



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God's Love

Thursday & Sunday, May 7 & 10, 2026

8:15 & 10:45 AM Prelude “Grace Us” by Joseph Martin.
Performed by Adult Choir

As We Gather

Throughout our lives, we look for a helper. Maybe that’s a parent who can hold our hand to cross the street, a spouse who can open the pickle jar, or an expert who delivers wisdom we don’t have. Our Lord Jesus Christ sends us a helper, the promised Holy Spirit. The Spirit opens our heart to faith and then fills it with heavenly wisdom. Present in our Baptism and present today in worship, the Spirit keeps our hand firmly in our Savior’s, so that linked by love, we can walk confidently in His promises.

✕ PREPARATION ✕

The Light of Christ

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

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

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Hymn “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee” LSB 750; *sts. 1–4*

10:45 AM Opening Song “Because He Lives (Amen)”

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: Jesus said, “I will not leave you as orphans;

C: I will come to you.”

P: So we can confidently say,

C: “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

Confession and Absolution

P: We confess: Father, we have neglected You and Your commandments. **C: Forgive us, Lord.**

- P: Jesus, we have doubted Your Word and failed to display Your love to others. **C: Forgive us, Lord.**
- P: Holy Spirit, we have trusted our own sinful hearts rather than seeking Your truth. **C: Forgive us, Lord.**
- P: O Triune God, look on us in mercy and make Your dwelling within us. **C: Restore us as Your rescued people to seek Your holy will. Amen.**
- P: To save you from sin, the Father gave you His very own Son. On His cross, Jesus paid your debt and rose to declare, “because I live, you also will live.” By the Spirit’s power, we trust in the pardon won for us by Christ, our Lord. In the stead and by the command of 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.**

✠ WORD ✠

Introit *Psalm 119:89–93; antiphon: v. 10*

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

C: Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

P: Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You have established the earth, and it stands fast.

C: By Your appointment they stand this day, for all things are Your servants.

P: If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.

C: I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life. 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.

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of Praise “God Loves Me Dearly”
LSB 392

10:45 AM Song of Praise “Same 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 17:16–31

(after the reading)...

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

Epistle Ephesians 6:1-3

(after the reading)...

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

8:15 & 10:45 AM Special Music “Children of the Heavenly Father” arr. by Dan Forrest. Performed by Adult Choir.

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

Holy Gospel John 14:15–21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth 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 Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”
LSB 740

10:45 AM Sermon Song “Word of God, Speak”

Sermon

Apostles’ Creed

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: O Triune God, You have placed Your name on us in Holy Baptism, making us Yours and saving us from death and darkness. Teach us to quiet our consciences with the assurance of all You have accomplished for us.

C: For our good and Your glory, O God, we pray.

P: O Triune God, we proclaim Your name in a world that does not yet know You. Bless all who bring Your Gospel to new places, and make us fit proclaimers in our homes and neighborhoods, that our words and works would witness to Jesus Christ, the risen one.

C: For our good and Your glory, O God, we pray.

P: O Triune God, Your grace makes a home for us within Your kingdom. We pray for orphans, the widowed, the homeless, and the lonely who do not currently know the warmth of home and family. Surround them with Your care and send us to show them Your love.

C: For our good and Your glory, O God, we pray.

P: O Triune God, those marked by Your name are not immune from suffering. We lift up to You those who are struggling, sick, and grieving, [*including . . .*]. Be the helper they need most. **C: For our good and Your glory, O God, we pray.**

P: O Triune God, we rejoice in Your faithfulness. Make Your dwelling in us, and keep us in faith until the day of Christ's returning. **C: Amen.**

Offering and Attendance/Involvement Cards

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" *LSB 782*

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: Amen.**

Dedication of Quilts to Redeemer's 2026 High School Seniors / Video

P "Let us pray together..."

C **Heavenly Father, we are giving these blankets as symbols of how our Redeemer members have wrapped their love around our high school graduates, and, now, we wrap these blankets around them as you, Lord,**

continue to wrap your loving arms around them as they graduate from high school. Amen.

Benediction

P: To God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be all honor and glory in His holy church, forever and ever.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you always.

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Closing Hymn “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” *LSB* 411

10:45 AM Closing Song “This Is Amazing Grace”

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 an **Anniversary** card for William & Mindy Byrne celebrating 30 years together.

Birthday card for Carol Junck.

Altar Flowers are given by Rick & Sue Brenden to honor God's Gift of Mothers.

