



Cain and Abel

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

‘Clinging to Christ’

Thursday & Sunday, August 14 & 17, 2025

10:45 AM Pre-Service Song “Battle Belongs”

As We Gather

The verbal command “Hold on!” is one that gets our immediate attention. We know instinctively that holding on will keep us safe or secure in some way as we journey through life. The pages of Scripture call us to “hold on” to some very special things. In the letter to the Hebrews, the writer enjoins us: “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering” (Hebrews 10:23). Paul directs his coworker, Timothy, (and all of us) to “Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called” (1 Timothy 6:12) and encourages him to be “holding faith and a good conscience” (1 Timothy 1:19). Our worship together gives us the opportunity to hold on not only to our Lord Jesus Christ but also to one another as we journey on together toward our heavenly home.

✕ PREPARATION ✕

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Song “Come, Thou Almighty King”
LSB 905

10:45 AM Opening Song “Good God Almighty”

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

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

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

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

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

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

C: I am Yours; save me, for I have sought Your precepts.

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C: Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as Your people. We are not always careful listeners to Your Word and take for granted those who faithfully proclaim it to us. We know that we justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. But trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is solely in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.

P: God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and as His called and ordained servant, 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

P: Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

C: Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not Yourself from my plea for mercy!

P: For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.

C: But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.

P: We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng. But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.

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: Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Song of Praise “Glory be to Jesus” *LSB 433*

10:45 AM Song of Praise “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 *Genesis 4:1–16*

(after the reading)...

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

Psalm *Psalms 127*

(after the reading)...

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

Epistle *Hebrews 11:1-4*

(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.

Verse

C: Alleluia. Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD? What has straw in common with wheat? Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Luke 11:46–54*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh 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 “Our Father, By Whose Name” *LSB 863*

10:45 AM Sermon Song “God Of Wonders”

Sermon

Catechism *The First Article*

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean? 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.

Prayer of the Church

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

Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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, Lord our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your kindness. Confident of Your love and assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we may receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You...gathered around Your heavenly Table. **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 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake" *LSB 688* and "The Stife Is O'er, The Battle Done" *LSB 464*

10:45 AM Communion Hymns "God Of Calvary" and "Reckless Love"

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

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

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 "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill" *LSB 698*

10:45 AM Closing Song "Where I Belong"

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. 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 **Sympathy** cards for Robin Johnson on the loss of her father, Gordon Foss and for Dawn Dvorak on the loss of her father, Brent Hedlund.

Anniversary cards for Bob & Pam Naylor celebrating 45 years and for Jack & Carrie Lammers celebrating 30 years together.

Birthday card for Frank AuMiller.

Altar Flowers (1) are given by Aaron & Tawnya Becker in honor of their 27th wedding anniversary.

Altar Flowers (2) are given by Don & Barb Jorgensen in honor of their 68th wedding anniversary.

Important Reminder! Our staff will never text nor send an email to members asking for gift cards of any kind. It's a scam!

St. Paul's School Golf Tournament is this afternoon. If you wish to just come and eat a steak meal, you can come as early as 4:00 pm and park in the South Parking lot. Cost for adults is \$20 and children under 10, \$6.

Pastor Senstad will be at Whispering Creek senior living this coming Wednesday, August 20th, for devotions at 10:30 a.m. Please share this information with anyone you know who lives there.

Steaks are still available for St. Paul's Lutheran School: 2 for \$15, etc. Pies and canned items are available for Redeemer projects. September proceeds will be for St. Paul's Lutheran School and October proceeds will go to Redeemer LWML projects as they determine, etc. Thanks so much for your support in these projects.

Upcoming Bible Study- 'What You Were Made For: How Knowing God Will Transform Your Life': Join Frank Turek and Ted Wright as they highlight and apply the attributes of God to your life in this 9-part DVD series. This will begin (and continue every) Wednesday, ***starting September 10th, 5:30-7 PM.*** If you would like to attend this series, call or text Curt Green at 712-560-5866.

Youth Gathering Presentation - Sunday, August 17th • 9:30 AM • Parish Hall: You're invited to join us in the Parish Hall at 9:30 AM for a special presentation from our Youth Gathering attendees. They will be sharing pictures, stories, and highlights from their recent trip to **New Orleans**. Come hear how God was at work and what the students experienced during this unforgettable event. We hope to see you there!

Family Event – Explorers Baseball Game

Join us for a fun afternoon at the Explorers Baseball Game!

- **Date:** Sunday, August 24th
- **Time:** 4:00 PM
- **Cost:** \$12 per ticket
- **Who:** Families, friends, and guests are all welcome!

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary to reserve your tickets.

Deadline to sign up is August 17th. Questions? Contact DCE Jonathon Bailey.

High School Parents & Students - You're invited to join us for a **Dinner & Orientation Meeting** on **Wednesday, August 27th 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 Jonathon Bailey, 620-655-5395 to RSVP. Looking forward to seeing you there!

You're Invited to Rally Sunday! Sunday, September 7th - Join us for a day of fun, fellowship, and food as we kick off the new Sunday School year!

- 🍷 **Sunday School Party at 9:30 AM** in the **Center Room (Downstairs)** – All Sunday School students are welcome!
- 🍲 **Potluck Lunch** following the **10:45 AM Service** (approximately **noon**) in the **Parish Hall** – Bring a dish to share!

