



**Having been buried with him in baptism,  
in which you were also raised with  
him through faith . . .**

*Colossians 2:12, ESV*

## **JESUS' BAPTISM -- AND OURS**

**Thursday & Sunday, January 8 & 11, 2026**



## **10:45 AM Pre-Service Song “Your Love Defends Me”**

### **AS WE GATHER** (*read quietly before service*)

All people are descendants of the first man, Adam. After the worldwide flood of God’s judgment of sin, Noah and his sons became the progenitors of all mankind. It was of the lineage of Shem (Genesis 11) that the man Abram was born. The descendants of Abram / Abraham were named Hebrews or Jews, after Judah, one of Jacob’s sons; this naming pertained to all of Israel after the Babylonian exile. To this day, they are referred to as God’s “chosen people” after the words of Moses: “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth” (Deuteronomy 7:6). They were chosen to be the lineage of the Messiah, the deliverer, the Christ. Faithful to His promise, God took on flesh “of the house and lineage of David” (Luke 2:4) as the incarnate Son of God and Son of Mary of Nazareth.

Today we hear that divine promise in Isaiah 42, identifying Jesus as God’s chosen servant. From the beginning, however, we are told He is not only to be King of the Jews alone but a light to lighten the Gentiles also. The great news is that He is the Savior of and for all people, the descendants not only of Abraham but also of Adam and Noah! By repentance of sin and faith in Christ, worked by the same Spirit that marked Jesus as the chosen one at His Baptism, now all who are baptized into Christ—Jew or Gentile—are the chosen people of God. Praising and thanking God for calling and saving us, we echo the Gospel to all people in the words of the Psalm: “Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!” (Psalm 117:1).

### **¤ PREPARATION ¤**

## **6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Hymn “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” LSB 344**

## **10:45 AM Opening Song “Blessed Be Your Name”**

### **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: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!

**C: For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!**

## **Confession and Absolution**

P: Jesus Christ is God's chosen one, who came and who comes again today to call everyone to salvation from sin and death and who makes all who are baptized in His name to be the chosen sons and daughters of God. Marked by the sacred waters of Holy Baptism, let us receive God's assurance and promise of forgiveness.

**C: Almighty God, our dear Father in heaven, in Holy Baptism You have marked us with the sign of the holy cross upon our foreheads and upon our hearts to mark us as people of Your choosing to be redeemed by Christ the crucified. Open our eyes to Your light of freedom and forgiveness and to Your calling of us to be Your own chosen people of Your eternal kingdom.**

P: Upon this your confession, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit, has forgiven you all your sins. God strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting. **C: Amen.**

## **¤ WORD ¤**

### **Introit**

P: Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights.

**C: I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to Me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten You.**

P: Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage, and the ends of the earth Your possession.

**C: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

P: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.  
Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling, for His  
wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in 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.**

**6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of Praise** “All Who Believe and are  
Baptized” *LSB 601*

**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.**

### **Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 42:1–9*

(*after the reading*)...

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

### **Epistle** *Romans 6:1–11*

(*after the reading*)...

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

**8:15 & 10 45 AM Special Music** “Total Praise” by Joel Raney.

Performed by Adult Choir/

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

### **Verse**

P: Alleluia. **C: You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.** P: Alleluia.

### **Holy Gospel** *Matthew 3:13–17*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third 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** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” *LSB 411*

**10:45 AM Sermon Song** “10,000 Reasons”

**Sermon**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Prayer of the Church**

P: (*after each petition*)... Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

**Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**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** “Beautiful Savior” *LSB 537*

**10:45 AM Closing Song** “Soul On Fire”

## **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](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: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 ***Birthday*** cards for Bev Baker, Betty Peters, Audrey Huffman, and Evelyn Wolff.

**Altar Flowers** are given by Gary & Eileen Bumsted in honor of Eileen's Birthday.

**Pulpit Flowers** are given by Ida Milligan in memory of Roger.

***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.***

***Thank you*** to everyone who was able to come to our visioning meeting last Monday. From that meeting we were able to form a subcommittee to write a vision and mission statement. May the Lord continue to bless our efforts.

