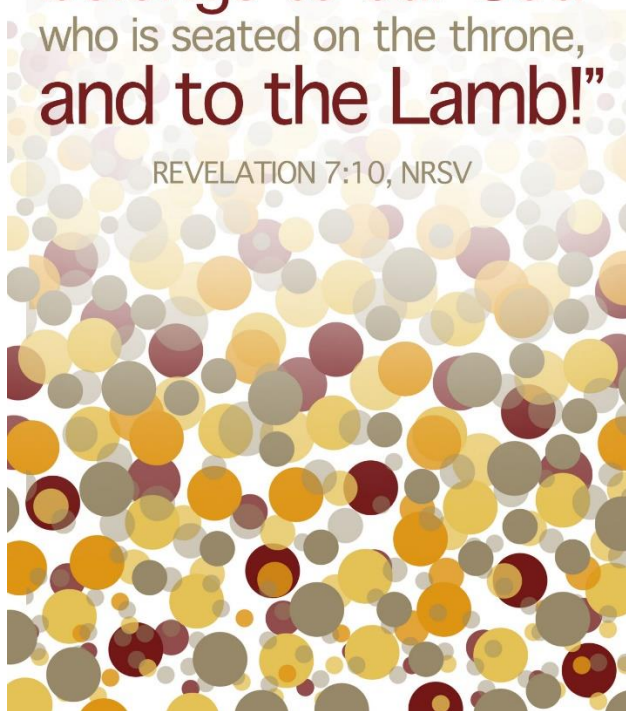


**“SALVATION**  
belongs to our God  
who is seated on the throne,  
**and to the Lamb!”**

REVELATION 7:10, NRSV



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

***They Knew It Was the Lord***

Thursday & Sunday, May 1 & 4, 2025



## ✂ PREPARATION ✂

**Prelude** “Heaven Medley” (arr. by Linda T. Lamb). Performed by Handbells.

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

**10:45 AM Opening Song** “Good God Almighty”

### **Invocation**

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

### **Confession and Absolution** *Psalm 30:5, 8*

P: To You, O LORD, I cry, **C: and to the Lord I plead for mercy.**

P: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

**C: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.** *Silence for meditation and reflection.*

P: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

**C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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. **C: Amen.**

P: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: Amen.**

## ✂ WORD ✂

**Introit** *Psalm 145:4–7, 9; antiphon: v. 10*

P: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

**C: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

P: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

**C: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

P: The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

### **Kyrie**

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

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

P: 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.**

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

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

**6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of Praise** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” *LSB* 469; vrs. 1, 3, 6

**10:45 AM Song of Praise** “How Great Is Our God”

### **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.**

### **First Reading** *Acts 9:1–9*

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

### **Epistle** *Revelation 7:9-17*

*(after the reading)*...

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

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**8:15 & 10:45 AM Special Music** “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

(arr. by Sandra Eithun). Performed by Handbells.

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

### **Holy Gospel** *John 21:1–19*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-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**

**6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of the Day** "Christ Has Arisen,  
Alleluia!" *LSB 466*

**10:45 AM Sermon Song** "I Can Only Imagine"

### **Sermon**

### **Nicene Creed**

### **Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards**

### **Prayer of the Church**

P: (*after each petition*)... Lord, in Your mercy,   **C: hear our prayer.**

## **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

### **Preface 2** *Timothy 4:22*

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**

P: Holy Lord, mighty God, everlasting Father, from You and to You are all things. In Your goodness You made all things, and You created us for Your glory. When sin kept us from fulfilling Your purpose, You spoke the promise of our redemption to be fulfilled when Your own Son would be incarnate of the virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit and redeem us by His own suffering and death. Gathered according to His Word to receive the fruits of His death that gives us life, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may receive worthily in faith this Holy Communion.   **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. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

P: We remember before You... through Jesus Christ, our Lord, both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

### **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** "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" *LSB 710*; "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" *LSB 709*; "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" *LSB 707*

**10:45 AM Communion Hymns** "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" and "You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

### **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

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

### **Benedicamus & Benediction**

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

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** "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" *LSB 465*

**10:45 AM Closing Song** "What A Friend"

## ***Congratulations, 2025 Confirmands!***

*This afternoon, during our Worship Service, we will confirm 10 students. Please keep them, and their families, in your prayers as they continue their walk with Jesus!*

### **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](http://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 an **Anniversary** card for Ron & Betty Peters celebrating 60 years.

