



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Thursday & Sunday, September 17 & 20, 2026

AS WE GATHER

On the surface, the parable of the laborers in the vineyard seems wrong. Shouldn't the worker receive the wages he or she deserves for his or her time and labor? It offends our sense of fair play that one who worked less should receive the same as one who worked more. If you only focus on the perspective of the laborer, that might seem true, but if you focus on the generosity of the vineyard owner, you get a very different perspective. God's mercy is not the reward for our labor but a pure gift of grace given to those who deserve none of His kindness. When you begin to look at this parable from that perspective, God's abundant generosity becomes clear.

The Lord does what none of us would do—forgives all our sins, no matter how great, and bestows upon us the mercy and salvation we did nothing to earn and could never deserve. How can anyone begrudge Him such generosity?

10:45 AM Pre-Service Song “Child Of Love”

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Hymn “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying” *LSB 826*

10:45 AM Opening Song “House Of The Lord”

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

P: Almighty God, **C: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, and judge of all people, we confess to You that we have sinned. We have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Because of the obedience of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, forgiving us all that is past and granting us the Holy Spirit to guide us into the future.**

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent. The Lord keep you in His grace and favor and bring you to everlasting life. 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.**

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

Introit

P: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

C: What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

C: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

P: O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

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.

P: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of Praise “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” *LSB* 680; *vrs. 1, 5*

10:45 AM Song of Praise “Alive Again”

Prayer of the Day

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

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 55:6–9*

(after the reading)...

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

8:15 & 10:45 AM Special Music: “We Believe” arr. by Travis Cottrell. Acc. By Julie Hamann. Performed by Adult Choir. Soloist, Liz Ellis. Drums, Nate Klaumann. Bass, Burt Heithold.

Epistle *Philippians 1:12–14*

(after the reading)...

P: 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.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 20:1–16*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth 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 “The Church’s One Foundation” *LSB* 644; *vrs. 1-4* (8:15 AM accompanied by Dr. Lou Rossman on Euphonium)

10:45 AM Sermon Song “Goodness Of God”

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayer of the Church

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

Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards

Preface

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.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

Distribution

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Distribution Hymns "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" *LSB* 631 and "Beautiful Savior" *LSB* 537

10:45 AM Communion Songs "God Of Calvary" and "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C: for His steadfast love endures forever!

P: We give thanks to You...one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Benedicamus

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

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 "Christ Be My Leader" *LSB* 861

10:45 AM Closing Song "Old Church Choir"

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: 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.

Altar Flowers are given by the Anniversary Committee in honor of Redeemer's 100th Anniversary.

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

Our family sincerely thanks our Redeemer church family for the prayers, love, and support shown to us following Mike's passing. A special thank you to the ladies who prepared and served the wonderful meal, and to our ministers for their comforting words, prayers, and guidance. We are truly grateful for your kindness and for helping us celebrate Mike's life. We feel blessed to have such a caring church family. With heartfelt gratitude, The Family of Mike Albright.

Thank you for all the prayers that were said for my great niece, Abby. She has been home for a while now and is improving daily. ~ Pam Limoges

A huge thank you to Pastor Paul and Sue Sieveking for making the long drive from St. Louis, MO to join our 100th year celebration. We look forward to hearing his message at the 2:00 pm service.

Pastor Senstad will be gone Monday and part of Tuesday to attend the Iowa District West pastor's conference in Des Moines. We pray for safe travels. He'll be back for Life Light.

Very soon, we'll be starting a new spiritual campaign, GIVING CHALLENGE by Rev. Zack Zender. This is a book in the series of the RED LETTER CHALLENGE that we participated in a couple of years ago. Next week, books will be available for a \$10 donation. We start using a little sermon series that goes with each week starting on October 11th. You can learn more at redlettergiving.com

Redeemer's 100th Anniversary Celebration, this Sunday, September 20th: Special Celebration Service at 2:00 PM with guest Pastor Paul Sieveking and a cake reception to follow at 2:00 PM.

Endowment & Legacy committee will meet October 1, 7:15 PM, in the conference room. Please let Rhonda Camarigg know if you are unable to attend.

Time to start saving your Hy-Vee receipts for KinderCottage Preschool!! All receipts must be from Sioux City or South Sioux City stores are eligible for the School Bucks program. Receipts **MUST** be dated September 1, 2026 through April 15, 2027. **No fuel, postal, money order, Western Union, lottery, Quest, MidAmerican or gift card receipts will be accepted.** 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!

Redeemer is in need of some help to run the technology during worship services at 8:15 & 10:45 am. No experience needed. We will train you. If you are interested, please let Angie know in the office. Thanks

YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS BELOW – If you have questions, please contact Jonathon Bailey, DCE

- **Special Speaker:** Each year we have a special churchmanship speaker for our confirmation students. This year our speaker is from Lutheran Family Services. Her name is Bethany Kuhlmann. Bethany will be speaking on safe and responsible use of social

media for students. She will be here for our Wednesday September 30th Confirmation class From 5:45- 7:00.

- **Youth Connect Bonfire-** October 10th 4-7pm: Join us for a fun fall gathering at the **Copenhaver Farm** (19378 310th, Sioux City, IA). All ages are invited for an afternoon filled with **pumpkin carving, hayrides, scarecrow building, a devotion, food, and fellowship!**
- Children under 6th grade must be accompanied by an adult
 - Please bring a lawn chair

Come enjoy a wonderful day of family, faith, and fall fun!

- **Trunk-or-Treat at Redeemer:** Join us for our annual **Trunk-or-Treat** on **Sunday, October 18th from 1:00–3:00pm!** Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. We'll have:
- Candy-filled trunks
 - Free **hotdogs, s'mores, and hot chocolate** (while supplies last)
 - **Hayrack rides** for all ages!

