



SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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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



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Sunday, January 4, 2026: Traditional Worship Service:
Divine Service 1 (LSB p. 151)

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation “God of Grace and God of Glory” *LSB 850*

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

Introit

¶ The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¶ **Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

¶ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

¶ **But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

¶ Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

¶ **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.**

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Kyrie LSB 152

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

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

¶ 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.

¶ **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

Hymn of Praise "O God, My Faithful God" LSB 696; stz. 1-4

Salutation and Collect of the Day

¶ The Lord be with you. ¶ **And also with you.**

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

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 3:4–15
(after the reading)...

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

Epistle Ephesians 1:3–14

(after the reading)...

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

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 *Luke 2:40–52*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second 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 “Once in Royal David’s City” *LSB 376*

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 "Children of the Heavenly Father" *LSB 725* and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" *LSB 380*

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 "Go Tell It on the Mountain" *LSB 388*

Contemporary Worship Service
Service of Holy Communion 1 – 10:45 AM

Pre-Service Song “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song “Hark The Herald Angels Sing”

We Ask for God’s Forgiveness

¶ Merciful God, we come before you as people who are by nature imperfect. We constantly frustrate you by the wrong things we think, say and do. We deserve nothing but your punishment for our sins.

¶ **Merciful God, do not look on our sins, but on the sacrifice of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who died on the cross to forgive us.**

¶ Be cheerful and praise God because He has had mercy on you. Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. There is nothing we can do on our own to earn forgiveness. Jesus has done it all and promises the gift of eternal life in heaven to all who believe in Him. Live in that knowledge.

¶ **Thanks be to our Savior Jesus. Amen.**

Theme Prayer

¶ The Lord our God be with you. ¶ **And also with you.**
¶ Let us pray together the collect of the day.

ALL: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song of Celebration “He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)”

Time to Hear God’s Word

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 3:4–15

(after the reading)… ¶ **A** This is the Word of the Lord. ¶ **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Ephesians 1:3–14

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

Holy Gospel Luke 2:40–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.** (*after the reading*)...

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Statement of our Faith

P It is important for all of us, as the Body of Christ, to boldly affirm what we believe.

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**
This is most certainly true.

Children’s Message & Celebrate Song ♫

Sermon Song “Away In A Manger”

Sermon

Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

New Member Reception

Prayer of the Church

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

Lord’s Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Communion Songs “Do You Hear What I Hear” & “Your Name”

Post-Communion Collect

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

Final Blessing

Closing Song “River Of Life”

Today we welcome Redeemer's newest members:

- † By Adult Confirmation, **Logan Sampers**. 725 Fir St., Correctionville, IA 51016. Phone number 712-577-2188.
- † By Private Adult Baptism, **Sean Curtis Ian Miller**. 8416 269th Ave., Ct. E., Buckley, WA 98321. Phone 253-380-9108 & 253-433-0690.

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: 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 Betty Peters, Audrey Huffman, and Evelyn Wolff.

Altar Flowers are given by Bob & Pam Naylor in memory of Mom's Birthday.

We want to thank everyone for the cards prayers, money, and food that was served for Christy Newman's funeral by the Ladies of Redeemer. Sincerely, ~ son Jason, wife Honey and their three girls Porsha, Natalie, & Bristol, son Jesse, Christy's mom Yvonne, and uncle Curtis Pedersen. God Bless You All!

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped in 2025 with Thrivent Action Team Cards! Your generosity and support are truly appreciated, and you've made a wonderful difference in our church and community. If you'd like to help with next year's projects, please reach out to Pastor Zirpel or Kristy Fisher. Thank you again for sharing your time, energy, and caring hearts!

The Staff would like to extend a HUGE thank you to our loving members of Redeemer. The financial gift, and other gifts, were truly appreciated during the Christmas season.

Everyone is sincerely welcomed to a visioning meeting January 5 at 6:30 pm in the parish Hall. We'll visit about our ministry, talk about who we minister to, and try to write a vision statement.

New Sunday morning bible study will be coming in a few weeks. The **Teachings of Jesus** will be our new study. Everyone is welcome to attend at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the parish hall.