**Birthday** cards for Ruth Staben, Rose Linduski, and Vicki Collins.

**Pulpit Flowers** are given by Brenda in honor of Ruth Staben's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Senior Bibles:** This year we are trying something new! On the tables in the parish hall, there are several Bibles. These Bibles are for our Seniors. Please feel free to *Highlight* a favorite verse or write encouraging notes in the margins. **Please only use the provided Bible Highlighters.**

**May 8**, next Thursday evening at church, we'll have the pleasure of welcoming Benjamin and Rebecca Helge. These are our missionaries from the Czech Republic. They and their little boy will be here giving us a mission report. Come say hello!

**Leadership Council:** We have a regularly scheduled meeting this coming Thursday, May 8, at 7:30 pm. If you are unable to attend, please let Gary Flamming know in advance.

**Pastor Zirpel & Dan Fisher** will attend a theological conference in Mitchell, SD, Friday & Saturday, May 8-10.



We would like to recognize our graduating Seniors on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> (**Andrew Campbell, Cyska Derochie, Jayden Goldsmith, Kelsey Hildman, Braden Kerr, Maggy Mehlhaff, Ryan Schutte, Braxton Van Meter**)

There will be a cake reception during the education hour followed by a recognition ceremony during the 10:45 worship service.

**Her Health Women's Center:** Your CHANGE can make a difference for LIFE! By participating in our Baby Bottle Campaign you help Her Health Women's Center provide confidential and caring services at no charge for anyone in Siouxland facing an unintended pregnancy. Pick up a bottle next week, May 11, fill it with coins, cash or checks and return it by June 16<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day. For more information on the ministry of Her Health Women's Center go to [PartnersofHerHealth.org](http://PartnersofHerHealth.org)

**Work-Day** at Woodbury County Fair Food Booth: May 13, 8:00 am. Sign-up sheet on Narthex table. Thanks!

**Morningside Days Parade Float:** Redeemer will have a float in the Morningside Days Parade! We'll use this opportunity to promote our upcoming Vacation Bible School (VBS). The parade



takes place on **Thursday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.** The route is 1.5 miles long. Here's how you can help:

1. **Donate candy** to hand out during the parade. (Please leave donations in the DCE office.)
2. **Help decorate the float** on **Wednesday, May 14** in the church parking lot.
3. **Walk or ride on the float** to hand out candy and VBS flyers. (Sign-up sheets are on the table in the entryway.)

If you have any questions, contact **DCE Jonathon Bailey** at **620-655-5395**.

**End of School Year Family Picnic!** Come celebrate the end of the school year with a fun-filled family picnic at beautiful **Bacon Creek Park!**

**Where:** Pavilion #2      **When:** Sunday, May 25th | 5:00–7:00 PM

We'll be grilling up hamburgers and hot dogs, so come hungry. Kids can enjoy the playground, and there's plenty of space for everyone to explore the walking trail or even try some fishing. Bring the whole family, invite your friends—everyone's welcome! Let's kick off summer together with good food, laughter, and great company. Questions contact DCE Jonathon Bailey 620-655-5395.

**Join us** for a powerful day of worship and music at the ***Christian Cross Fest—a free Christian music festival in Norfolk, NE!***

**Date:** Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>      **Time:** 2:00 PM – 11:00 PM

(Food will be available for purchase from food vendors on-site)

**Departure from church:** 12:00 PM (noon)

**Return:** Around 1:00 AM on **Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Everyone is invited!** Students younger than high school must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We're renting a **15-passenger van** for transportation. If you would like to ride with us, **please contact DCE Jonathon Bailey by May 25th at 620-655-5395**. Let's make it a day of praise, fellowship, and fun!

**RiseFest is coming!** June 20-21. One of the best Christian concert events of the year is coming to Sheldon, IA. It will be a

wonderful happening for the whole family. For more information, go to [www.riseministries.com](http://www.riseministries.com)

**VBS Volunteer Opportunity:** We're starting to prepare for VBS—and that means building our volunteer team! If you'd like to sign up to help, registration sheets are available on the table in the entryway. Anyone **6th grade through adult** is welcome to volunteer. Questions or concerns? Contact **DCE Jonathon Bailey** at **620-655-5395**.



