

May 3, 2026

Confirmation Sunday

As We Gather: *Today we welcome The Rite of Confirmation and Reception of our young people. In remembrance of our own confirmation, part of our service today is taken directly from Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism.*

Welcome and Invocation (From the Back)

Processional Hymn "To God Be the Glory" (*Please stand*)

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done, So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O Come to the Father through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **Refrain**
3. Great things He Hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **Refrain**

Confession

How Christians should be taught to confess

P What is Confession?

C **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

P What sins should we confess?

C **Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but**

before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

P Which are these?

C Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Confession and Absolution

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.

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 the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

First Reading Acts 2:37–47

Women: Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Men: And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For

the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

Women: *And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”*

Elder: So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Men: *And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

Elder: And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

Men: *And all who believed were together and had all things in common.*

Elder: And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Women: *And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people.*

Elder: And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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

Epistle 1 Peter 2:2–10
(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 John 14:1–14

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 

Sermon Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns” *LSB 525*

Sermon

Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards

The Creed

1. The First Article - CREATION

P I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean?

C I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

2. The Second Article - REDEMPTION

P And 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?

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.

3. *The Third Article - SANCTIFICATION*

- P** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. What does this mean?
- C** **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of the Church

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

The Sacrament of the Altar

- P** What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

ALL: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

- P** Where is this written? (The Pastor will institute the elements while reading this)

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed

for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

P What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

ALL: These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Men: Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

P Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Women: Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

Order of Confirmation LSB 272-274

Distribution- Confirmands will go First

Distribution Hymns “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” LSB 722 and “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” LSB 611

Post Communion Collect

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

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. **G Amen.**

Closing Hymn “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LSB 790

Congratulations, 2026 Confirmands!

This morning, during our Worship Service, we will confirm 8 students. Please keep them, and their families, in your prayers as they continue their walk with Jesus!

Today we welcome Redeemer's newest member:

✠ By Private Baptism, **Gable Maule**. Parents are Alexander & Jade Maule. Sponsors are Isaac Farrens, Addison Johnson, Bella Johnson, Devin & Megan Johnson, Gabe Madsen, Kenzie Moreno & Josiah Paulsrud.

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](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 Shawn & Cynthia Robinson celebrating 30 years together.

Birthday cards for Donna Ocker, Becky McKenny, Kathryn Christiansen, Ruth Staben, Rose Linduski, and Sympathy card for Judy Buckley on the passing of her husband, Ron.

Pulpit Flowers are given Carolyn Junck in memory of Rolly.

On May 10th, 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.

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.**

- **Graduate Recognition Sunday:** We will recognize our 2026 high school graduates on Sunday, May 10th at both worship services.

Senior Bibles - Bibles for our seniors are available on the table in the parish hall. Please take a moment to write an encouraging note or highlight a favorite Bible verse. These Bibles will be presented to the seniors on Graduation Sunday.

Senior Breakfast - Senior Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, May 9th at 9:00 a.m.** All seniors are invited to come relax, enjoy a meal, and spend time in devotion. Parents are welcome to attend as well.

- **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!

- **Jesus & Java:** Come Join Us on Saturday, May 2nd, at 9:00 AM! Grab a cup of your favorite morning starter and stay for a devotion and

fellowship time together. (Council Oak Coffee Parlor, 101 W. 3rd, Sioux City, IA)

- Come Join Us as we guide our Women's Ministry Tuesday, May 5th, 6:00 PM. Conference Rm.
- **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 3/4" 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 3, 2026 - 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? A Counselor encourages you in the process. There are many reasons why you have not created your estate plan or

reviewed your existing plan. The counselor's encouragement can be that extra spark to get you moving, completing your plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor enjoys this task. 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 10 airing - *This is the Life* – “The Now Crowd” – A soldier on leave helps his brother work through struggles in his life. Worship Service – Vicar Caleb Garman of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lincoln, NE, delivers the message “Faith in the One who has been Raised Up” based on Numbers 21:4-9. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Visit www.mainstreetliving.com for more information.

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!

Building Healthy Families: Would your mom or dad make it into a “Perfect Parent Hall of Fame”? Probably not—because let’s be honest, there’s no such thing as a perfect earthly parent. But imperfect, amazing Christian parents for whom we’re eternally thankful? Absolutely! Open your hymn book today and revisit Luther’s explanation of the 4th commandment. How are you doing with this one? Where does it challenge you—or gently nudge you to do something different? Prayerfully consider how you might better apply this instruction. In doing so, may you discover a deeper joy in following God’s path – honoring, loving, respecting, and appreciating the imperfect parents who are part of your story. www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

SERVING THIS WEEK- (April 30 & May 3, 2026): USHERS: **Thursday 6:30 PM** – Harlan & Mary Feddersen (Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). **Sunday 8:15 AM – Team 1** (Alex Erickson, Marc Benson, Larry Nelson, Jerry Van Peurseem). **10:45 AM- Team 5** (Mark Boyd). **ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM-** Camden Doscher & Evan Shrauner; **10:45 AM-** Bruce Bailey & Eliana Engel. **GREETERS: 8:15 AM-** Aaron & Tawyna Becker; **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- (May 7 & 10, 2026): USHERS: *same as last week.* **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

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending April 26, 2026

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 25+146+86=257 (23%)
 Adult Bible Study: 18; ROCK Sunday: 20; ROCK Wednesday: n/a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
April 26, 2026	\$8,626	\$16,129	53%
Year-to-date	\$262,617	\$274,200	96%

Building Fund Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Total
\$1,334	\$100	\$1,434

New Sound System Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Remaining
\$1,075	\$100	\$94,070

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, May 3, 2026

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday
 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
 10:45 AM Confirmation Service
 1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

Monday, May 4, 2026

5:30 PM Adult Fitness
 6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

10:00 AM Devotions w/Pastor Zirpel at *Bickford Assist.*
 10:45 AM Devotions at *Bickford Memory*
 1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mtg
 5:30 PM Adult Fitness
 6:00 PM LWML Board Mtg

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

9:30 AM Lamplighters at *Calvary*
 7:30-9 PM Youth Group

Thursday, May 7, 2026

5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:30 PM Worship Service

Friday, May 8, 2026

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

Saturday, May 9, 2026

9:00 AM Senior Breakfast

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

GOD BLESS OUR 2026 CONFIRMANDS



CONFIRMED SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

† Dominic DuBois

† Kennedy Robinson

† Sienna Karrer

† Madilyn Schutt

† Hayden Kunze

† Brayden Surber

† Victoria Peterson

† Kate Van Meter

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13 (ESV)