



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Faithful Stewardship

Thursday & Sunday, October 8 & 11, 2026

As We Gather

From the very beginning following the creation of humanity, the Lord made His people managers, or stewards, of His good and perfect creation. Even in our imperfect world since the fall into sin, the duty and privilege to manage all God gives is still humanity's role and responsibility. As we strive to faithfully uphold the responsibilities given, we realize it often takes sacrifice. Cain and Abel's offerings caused different responses from the Lord and led Cain to a sinful response. Paul faithfully managed the gift of the Gospel to the ends of the earth to the end of his life, even as he was "poured out as a drink offering" (2 Timothy 4:6). In today's Gospel, Jesus' parable is a call to humility in our stewardship and in our service as a faithful response to His grace. Through it all, Christ's sacrifice compels our humble sacrificial living and giving in response to all we have been given.

✂ PREPARATION ✂

10:45 AM Pre-Service Song “New Creation”

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Hymn “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” *LSB* 819

10:45 AM Opening Song “Everlasting God”

Invocation

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

Old Testament Reading *Malachi 3:1-18*

(after the reading)...

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

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, approaching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Since the fall into sin in the Garden of Eden, humanity has turned away from Your will and ways. We have followed our own selfish desires. From Cain’s murder of Abel to Paul’s unjust imprisonment for proclaiming and confessing Your name to our own misguided perceptions of self-righteousness in the name of faith, sin has continued to be present in our thoughts, words, actions, stewardship, and lives. Recognizing our waywardness and sinfulness, we come to You, O almighty God, merciful Father.

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of

Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Even in our sinfulness, God does not leave us in our fallen state nor give us the punishment we deserve. To a guilty Adam and Eve, He promised One who would bruise the head of the serpent. To a guilty Cain, He gave a mark that would spare attacks on his life. To Paul, a persecutor of Christians as Saul and a converted witness to the power of a living Savior, who faced the wrath of guilty authorities for their attempt to silence the Gospel, He brought him safely to His heavenly kingdom. To the ones guilty of haughtiness and pride, He graciously taught humbleness. To us, imperfect stewards who are guilty of sins against God and our neighbors, our heavenly Father has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. **C: Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of Praise “O Bless the Lord, My Soul”
LSB 814; stz. 5-6

10:45 AM Song of Praise “Mighty To Save”

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.**

Second Reading *Acts 20:35–38*
(after the reading)...

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

8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Special Music “Hymn of Thanksgiving” arr. by Anna Laura Page. Performed by Adult Choir and accompanied by Sharleen Schlotman on the organ.

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

Verse *Luke 18:16b*

P: Alleluia, alleluia! **C: Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.**

P: Alleluia, alleluia!

Holy Gospel *Matthew 6:19–24*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth 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 “In Thee is Gladness” LSB 818

10:45 AM Sermon Song “In Christ Alone”

Sermon

Catechism *The First Article*

P: Rejoicing in the creation of our world and privileged to serve as stewards of all the Lord has given, we recognize and confess this truth and these blessings in the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: 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.

Prayer of the Church

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

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Offertory Hymn "We Give Thee But Thine Own" *LSB* 781

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.

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 "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" *LSB* 822

10:45 AM Closing Song "River Of Life"

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: 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 a **birthday** card for Jacquelin Leamer and Deanna Braun.

Anniversary card for Brian & Gina Tomoson celebrating 35 years together.

Altar Flowers are given by Preston & Autumn Marsh in honor of their 1-year anniversary.

Pulpit Flowers are given by Doug & Kristine Schrad in memory of Robert Blohm.

Today we start our stewardship series: *The Giving Challenge*. There are still some books available in the church entry for a \$10 donation. It's a good devotional book and filled with interesting insights. Our sermons will follow the theme of each week of the book. This is an exciting time to learn more about what God's Word teaches on giving.

Redeemer is currently starting the process of seeking to hire a new full-time facility supervisor. This position is responsible for the general cleaning and upkeep of the Redeemer Lutheran Church building and property, both inside and outside. Other duties are listed in the job description. It is full-time work and comes with limited benefits. If you are

interested in the position, or more information about it, please contact the office 712-276-1125 or speak with either pastor.

PRAYER VIGIL - The board of elders will be hosting a prayer vigil in the Nave of the church on **Sunday, October 18 from 2-4 pm**. Please submit any prayer requests that you might have to the church office, or to any of the pastors or elders. There will be a nice prayer booklet put together that will include your prayer requests, as well as many others that participants can use.

Thanks to our pastors and staff! October has traditionally been recognized as “Clergy Appreciation Month” by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We would like to encourage all of our members to take some time to thank our pastors, as well as all of our staff here at Redeemer, for all of the work that they do in service to our Lord and our congregation. In addition, it is essential that we keep our pastors, staff, missionaries whom we support, and all church workers and their families in our prayers. We pray that they continue to be surrounded by God’s Love, and are blessed, strengthened, and encouraged while they serve! God’s Blessings, The board of Elders

100th Anniversary Merchandise - *Redeemer Lutheran Church’s 100th Anniversary T-Shirt sales continue*. Please submit your order form and payment to the church office. There is **no deadline** to order at this time. ***Commemorative Christmas Ornaments are also available to order.*** Please submit your order form and payment to the office. Ornaments will be distributed once they have been received.