**VBS Student Registration Now Open!** Online registration is now available for VBS! **All potty-trained children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade** are invited to attend. You can register online using the QR code on the information sheets in the entryway, or pick up a paper form. **VBS is July 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 6-8:30 PM** (Dinner 5:30-6 PM) Questions? Reach out to **DCE Jonathon Bailey** at **620-655-5395**.

**Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed:** Summer Sunday School is just around the corner, and we need teachers! You'll be able to sign up for Sundays that fit your schedule. We'll provide the lesson plan and craft supplies needed for that day. Our attendance has been growing, so we're asking for **two teachers each Sunday**. Interested or have questions? Contact **DCE Jonathon Bailey** at **620-655-5395**.

**Tuition Assistance for 2025-2026 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 a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod school, at preschool through graduate levels. **Please note, applications are due by June 1<sup>st</sup> and funds are limited.**

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMBERS LEAVING A LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.** Please see Redeemer's website for information from The Endowment and Legacy committee regarding an opportunity to "Remember the Future" of Redeemer by including Redeemer in your estate plans. This info can be found under the MORE tab / Monthly News and Bulletins / Leaving a Legacy.

**We are thrilled to announce** that our Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) is looking for passionate and dedicated individuals to join our leadership team! We have openings for the roles of *President Elect* and *Treasurer*.

**President Elect:** Assists in leading our organization, supports the President, and helps plan / execute our events. One year term, then rolls into one year term as President.

**Treasurer:** Manages our finances, keeps our budget on track, and ensures our financial records are accurate and up-to-date. Two year term.

If you feel called to serve in either of these roles, please reach out to Tawnya Becker (712-253-3528) by May 31, 2025. Your involvement will help us continue to grow and make a positive impact in our church and community.

**LWML Board Meeting**, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM in the Conference room. All are invited to attend.

**Lamplighters** meeting on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM at Calvary.

**Women's Morning Bible Study-** Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM, in the Conference Rm: New Study "Forgiveness" – Lesson 1 *'Forgiveness is Always Personal'* pgs. 23-45. If interested contact Jackie Krueger.

**Women's Evening Bible Study** – Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM, at Oscar Carl Vineyard. Bible Study- "Forgiving Your Prodigals" Lesson 7

Day 2: *Repentance: Coming to Our Senses*, pg. 193

Day 3: *Scanning the Horizon*, pg. 200

Day 4: *Hiring the Band and Clearing the Dance Floor*, pg. 204.

If interested contact Tawnya or Michaela Uhl.

**'Women Serving in Christ' Bible Study-** Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM, in the Fellowship/Parish Hall. Bible Study: 'Divine times' pg. 18, Spring Quarterly. Bible Study Leader- Ruth Simon, Host- Emily Behrens & Shirley Barth. Join us for fellowship and studying God's word. Everyone is welcome!

**June 26-29<sup>th</sup>** - 2025 LWML Convention in Omaha, NE. **Online registration now open. Late Registration starts May 1.** *If you would like to car pool, please sign up ASAP, so that we may determine if we have sufficient numbers. Sign up on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary.*

**LWML - Religious Greeting Cards** available in the East Entrance for all occasions! Single cards \$1.00 or 12 cards for \$10.00.

**LWML Spring 2025 Women's Quarterly Magazines are here.** Pick up a copy on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary.

**Thrivent Members Who Have Choice Dollars** - NEW Choice Dollars for the 1st quarter of 2025 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](http://www.thrivent.com).

**Jams & Jellies are available for asking!** (5 for \$25 or \$6 each. Dill pickles \$8 a quart)

**Volunteer Opportunity: Share God's Love at the Crittenton Center!** Make a difference in the lives of children by volunteering to read stories and engage with kids at the group shelter. Sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Volunteer application and orientation details will follow. Learn more about the Crittenton Center's mission at [crittentoncenter.org](http://crittentoncenter.org). Let's spread love and hope together!

1. **Mother's Day** - this can be a really hard weekend for our kids who are without their moms. We are doing a couple of activities on this weekend and we are looking for volunteers to spend time investing in our kids and loving on them. We are looking for 5-8 "mom" volunteers to help out with each of the below:
  - a. **May 10th** at 5pm: Painting at Pickled Palette in Sioux City. Volunteers will spend time with the kids as they work on canvas art projects. [Pickled Palette | Paint-It-Yourself Studio](#). We may have dinner or something at shelter after this.
  - b. **May 12th**: Time TBD: Bowling at Warrior Lanes (Warrior Hotel in downtown Sioux City). Once we've pinned down the time we'll decide if we also do lunch/dinner.