Pulpit Flowers are given by Sandy Zalme in honor of the all Fallen Fire Fighters.

As we ring Bells Across America on May 10, we remember Andy Zalme from Redeemer and other fallen firefighters across our nation.

Blessing of Quilts: *A total of 75 quilts have been made. Many have already been donated. Quilts to various organizations and approximately 20 Baby quilts have gone to Africa, local hospitals, and the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to all who have donated material.*

Today during the education hour (9:30 a.m.), we will be hosting a farewell cake and coffee for Paulette Schmidt. The reception will be in the parish hall. Very soon she will be moving to be closer to her sons

and her grandchildren. While we are excited for her, we're sad to see her leave. We wish Paulette God's speed and we are very thankful for the years of service and the many areas of ministry that she has been involved, here and throughout our circuit.

The Parking Lot is Getting Re-stripped! New paint is coming. Our parking lot on the South side of the church will be unavailable for use on May 12. The parking lot on the North side of the church will be unavailable for use on May 13. Please DO NOT drive around the barricades and onto the freshly painted parking stripes on those days.

May Fundraisers - Throughout the Month of May

- Our congregation will be hosting special fundraisers to support an important upgrade to our church sound system. We will be offering a variety of homemade goods, including: **Fresh-baked pies** – ½ or whole – \$10/\$20 (Apple, Cherry, German Chocolate Cake, Peach and Strawberry Rhubarb). **Jams, jellies, and pickles as well.** All proceeds will go directly toward improving our sound system so that everyone can better hear and participate more fully in the worship services and events. Sales will be available after Thursday and Sunday services each week in May. *If you'd like a specific pie or cake on a particular day, you can place a request in advance. (Pecan, Pumpkin, Raspberry, Rhubarb, Rhubarb Custard, Strawberry Rhubarb, Tripleberry, Coconut Cream, French Silk, Cherry Cheesecake, Turtle Cheesecake and German Chocolate Cake)* Thank you for your continued generosity and support as we work together to strengthen our church community.
- **Pizza Ranch Fundraiser Night: On Monday, May 18, 4:00–8:30 PM,** come out for great food and a great cause! Tips and 10% of all sales will benefit Redeemer's sound system project. Kids enjoy the *Fun Zone* Arcade at half price all evening! We're also looking for volunteers to help bus tables—let us know if you can lend a hand!

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR 2026-2027 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 Redeemer KinderCottage Preschool or St. Paul's Lutheran School (grades K-5).

YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS BELOW – If you have questions, please contact **Jonathon Bailey, DCE.** 620-655-5395.

- **Graduate Gifts:** Each year, we bless our graduating seniors with a

couple of special gifts. This year, each student is receiving a journaling Bible, thoughtfully filled with notes and highlighted favorite verses from members of the congregation. They are also receiving a handmade quilt. These beautiful blankets were lovingly crafted by the quilting ladies of Redeemer. Each student had the opportunity to choose their favorite quilt, and their confirmation verse was added to make it uniquely theirs.

Samantha Benedix, Chase David, Jayde Dolphin, Calleigh Eilers, Jacob Fisher, Vanessa Koelling, Sean Lessmann, Remy Marchand, Jordyn Marlow, Leanna Peterson, Brooklyn Robinson, Temperance Thomason

A heartfelt thank you to the quilting ladies for your hard work and dedication in making this day so meaningful for our graduates. Thank you as well to our congregation for your continued support of our youth group.

- **Sunday School Announcement:** As the school year comes to a close, so does our regular Rock Sunday program. Our last day of Sunday School will be May 17th. We will take a couple of weeks off before transitioning into our Summer Sunday School program.

Summer Sunday School will begin on June 7th. Middle school and high school students will meet in the upstairs youth room, while 5th grade and younger will meet in the large room downstairs.

- **Youth Rummage Sale, June 12th, 8am- 6pm 13th 8am-2pm, here at Redeemer Lutheran Church-Gym.** We will begin taking donations on Sunday June 7th. Please no donations of outdated electronics. (ie. Printers, old computers, VCRs, DVD players, TV's, etc). We will accept Beds that are in good condition without stains on the mattresses. Thank you for supporting our youth! If you have questions reach out to Jonathon Bailey.

LWML NEWS & EVENTS!

