minutes to commit Jesus' words to memory and recall them whenever you hear distressing news: “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” Know that we're here for you and others you know to help overcome the hardships of life – bringing professional supportive counseling grounded in our shared worldview and Christian faith. Call us – it's why we're here! Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service.**

SERVING THIS WEEK- (April 9 & 12, 2026): USHERS: Thursday 6:30 PM – Harlan & Mary Feddersen (Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). Sunday 8:15 AM – Team 1 (Alex Erickson, Marc Benson, Larry Nelson, Jerry Van Peursesem). 10:45 AM- Team 5 (Mark Boyd). ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM- Cameri Jones & Liam Behrens; 10:45 AM- Camden Doscher & Brody Goldsmith. GREETERS: 8:15 AM- Justin & Emily Wulf; 10:45 AM- Jackie Krueger. TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 PM- Heidi Schleis; Sun. 8:15 AM- Erik Koehler; 10:45 AM- TBD. COUNTING TEAM: 2– Mack & Hermelbracht's. COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS: Dale & Nadine Henningsen

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (April 16 & 19, 2026): USHERS: same as last week. ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM- Rhyss Dolphin; 10:45 AM- Cameri Jones

& Madi Schutt. **GREETERS: 8:15 AM-** Dave & Lori Albrecht; **10:45 AM-** Dale & Tina Revell. **TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 PM-** Heidi Schleis; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** Erik Koehler; **10:45 AM-** TBD. **COUNTING TEAM: 3-** Bobolz's & Schmith's. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Lorelee Fink & Anita Stansell

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending April 5, 2026

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 112+352+196=660 (59%)

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

Maundy Thursday: 112+124=236; Good Friday: 101+143=244

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
April 5, 2026	\$25,613	\$16,129	159%
Year-to-date	\$234,403	\$225,811	104%

Building Fund Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Total
\$981.00	\$340	\$1,321.00

New Sound System Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Remaining
\$850	\$25	\$94,595

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, April 12, 2026

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services
 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday
 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
 Noon - Special Voters Mtg in the *Parish Hall*

Monday, April 13, 2026

9:00 AM Quilting
 5:30 PM Adult Fitness
 6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mtg
 5:00 PM Aktion Meal/MWM
 5:30 PM Adult Fitness
 6:30 PM HER Health Women's Banquet

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

10:30 AM Devotions w/Pastor Senstad at *Whispering Creek*
 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal (*Chili & Grilled Cheese Sandwiches*)

5:00-7 PM Midweek Class
5:00-7 PM ROCK Wednesday
6:15 PM Handbell Practice
7:15 PM Adult Choir Practice
7:30-9 PM Youth Group

Thursday, April 16, 2026

10:00 AM Thrivent Choice Mtg
1:00 PM 'Women Serving in Christ' Mtg
5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:00 PM BSF Bible Study
6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion
7:15 PM Endowment & Legacy Mtg

Friday, April 17, 2026

9 AM- Noon Food Shelf

Sunday, April 19, 2026

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
9:30 AM ROCK Sunday
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
1:00 PM Sudanese Worship
2:00 PM Mission Trip Mtg