**New Sunday morning bible study** will be coming soon. 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.

**Life Light will start January 20, at 7:00 pm.** We'll meet at Whispering Creek senior living and be studying *2 Corinthians*. Books should be available in the back of the church.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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.

**Calling All High School Students!** You're invited to a **Half Lock-In** on **Thursday, February 13th, from 6:00 PM–Midnight**. Join us for a night full of **food, fun, games, and crafts**. **Supper will be provided**. Bring a friend and don't miss out on a great night together!

**Redeemer Library:** We are missing some books from our library that have not been checked out. If you have one, please return it to the library as soon as possible. When checking out a book, be sure to write your name and title of the book on the check-out sheet on the library desk.

**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 at 712-251-8714.

**Women's Evening Bible Study –** Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM, at Julie Carlson home. 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 Pfeifer – Founder & Director of Siouxland Foster Closet. Ingathering to support organization's mission- list located at the back of the sanctuary.

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

**Offering Envelopes for 2026.** If you did not pick up your envelopes please do so during the week. Office hours are Mon – Fri. 8 am – 5 pm.

**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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. You can call the Home Office at 1-800-847-4836 or go online to direct them at [www.thrivent.com](http://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

**January 4, 2026** - This Is the Life - "The Other Wiseman" - Another Magi, making his journey to the Christ child, encounters others and shows kindness along the way. Worship Service - Rev. Russell Senstad, pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sioux City, IA, delivers the message "Come Up Missing" based on Luke 2:40-52. This program is interpreted and closed-captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing

**January 11, 2026** - This Is the Life - "The Christ We Share" - Sharing the Gospel is neither swift nor easy but truly rewarding in the end. Worship Service - Rev. Ricky Jacob, pastor at Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Church in Winnebago, NE, delivers the message titled "Behold, My Servant, in whom I Delight" based on Isaiah 42:1-7. 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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

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**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 8 & 11, 2026): 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-** 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- Heidi Schleis Sun. 8:15 AM- Jordan Fisher; **10:45 AM-** Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM:** 1- Buckley & Lessmann. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Steve & Ann Peterson

**SERVING NEXT WEEK- (January 15 & 18, 2026):** **USHERS:** Same as last week. **ACOLYTES:** 8:15 AM- Ian & Jake Beougher; 10:45 AM- Jeremiah Jessen & Logan Cain. **GREETERS:** 8:15 AM- Lamont & Drenda Onken; **10:45 AM-** Scott & Beth Bowman. **TECHNOLOGIST:** Thurs. 6:30 PM- Heidi Schleis Sun. 8:15 AM- Erik Koehler; **10:45 AM-TBD.** **COUNTING TEAM:** 2- Hermelbracht's & Mack. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Dale & Nadine Henningsen.

#### **Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending January 4, 2026**

Worship Attendance: Sunday, N/A+188+124=312 (28%)

Adult Bible Study: 25; ROCK Sunday: N/A; ROCK Wednesday: 15  
Sudanese: 8

<b>Date</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>%</b>
Jan. 4 2026	\$9,535	\$16,129	59%
Year-to-date	\$9,535	\$16,129	59%

#### **Building Fund Income:**

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Total
\$8,149.06	\$20	\$8,169.06

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

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

### **THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

#### **Sunday, January 11, 2026**

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! (Last day Feb. 1)**

#### **Monday, January 12, 2026**

9:00 AM Quilting Starts

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:30 PM Pickleball

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mtg  
5:00 PM Aktion Meal/MWM

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study – *Conference Rm.*  
5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal- *Nachos*  
5:00-7 PM Midweek Class  
5:00-7 PM ROCK Wednesday  
5:30 PM Women's Bible Study - *Downstairs*  
5:30 PM Midweek Bible Study w/Curt Green  
6:15 PM Handbells  
7:15 PM Adult Choir  
7:30-9 PM Youth Group

**Thursday, January 15, 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 (Lower Level)  
6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion

**Friday, January 16, 2026**

*No Preschool – Staff Attending Workshop*  
9 AM- Noon Food Shelf

**Saturday, January 17, 2026**

9:00 AM Siouxland Foster Closet – *Fellowship Hall*

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**LIFE SUNDAY**

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