Let's celebrate the start of a new season together. Everyone is welcome!

Iowa District West Jr. Youth Gathering October 18th–19th | Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines: All middle school students are invited to this exciting event filled with worship, games, great speakers, and delicious food! It's a fun weekend you won't want to miss—**mark your calendars now!** More information coming soon.

Iowa District West Sr. Youth Gathering November 21st–23rd | Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport Hotel: All High School students are invited to join us for the 2025 Iowa District West Sr. Youth Gathering! This exciting weekend is packed with fun activities, inspiring worship, and opportunities to grow in faith and friendship. **Mark your calendars and make plans to attend—don't miss out!**

LWML Sioux City Zone Board Meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, August 26th, 6:30 PM

Women's Morning Bible Study- Wednesday, Aug. 27th, 10:00 AM, Conference Room. Bible Study: Lesson 4 '*Receiving Forgiveness*' pgs 103-113. Questions contact Jackie Krueger.

Women's Evening Bible Study – Wednesday, Aug. 27th, 5:30 PM, at Oscar Carl Vineyard. Bible Study & Fellowship- during summer, 'single topic' study-TBD. Questions or topic request contact Tawnya or Michaela Uhl.

MITES Sunday Giving, August 31 'Feed your MITE Box': Iowa West District- Grant #3. Serving Hungry and starving children with nutritious meals and the gospel \$10,000- Mercy Meals of Siouxland, Faith Lutheran Church.

Save the Date! LWML-IWD Fall Retreat – Saturday, September 20th, at Mission Central in Mapleton, IA. Mission Speaker: Deaconess Sandra Rein (Missionary to Asia, Music Educator). Activities: bible study, singing, servant activities, and fellowship.

Siouxland Samplers Quilt Guild will be hosting a Quilt Auction and Dessert Bar on **Monday, September 8th in Redeemer's gym**. This fundraiser event is open to the public. Doors open at 5:30 PM, auction starts at 6:30 PM. Decorate your home with small quilted items or start your Christmas shopping with hand-made one-of-a-kind gifts. Proceeds are used for programming, speakers, and classes for guild meetings. Visit Siouxland Samplers Quilt Guild on Facebook to see pictures of items to be auctioned.

Come Join Us on Facebook ---- LWML Redeemer Lutheran Church - Sioux City.

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

August 24 airing - This Is the Life – “House of Sand” – This classic Fisher family episode explores the difference between a moral and Christian life. Worship Service – Rev. Michael Awe of Hope Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, NE, delivers the message “Jesus is Lord of ALL!” based on Isaiah 66:18-23. If you would like to watch **Main Street Living** at a different time other than Sunday morning, 10:30, you can log on to the website (www.mainstreetliving.com). Just hit “Sioux City.”

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Redeemer's Missionaries of the year for 2025 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- (August 14 & 17, 2025): **USHERS:** **Thursday 6:30 PM-** Harlan & Mary Feddersen (Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). **Sunday 8:15 AM- Team 4** (Gary Kitzmann, Dick Braun, Dale Henningsen, James Bailey). **10:45 AM- Team 8** (Dave Schlotman, Scott & Beth Bowman). **GREETERS:** **8:15 AM-** Justin & Emily Wulf; **10:45 AM-** Dale & Tina Revell. **ACOLYTES:** **8:15 AM-** TBD; **10:45 AM-** Jeremiah Jessen. **TECHNOLOGIST:** **Thurs. 6:30 PM-** Tim Young; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** Erik Koehler; **10:45 AM-** Temperance Thomason. **COUNTING TEAM:** **4 –** Fink & Buckley. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Youth

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (August 21 & 24, 2025): **USHERS:** *same as last week.* **GREETERS:** **8:15 AM-** Dave & Lori Albrecht; **10:45 AM-** Shirley Stokes. **ACOLYTES:** **8:15 AM-** Victoria Peterson; **10:45 AM-** TBD. **TECHNOLOGIST:** **Thurs. 6:30 PM-** Tim Young; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** Jordan Fisher; **10:45 AM-** Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM:** **1 –** Buckley & Lessmann. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Paul & Cindy Fleckenstein

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending August 10, 2025

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 40+133+108=281 (25%)

Adult Bible Study: 17; Summer Sunday: 11

Sudanese: N/A

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
Aug. 10, 2025	\$12,074	\$15,548	77%
Year-to-date	\$444,433	\$500,158	89%

Building Fund Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Total
\$4,255	\$30	\$4,285

New Sound System Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Remaining
\$11,550	\$0	\$113,550

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, August 17, 2025

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

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation Instruction for Membership
1:00 PM Sudanese Worship
1:00 PM *St. Paul's* Golf Tournament

Monday, August 18, 2025

5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

10:30 AM Staff/Bible Study Mtg
11:00 AM Retired Educators Meal/MWM

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

10:30 AM Devotions w/Pastor Senstad at *Whispering Creek*

Thursday, August 21, 2025

10:00 AM Thrivent Choice Mtg
6:30 PM Worship Service
No Elders Mtg

Friday, August 22, 2025

9 AM- Noon Food Shelf

Saturday, August 23, 2025

8:30 AM IWD Board Mtg in *Carol, IA*

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation Instruction for Membership
9:30 AM Sunday School Teacher Mtg
1:00 PM Sudanese Worship
4:00 PM Explorers Game - Family Event