



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

~ Treasures of God ~

Sunday, July 26, 2026

As We Gather

Jesus famously teaches, “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (*Matthew 6:21*), and Jesus knows a treasure when He sees one. From the days of the Old Testament onward, the Lord has clearly declared how He vastly treasures His people. The Son of God gives up everything to reclaim us as His treasured possession. And it is purely His love for us that gives us true value and limitless worth. Since His treasure is His people. We can be sure His heart remains with His people, too, as He visits us here with the priceless goodness of His Word.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

8:15 AM Opening Hymn “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” *LSB 594*

10:45 AM Opening Song “Come, Now Is The Time To Worship”

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

P: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C: How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

P: The LORD set His love on you and chose you.

C: Know therefore that the LORD is God.

P: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C: To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: You are a people holy to the Lord your God.

C: We confess our unholy thoughts, words, and actions.
Silence for personal reflection.

P: Almighty God, **C: we have not lived up to our calling as Your treasured possession. Our desires are selfish and our love is shallow. We have turned aside from doing good and chosen to treasure things of creation rather than our Creator. In our sinful state we are vulnerable to the devil, death, and darkness. And so we seek Your mercy. We surrender to Your loving kindness in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P: “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

C: “He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?”

P: Indeed, the mercy of almighty God is displayed in the giving of His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word 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.**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

C: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

P: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

C: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

P: Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

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.

8:15 AM Hymn of Praise “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” *LSB 821*

10:45 AM Song of Praise “God Of Wonders”

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 *Deuteronomy 7:6–9*

(after the reading)...

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

Epistle *Romans 8:28–39*

(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 13:44–52*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth 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 "Through Jesus' Blood and Merit" LSB 746

10:45 AM Sermon Song "In Christ Alone"

Sermon

Catechism *The Second Article*

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean? 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.

Prayer of the Church

P: (*after the reading*)... Through the love of Christ, we pray:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: These prayers, and all those lifted up by believers around the world, we entrust to Your care, O almighty God, trusting You to hear and answer according to the Father's will, in the Son's grace, and by the Spirit's power. **C: Amen.**

Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray. Most holy God, it is the promise of Your Word that You work all things together for good, for those called according to Your purpose, we have been made good through our Savior, Jesus Christ. May the goodness delivered to us by Your mercy be spread throughout our community, that everything good might witness to You, Giver of all good things. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. **C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P: Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. **C: Amen.**

8:15 AM Closing Hymn "In Thee Is Gladness" *LSB* 818

10:45 AM Closing Song "Your Grace Is Enough"

Today we welcome Redeemer's newest member:

✠ By Private Baptism, Elijah Williams. Parents are Quinn & Cassandra Williams. Sponsors are Devin Hagestrom and Annalise McMahan.

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: 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 Ruth Simon, Irene Kreisler, and Dave Albrecht.

Altar Flowers are given by Phil & Ann Schauer in honor of their 37th anniversary.

Pulpit Flowers are given by Jerry Von Ehwegen in memory of Carolyn.

Redeemer Church, Congratulations on 100 years of ministry to people. Blessings to the 40 years you helped me while I lived in my house next door to the church. ~~ Mary Martin

Please keep Pastor Senstad in your prayers as he travels. He is currently accompanying his in-laws on their drive back home to Tucson, AZ, and then flying back on Monday.

On Monday, July 27, 3:00 pm, we will be stuffing cucumbers into jars for dill pickles. Also, we will be slicing cucumbers and stuffing them into the jars for Hamburger sweet dills. Can u help? Sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Would be great if we could have 15 individuals show up and be done in a few hours. We will be selling these pickles at the Woodbury County Fair

Red M&Ms: Men's bible study is next Saturday, 8/1. 7:30 a.m. is breakfast in the parish hall with an hour-long bible study to follow in the conference room.

Redeemer Lutheran Church is hiring a preschool aide. The position is 28 hours a week. The hours are Mon, Wed & Fri from 8:30 am -3:30 pm. Tues & Thurs. are 8:30 AM- 12:30 PM. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Tara Vander Weil at 712-276-1125 or 712-224-2273.