- **Women's Morning Bible Study-** Wednesday, May 13th, 10:00 AM, conference room: "Great Prayers of the bible" - We dedicate ourselves to him with all that we are and have. Pages 4-9. Questions, contact Jackie Krueger.
- **Women's Evening Bible Study-** Wednesday, May 13th, 5:30 PM, Oscar Carl Vineyard: "Leaning on Jesus" A Study of God's Strength. Week 5-'Leaning on Jesus When We Need Comfort' pages 128-136. Contact Tawnya Becker or Michaela Uhl.

- **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).

Steak Sales: Support St. Paul's Lutheran School with our Steak Fundraiser! Steaks - 2 for \$25, each steak is 12 oz and ¾" thick and individually wrapped (Previous year's steaks were 8 – 10 oz and 1/2" thick) Place your order today! Order forms are available on the back table in the Parish Hall, next to the jams and jellies.

May 10th - Guidance from the LCMS Foundation: A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Some might consider this a difficult task. How does an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor help? Working on your estate can be complicated as you balance legal, tax and financial issues, along with your desires to care for family and support ministry. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor has tools to organize all these things. Contact Leon Schoenfeld at Leon@iowadistrictwest.org or call 712-830-7481.

THRIVENT Members Who Have Choice Dollars! NEW Choice Dollars for the 1st quarter 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.



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

May 17 airing - This is the Life – “Poisoned Banquet” – Vicious rumors look to ruin a nurse’s career and marriage. Worship Service – Rev. John Schmidt of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lincoln, NE, delivers the message “The Comforting Helper” based on John 15:26-27. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Visit www.mainstreetliving.com for more information.

Building Healthy Families: How do you put a mother’s love into words? It’s steady and selfless, quiet yet powerful—woven into everyday moments and lifelong sacrifices. Scripture paints this kind of love in many places, and while 1 Corinthians 13:4–8 isn’t always labeled as a “mother’s passage,” it beautifully reflects what so many mothers live out each day: *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.* Happy Mother’s Day to all women who so lovingly care for their children and others. (P.S. No texting or snapchatting today: call or visit your mother!)

www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

SERVING THIS WEEK- (May 7 & 10, 2026): USHERS: Thursday 6:30 PM – Harlan & Mary Feddersen (Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). **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-** Camden Doscher & Evan Shrauner; **10:45 AM-** Bruce Bailey & Eliana Engel. **GREETERS: 8:15 AM-** Dick & Deanna Braun; **10:45 AM-** Marty & Marcy Delperdang. **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:** Paulette’s ‘Going Away’ Party

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (May 14 & 17, 2026): USHERS: same as last week. **ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM-** Camden Doscher & Evan Shrauner; **10:45 AM-** Bruce Bailey & Brody Goldsmith. **GREETERS: 8:15 AM-** Scott & Brenda Ernst; **10:45 AM-** Jayne Edward. **TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30**

PM- Heidi Schleis; Sun. 8:15 AM- Jordan Fisher; **10:45 AM-** Curt Green.
COUNTING TEAM: 3- Bobolz's & Schmith's. **COFFEE & ROLL**
SERVERS: Dave & Lori Albrecht

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending May 3, 2026

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 40+147+186=373 (34%)

Adult Bible Study: 12; ROCK Sunday: 19; ROCK Wednesday: n/a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
May 3, 2026	\$20,239	\$16,129	125%
Year-to-date	\$282,896	\$290,329	97%

Building Fund Income:

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$1,434	\$120	\$1,554

New Sound System Income:

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
\$1,075	\$0	\$94,070

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, May 10, 2026

MOTHER'S DAY

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services
 Senior Graduation Recognition
 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday
 No Adult Bible Study- Paulette
 Schmidt 'Farewell' Reception
 10:45 AM Blanket Dedication for
 Seniors
 1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

Monday, May 11, 2026

5:30 PM Adult Fitness
 6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

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

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

10:00 AM Women's Morning Bible
 Study in *Conference Rm*
 5:30 PM Women's Evening Study
 at *Oscar Carl Vineyard*

7:30-9 PM Youth Group

Thursday, May 14, 2026

5:30 PM Adult Fitness
 6:30 PM Worship w/Holy
 Communion
 7:30 PM Leadership Council Mtg

Friday, May 15, 2026

9 AM – Noon Food Shelf

Sunday, May 17, 2026

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship w/Holy
 Communion
 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday – Last Day
 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
 1:00 PM KinderCottage Preschool
 Graduation
 1:00 PM Sudanese Worship