Come in costume, bring your sweet tooth, and enjoy a safe and festive fall celebration with our church family.

September jams, pickles, & pie orders go to 'St. Paul's Lutheran School'. October sales will support *LWML projects*. Thanks for your support.

- **Pie & jams/jelly** are available: \$6 each or 5 for \$25.
- We now have newly processed **beets** in pint jars: \$6 or 5 for \$25.00, mix and match with jams/jellies, and pint jars of pickles.
- Quarts (\$8) and pints (\$6) of **tomato soup** are available and can be mixed w/jams and pickles, etc.
- We have newly canned **dill pickles** (\$8 a qt. and \$6 a pint) and **hamburger sweet dills** (8 a qt. and \$6 a pint).

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.

LWML NEWS & EVENTS!

- **Women's Morning Bible Study – September 23rd, 10:00 AM, conference room:** “Great Pray-ers of the Bible” - Lesson 8. Questions, contact Geri Phillips
- **Women's Evening Bible Study – September 23rd, 5:30 PM, Oscar Carl Vineyard:** New Bible Study “Unshakable” by Donna Snow. Contact Tawnya Becker or Michaela Uhl.
- **Women's 2026 Fall Quarterlies** are now available – located in mailboxes and the back of the church. Pick up your copy today!
- **Religious Greeting Cards** for All Occasions! Single cards \$1.00 or 12 cards for \$10.00. Located in the South Narthex.

Lawton's Annual Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, September 19th, 6:00 AM – 10:30 AM at the Fire Station (*Adults \$5.00, Children 6-12: \$2.00, 5 yrs & Under: Free*): Proceeds will go towards the purchasing of rescue equipment for the Fire Department.

GOOD HEPHERD HOUR ANNUAL MEETING: The Good Shepherd Hour is having its annual meeting on Sunday, September 27th at 2:00 PM, at Faith Lutheran Church on Hamilton Blvd next to McDonalds. We will have exciting news about the expansion of our radii broadcast area. Also, the Lamplighters will give a presentation of their ministry to those in nursing homes. The Good Shepherd Hour ministry belongs to you, LCMS members. We hope to see you there.

CAMP OKOBOJI: October 4th, 9:30-1:00 PM, Omelet Brunch-proceeds to support JOY Camp. **October 9-10th- Camp Okoboji Fall Volunteer Weekend** – Fall Volunteer Weekend is a great way to share your time and talents while you enjoy God's Creation at Camp Okoboji. Help prepare for the upcoming winter. Call 712-337-3325 for more information.



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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

September 27 airing - This is the Life – “The Cup” – The dilemma a trucker must face when a good friend dies trying to protect him.

Worship Service – Rev. Russell Senstad of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sioux City, IA, delivers the message “The Perfect Church” based on Philippians 2:1-4. 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.

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- (September 17 & 20, 2026): **USHERS:** **Thursday 6:30 PM:** *Harlan & Mary Feddersen (Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergen, 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-** *Zachery Peterson & Liam Behrens;* **10:45 AM-** *Bruce Bailey & Harper Marlow.* **GREETERS:** **8:15 AM-** *Aaron & Tawnya Becker;* **10:45 AM-** *Jayne Edwards.* **TECHNOLOGIST:** **Thurs. 6:30 PM-** *Heidi Young;* **Sun. 8:15 AM-** *Jordan Fisher;* **10:45 AM-** *Curt Green.* **COUNTING TEAM:** **1-** *Buckley & Lessmann.* **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** *TBD*

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (September 24 & 27, 2026): **USHERS:** *same as last week.* **ACOLYTES:** 8:15 AM- Zachery Peterson & Liam Behrens; 10:45 AM- Jeremiah Jessen & Logan Cain. **GREETERS:** 8:15 AM- Shirley Barth & Lorelee Fink; 10:45 AM- TBD. **TECHNOLOGIST:** Thurs. 6:30 PM- Heidi Young; Sun. 8:15 AM- Erik Koehler; 10:45 AM- Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM:** 1- Buckley & Fink. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Lorelee Fink and Karen Vock

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending September 13, 2026

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 30+143+87=260 (24%)

Adult Bible Study: 14; ROCK Sunday: 39; ROCK Wednesday: 14
Sudanese: 26

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
Sept. 13, 2026	\$8,456	\$16,129	52%
Year-to-date	\$529,114	\$596,288	89%

Building Fund Income:

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$2,129	\$0	\$2,129

New Sound System Income:

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
\$9,177	\$0	\$88,235

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, September 20, 2026

100th Anniversary

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

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation

9:30 AM ROCK Sunday

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study

Noon Lunch

2 PM Special Celebration Service- Cake Reception to follow

Monday, September 21, 2026

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

1:30 PM Staff Bible Study/Mtg

5 PM Aktion Meal/MWM

7:00 PM Life Light at *Whispering Creek Starts*

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

10:30 AM Women's Bible Study in Conference Room
5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal – *Nachos*
5:00-7 PM Midweek
5:00-7 PM ROCK Wednesday
5:30 PM Women's Bible Study at Oscar Carl Vineyard
5:45 PM Midweek Bible Study
6:15 PM Handbell Practice
7:15 PM Adult Choir Practice
7:30-9 PM Youth Group

Thursday, September 24, 2026

1:00 PM Altar Guild Meeting
5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:00 PM BSF Bible Study
6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion
7 PM Elders Meeting

Friday, September 25, 2026

9:00 AM-Noon Food Shelf

Sunday, September 27, 2026

FOOD SUNDAY

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
9:30 AM ROCK Sunday
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
1 PM Sudanese Worship