Once again, we are in need of numerous volunteers for the Woodbury County Fair, in Iowa! Sign-up is on the table by the church office. Some days there are 2 shifts and some days 3. Also, we are in need of apple, cherry, peach, and pecan pies – 10" or a donation of \$20 a pie or cans of pie filling (*especially peach filling*). Pie tins and pie boxes are available by the sign-up sheet. We need 1 or 2 individuals per day to "man" the whole pie table & jams, jellies, and pickle table. Finally, we will need grillers as well. Profits from food sales Jams & Jelly and whole pies go to the following Siouxland groups of LWML, high school youth, Bibi's Hope orphanage, Boy Scouts, and St. Paul's Lutheran school. Last year \$20,000 was given to these five Siouxland organizations. For more information contact Pastor Zirpel (Redeemer).

WOODBURY COUNTY FAIR – August 5th- 9th, Merville, IA.

HOURS: Mon. & Tues. open 7 AM-3PM Wed.-Sun. 7AM-7 PM

Monday & Tuesday (Free Admission, Redeemer Serving Food)

Thursday (*Kids Day*, 11 and Under-Free All Day)

Friday (*Senior Citizen Day*, 65 and older-Free Admission, *All Veteran and Active Duty*-Free Admission)

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

100th Anniversary Video — Photos Needed from All Committees & Groups: As part of Redeemer Lutheran's 100th Anniversary celebration, we are creating a special video highlighting the many ministries, groups, and committees that have shaped our congregation over the years. To make this project complete and meaningful, **we are asking every committee and group** to submit photos that represent your organization—past or present. Please drop photos off at the church office or send pictures to Ann Schauer at 712-490-7129 or at schauerann@gmail.com.

Photos may include:

- Group activities or events
- Service projects
- Retreats, gatherings, or meetings
- Historical photos from earlier decades
- Any images that reflect your ministry's story

We kindly ask that all photos be submitted by August 1st so the video can be completed in time for our anniversary celebration. Thank you for helping us honor 100 years of God's faithfulness at Redeemer Lutheran.

Tuition Assistance is available for the upcoming school year for Redeemer Lutheran KinderCottage Preschool and St. Paul's Lutheran School (grades K-5). Members of Redeemer may receive \$500 per student towards KinderCottage preschool tuition and/or \$1000 per student towards St. Paul's Lutheran School tuition. This assistance is courtesy of a generous donation to the Redeemer Church Endowment and Legacy Fund. If interested, please call the church office (276-1125) to provide your contact information or pick up a form in the office. Please note that funds are limited and forms are processed on first come/first served basis. **Deadline to apply is July 31st, 2026.**

REDEEMER THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS \$500 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2026-27: To qualify for a \$500 Redeemer Choice Dollars Scholarship, you or a parent must be a Thrivent Financial benefit member. (A benefit member is someone who currently owns a Thrivent product, such as life insurance.) You must be a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church for a minimum of 2 years. You must be a full-time student at a 2-year or 4-year college. The scholarship is good for the 2026-27 school year and must be applied for again each year that you are in college. Applications can be picked up in the church office and ***must be returned to the church office by Aug. 1, 2026.***

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.

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 to RSVP. Looking forward to seeing you there!

- **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.

LWML NEWS & EVENTS!

- **God Can Use You! Accepting Nominations for Redeemer LWML Board---Election Date: July 23 & 26, before and after services – South Entrance**

Board Positions Open for Election:

- Secretary (2-year term, 2026-2028)
- President-Elect (2-year term, 1 year as president-elect followed by 1 year as president)
- Questions or placing name on ballot, contact Tawnya Becker 712-253-3528.