Confirmation and midweek classes resume this coming Wednesday, January 7.

Ryan Ohl funeral will take place on Saturday, January 10, 11:00 at Redeemer.

Upcoming Bible Study: What You Were Made For – How Knowing God will Transform your Life. "The most important thing about a person is what comes to your mind when you think about God," said W. W. Tozer. Why did he say that? Because knowing God is what is what you were made for Know God will transform your life! Join Frank Turek and Ted Write as they

highlight and apply the attributes of God to your life in this DVD series. **This will begin (and continue every) Wednesday, JANUARY 7 to MARCH 25, 5:30-6:45 pm.** If you would like to attend this series, call or text Curt Green.

Life Light is coming January 20. We will be studying 2 Corinthians. The books will be in the back once they arrive. This is an excellent study and everyone is welcome to join in. More information to follow.

Our pictorial app is available. To access the church directory app, go to the play store or your app store and download the app called (myUCD). Once installed, enter your unique code on the first page. If you do not have a code, or yours does not work, contact Steve at "ebsens@yahoo.com" to obtain a new code. If you have any updates for contact information that should be relayed in an email, along with a picture if you do not have one displayed. For more help, Steve Ebsen is available in the parish hall after the first service. Pastor Senstad can help you after the second service.

Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser! The youth will once again be selling delicious subs for the Super Bowl! Order forms will be available beginning **January 11th**. Please fill out **one order form per sub** you would like to purchase. Completed forms should be returned by **February 1st**. Sub orders may be picked up on the **morning of February 8th**. All proceeds will support the youth mission trip to **Sulphur, Oklahoma, in June 2026**. Thank you for your continued support of the youth of our congregation! If you have questions or need additional order forms, please contact **Jonathon Bailey, DCE**.

Ice Skating - Inviting all High school Youth to an evening of Ice Skating. **Friday January 16th**. Doors open at 6:00 pm Skating From 7-9pm. The ibp Ice Center is located at 3808 Stadium Drive. Cost is \$8 per person. Concessions are available at an additional cost.

Middle School Half Lock-In! Calling all Middle School students! Let's have a lock-in! Join us on **January 30th** from **6:00–11:30 PM** for a fun night filled with games, devotions, snacks, and plenty of candy.

Feel free to bring a friend! Please let us know you're coming by **January 25th**. We hope to see you there! To RSVP- Call DCE Jonathon Bailey or the church office 712-276-1125.

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

Calling All Quilters!!! Starting Monday, January 5th, 9:00 AM, quilting starts – lower level center room. All are welcome! Quilts are sewn for local and international mission needs.

Women of Redeemer, join us as we guide our Women's Ministry, Tuesday, January 6th, 6:00 PM, in the conference room. We will be taking down the Christmas décor in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 PM.

Women's Morning Bible Study- Wednesday, January 14th, 10:00 AM, Conference Room. Bible Study: "Forgiveness"- Lesson 7 'Forgiving Your Prodigals'. pgs 185-199. Questions contact Jackie Krueger.

Women's Evening Bible Study – Wednesday, January 14th, 5:30 PM, Redeemer's lower level-center room. Bible Study: "Leaning on Jesus" A Study of God's Strength Week 3 – "Leaning on Jesus When We Are Weary", pgs. 77-92. Contact Tawnya Becker or Michaela Uhl.

'Women Serving in Christ' Bible Study- Thursday, January 15th, 1:00 PM, in the fellowship hall. Bible Study: 'Not the World's Peace' pg. 16, Winter 2025 Quarterly. Bible study leader- Myrtie Allen. Hosts: Shirley Barth & Anita Stansell. Join us for fellowship and studying God's word. Everyone is welcome!

Siouxland Foster Closest: Join us Saturday, January 17, 9:00 AM, Redeemer Fellowship Hall. Our presenter is Rochelle Pfiefer – Founder & Director of Siouxland Foster Closet. Ingathering to support organization's mission- list located at the back of the sanctuary.

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

Select large & small Pies and canned items are always available. You may order ahead. Thanks so much for your support in these projects!