If interested, contact: Christina Eggink-Postma, Vice President of Community Engagement and Development, Crittenton Center, 712-255-4321 x147 [ceggink-postma@crittentoncenter.org](mailto:ceggink-postma@crittentoncenter.org)

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



**Giving has never been easier!** You can now 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.

**May 11 airing** - This is the Life – “Out of Bondage” – The Christian approach to alcoholism. Worship Service – Rev. Shawn Ethridge of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fulda, MN, delivers the message “A Good Shepherd for Us” based on John 10:22-30. You can watch Main Street Living broadcasts on your computer through the website: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and click on “Sioux City.”

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**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- (May 1 & 4, 2025): Thurs.** (Harlan & Mary Feddersen, Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). **Sunday 8:15 AM- Team 1** (Alex Erickson, Marc Benson, Larry Nelson, Jerry

Van Peursem). **10:45 AM- Team 5** (Mark Boyd, Kirk Campbell, Andrew Campbell, Preston Marsh). **GREETERS: 8:15 AM-** Dale & Nadine Henningsen; **10:45 AM-** Jackie Krueger & Jayne Edwards. **ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM-** TBD; **10:45 AM-** TBD. **TECHNOLOGIST:** Thurs. 6:30 AM- Tim Young; Sun. 8:15 AM- TBD; 10:45 AM- TBD. **COUNTING TEAM:** 1 – Buckley & Lessmann. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** John & Anita Stansell

**SERVING NEXT WEEK- (May 8 & 11, 2025): same as last week.**  
**GREETERS: 8:15 AM-** Lamont & Drenda Onken; **10:45 AM-** Dale & Tina Revell. **ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM-** Evan Shrauner & Eliana Engel; **10:45 AM-** Bruce Bailey. **TECHNOLOGIST:** Thurs. 6:30 AM- Tim Young; Sun. 8:15 AM- Erik Koehler; 10:45 AM- Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM:** 2 – Hermelbracht's & Mack. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Senior Reception

### **Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending April 27, 2025**

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 25+135+76=236 (19%)

Adult Bible Study: 24; ROCK Sun. 25; ROCK Wed: n/a

Sudanese: 11

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>Budgeted Income</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
April 27, 2025	\$6,305	\$15,548	40%
Year-to-date	\$260,224	\$265,709	98%

### **Building Fund Income:**

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Total
\$655.00	\$0.00	\$655.00

### **New Sound System Income:**

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Goal
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125,000

## **THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

### **Sunday, May 4, 2025**

#### **Confirmation Sunday**

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

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation Instruction for Membership

9:30 AM ROCK Sunday  
1:00 PM Sudanese Worship  
2:00 PM Confirmation Service  
4:00-6 PM Pickleball

**Monday, May 5, 2025**

5:30 PM Adult Fitness  
6:00 PM Fair Booth Leadership Mtg in *Conference Rm*  
6:30 PM Pickleball

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025**

10:00 AM Devotions w/Pastor Zirpel at *Bickford Assist.*  
10:45 AM Devotions at *Bickford Memory*  
1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mtg  
5:30 PM Adult Fitness  
6:00 PM LWML Board Mtg

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025**

9:30 AM Lamplighters at *Calvary*  
1:00 PM Pickleball  
7:30-9 PM Youth Group

**Thursday, May 8, 2025**

5:30 PM Adult Fitness  
6:00 PM BSF Bible Study (lower level- center rm)  
6:30 PM Worship Service  
7:30 PM Leadership Council Mtg

**Friday, May 9, 2025**

9:00 AM – Noon Food Shelf

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

**Mother's Day**

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services  
*Senior Graduates- Cake Reception after 8:15 AM Service*  
No Adult Bible Study  
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation Instruction for Membership  
9:30 AM ROCK Sunday  
10:45 AM Blanket Dedication for Seniors  
1:00 PM Sudanese Worship  
4:00-6 PM Pickleball

# GOD BLESS OUR 2025 CONFIRMANDS



CONFIRMED SUNDAY,  
MAY 4, 2025

† Abigail Bailey

† Kyler Zirpel

† Leland David

† Samuel Peterson

† Jaxson Findley

† Kevin Simpson

† Kamdyn Kramper

† Tyler Simpson

† Zachary Marlow

† Mesa Zellmer

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD,  
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you  
hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray  
to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me  
when you seek me with all your heart.” *Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)*