- **Lutheran Hour Ministries** – We are collecting new or gently used Portals of Prayers, LWML Quarterlies, Lutheran Witness, etc. for the Lutheran Hour Ministries Booth at the Clay County Fair. Bring to the South entrance of the Church **by July 26.**

- **Sioux City Zone - Woodbury County Fair, Wednesday August 5th:** Please sign up to volunteer and/or provide a pie(s):
(9:30 AM – 1:30 PM), (1:00 PM-4:30 PM), (4:30 PM-7:30 PM)

Pies: Cherry, Apple, Peach, Pecan - \$20 donation for Pies (Sign Up Sheet – South Entrance)

- **IWD-Fall Retreat:** September 19th, 10AM-2PM, at Perry Lutheran Home.

Altar Guild: There will be no Altar Guild meeting for July. Meetings will resume in August.

Calvary is hiring a new part-time secretary for the office. The position is 19 hours a week. The hours are Mon 9-noon, Tues-Fri 9-1. Salary depends on experience. If anyone is interested or knows someone who would be interested have them call Pastor Travis or the church office at 712-239-1575 for an application.

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 2 airing - *This Is the Life* – “Return Trip” – The modern-day story of a prodigal daughter. Worship Service – Rev. Ben Perkins of Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church in Sergeant Bluff, IA, delivers the message “Graceful Inheritance” based on Matthew 14:20. 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.

Building Healthy Families: What percent of people in your congregation are adopted? If you guessed anything less than 100 percent, you’re wrong. *“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” (Gal. 4:4-5)* In today’s culture, adoption is often seen as a last resort for infertile couples; a way to find a child for the couple. A Biblical view of adoption is child – not couple – focused. LFS’ adoption ministry exists to find loving, Christian married moms and dads who will provide a stable home and life-long relationship of love based on Christ’s example for every child who needs one. Is God calling you or someone you know to such a loving plan? Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

SERVING THIS WEEK- (July 23 & 26, 2026): **USHERS:** Thursday 6:30 PM – Harlan & Mary Feddersen (Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). Sunday 8:15 AM – Team 4 (Gary Kitzmann, James Bailey, Dick Braun, Dale Henningsen). 10:45 AM- Team 8 (Dave Schlotman, Scott & Beth Bowman, Brian Owens). **ACOLYTES:** 8:15 AM- Jase Fisher & Jaiden Thomas; 10:45 AM- (open). **GREETERS:** 8:15 AM- Scott & Brenda Ernst; 10:45 AM- Scott & Beth Bowman. **TECHNOLOGIST:** Thurs. 6:30 PM- Heidi Schleis; Sun. 8:15 AM- Jordan Fisher; 10:45 AM- Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM:** 1– Buckley & Lessmann. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Paul & Cindy Fleckenstein

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (July 30 & Aug. 2, 2026): USHERS: Thursday: same as last week. Sunday 8:15 AM – Team 1 (Alex Erickson, Marc Benson, Larry Nelson, Jerry Van Peursem). 10:45 AM- Team 5 (Mark Boyd). ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM- (open); 10:45 AM- Jeremiah Jessen. GREETERS: 8:15 AM- Paul & Cindy Fleckenstein; 10:45 AM- Marty & Marcia Delperdang. TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 PM- Heidi Schleis; Sun. 8:15 AM- TBD; 10:45 AM- TDB. COUNTING TEAM: 2– Mack & Hermelbracht's. COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS: Lorelee Fink & Karen Vock

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending July 19, 2026

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 40+159+92=291 (26%)

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
July 19, 2026	\$14,989	\$16,129	93%
Year-to-date	\$430,366	\$467,752	92%

Building Fund Income:

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$1,969	\$10	\$1,979

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, July 26, 2026

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Summer Sunday School
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

Monday, July 27, 2026

5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

10:30 AM Staff Bible Study/Mtg
5:00 PM Aktion Meal/MWM

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

6:30 PM Youth Group

Thursday, July 30, 2026

6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion
6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study

Friday, July 31, 2026

9:00 AM-Noon Food Shelf

Sunday, August 2, 2026

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
9:30 AM Summer Sunday School
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
1:00 PM Sudanese Worship