Time to start saving your Hy-Vee receipts for KinderCottage Preschool!! All receipts from Sioux City or South Sioux City stores are eligible for the School Bucks program. Receipts MUST be dated September 1, 2025 through April 1, 2026. **Receipts for Fuel, Gift Cards or any services offered at Customer Service will not be eligible nor counted toward the receipt totals.** The preschool receives \$1 for every \$100 worth of receipts we turn in. This is an easy way for anyone to support the preschool. Please place any receipts in the bin located in main office marked for Hy-Vee receipts. We greatly appreciate your help!

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

Thrivent Members Who Have Choice Dollars - NEW Choice Dollars for the 4th quarter of 2025 will be available after January 6th, 2026. You can call the Home Office at 1-800-847-4836 or go online to direct them at www.thrivent.com. Thanks to all of you who have been directing your Choice Dollars to Redeemer after each quarter!

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) and 16 oz (narrow & wide) jars, also accepted. ~~Thank You!



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.

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

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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- (January 4, 2025): USHERS: 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-** Sierra Zellmer & Jaiden Thomas; **10:45 AM-** Rhyss Dolphin & Caleb Amick.

GREETERS: 8:15 AM- Paul & Cindy Fleckensteint; **10:45 AM-** Jayne Edwards. **TECHNOLOGIST: Sun.** **8:15 AM-** TBD; **10:45 AM-** TBD.

COUNTING TEAM: 4- Buckley & Fink. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Loralee Fink/Vock

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (January 8 & 11, 2025): USHERS: Same as last week.

ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM- Ian & Jake Beougher; **10:45 AM-** Madi Schutt & Bruce Bailey. **GREETERS: 8:15 AM-** Dale & Nadine Henningsen; **10:45 AM-** Marty & Marcy Delperdang.

TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. **6:30 PM-** TBD **Sun. 8:15 AM-** TBD; **10:45 AM-** TBD. **COUNTING TEAM: 1-** Buckley & Lessmann. **COFFEE &**

ROLL SERVERS: Steve & Ann Peterson

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending Dec. 28, 2025

Worship Attendance: Sunday, N/A+55+34=89 (8%)
Adult Bible Study: 21; ROCK Sunday: N/A; ROCK Wednesday: N/A
Sudanese: 3

Date	Income	Budgeted Income	%
Dec. 28, 2025	\$34,561	\$15,548	220%
Year-to-date	\$785,640	\$818,052	96%

Building Fund Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Total
\$6,849.55	\$1,299.51	\$8,149.06

New Sound System Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Remaining
\$13,660	\$0	\$95,670

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, January 4, 2025

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM ROCK Sunday
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation Instruction for Membership
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship
Youth Committee Mtg

Monday, January 5, 2025

Preschool classes resume for M/W/F
9:00 AM Quilting Starts
5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:30 PM Pickleball
6:30 PM Congregational Vision Mtg

Tuesday, January 6, 2025

Preschool classes resume for T/TH
10:00 AM Devotions with Pastor Zirpel at *Bickford Assist.*
10:45 AM Devotions at *Bickford Memory*
1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mtg
5:00 PM Take Down Decorations- Parish Hall

6:00 PM LWML Board Mtg

Wednesday, January 7, 2025

9:30 AM Lamplighters at *Hope*

5:5-40 PM Midweek Meal- *Chicken Noodle Soup*

5:00-7 PM Midweek Class

5:00-7 PM ROCK Wednesday

6:15 PM Handbells

7:15 PM Adult Choir

7:30-9 PM Youth Group

Thursday, January 8, 2025

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:00 PM BSF Bible Study (Lower Level)

6:30 PM Worship Service

7:30 PM Leadership Council Mtg

Friday, January 9, 2025

9 AM- Noon Food Shelf

Saturday, January 10, 2025

7:30 AM Red M&M's Bible Study & Breakfast

Sunday, January 11, 2025

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Service

9:30 AM ROCK Sunday

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation Instruction for Membership

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study

1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship

Order Your Super Bowl Subs!