Color & Doodle Challenge For All Ages! Love coloring or doodling? We’d love to see your creativity! Pick up a coloring page in the **church library, Sunday school area, or fellowship hall**, and let your imagination shine. Return your completed page to the **church library by November 8**. Prizes will be awarded by **age group**, so everyone has a chance to participate! **Grab a page, get creative, and have some fun!**

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

- **Youth Silent Auction Fundraiser:** The youth will be hosting their **annual Silent Auction Fundraiser!** Baskets and other items may be dropped off starting Sunday **November 1st**. Bidding will begin on **Sunday, November 8th** and will end on **Sunday, December 6th, following the 10:45 worship service.**

All proceeds from the auction will go directly toward supporting our youth and their activities. Thank you to everyone who continues to generously support our youth ministry. Your generosity and encouragement make a difference! Questions contact Jonathon Bailey DCE 620-655-5395

- **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.

- **Junior High Gathering:** October 24th-25th, at the Sheraton, in West Des Moines, IA.

October jams, pickles, & pie orders 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) 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 dill** (\$8 a qt).

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.

MONTH of OCTOBER: In-gathering for **Soup Kitchen** in honor of Redeemer Lutheran's Church 100th Anniversary. We will be collecting

'Top Need' Items for the Siouxland Soup Kitchen. Please put items in a marked container at the south entrance.

Items Include: *Soy Sauce; Egg Noodles; Coffee Creamers; Lasagna Noodles; Medium Shell Noodles, Lipton Onion Soup Mix; Paper Towel; Stuffing Mix; Dry Black-Eyed Peas; Mashed Potatoes; Cornbread Mix*

LWML NEWS & EVENTS!

- **Women's Morning Bible Study – October 14, 10:00 AM,**
conference room: NEW Bible Study "Gifts Chosen for You" (Spiritual Gifts Bible Study – 8 Sessions) Contact Geri Phillips
Women's Evening Bible Study – October 14th, 5:30 PM, Oscar Carl Vineyard: New Bible Study "Unshakable" by Donna Snow. Contact Tawnya Becker or Michaela Uhl.
- **Women Serving in Christ- Bible Study:** "Humble Service" page 17, Fall 2026, **Thursday, October 15th, 1:00 PM**, in the Fellowship Hall. Lorelee will lead the study.
- **Save the Date** for the LWML Sioux City Zone Fall Rally at Faith Lutheran (3101 Hamilton Blvd, Sioux City), on **Saturday, Oct 17th**. Registration & Coffee at 9:00 AM, followed by devotions, mission speaker and business meeting. Concludes with salad luncheon and dessert. All ladies are encouraged to join us!
- **Ladies Night- Tuesday, October 27th**, 6:00 PM (free entry), here at Redeemer. Join us for fellowship, soup, devotions and crafts. In-gathering- collecting fruit (fresh or canned) for the Siouxland Soup Kitchen. RSVP to your LWML Circle or to Jennifer at 712-899-2927.
- **Religious Greeting Cards** for All Occasions! Single cards \$1.00 or 12 cards for \$10.00. Located in the South Narthex.

Vendor & Craft Fair on Saturday, October 17th, Mater Dei Parish, 9:00 AM-2 PM. (Nativity Parish Gym, 4241 Natalia Way, Sioux City). No admission charge, lunch available, and door prizes.



Giving! You can scan Redeemer's QR Code to access our online giving. 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

October 18 airing - *This is the Life* – “Some People Need Help, Sergeant” – An amputee from a Veteran’s hospital must learn that hurting others will not help him. **Worship Service** – Rev. Dennis Mercer of Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church in Black Hawk, SD, delivers the message “Render Unto God What Is God’s” based on Matthew 22:15-22. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Visit www.mainstreetliving.com for more information.

SERVING THIS WEEK- (October 8 & 11, 2026): **USHERS:** Thursday 6:30 PM: Harland & Mary Feddersen. **Sunday 8:15 AM – Team 3** (Gary Flammang, Mitchel Bauman, Paul Fleckenstein, Bob Naylor). **10:45 AM- Team 7** (Doug Stucky, Loren Field, Rick Lieber, Julie & Jason Madden). **ACOLYTES:** **8:15 AM-** Zachery Peterson & Liam Behrens; **10:45 AM-** Bruce Bailey & Logan Cain. **GREETERS:** **8:15 AM-** Paul & Cindy Fleckenstein; **10:45 AM-** Shirley Stokes. **TECHNOLOGIST:** Thurs. 6:30 PM- Heidi Young; Sun. 8:15 AM- Erik Koehler; 10:45 AM- Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM:** 4- Buckley & Fink. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Steve & Ann Peterson

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (October 15 & 18, 2026): **USHERS:** same as last week. **ACOLYTES:** 8:15 AM- Liam Behrens & Jase Fisher; 10:45 AM- Bruce Bailey & Harper Marlow. **GREETERS:** 8:15 AM- Dale & Nadine Henningsen; 10:45 AM- Scott & Beth Bowman. **TECHNOLOGIST:** Thurs. 6:30 PM- Heidi Young; Sun. 8:15 AM- Jordan Fisher; 10:45 AM- Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM:** 2- Mack & Hermelbracht’s. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Carol Bobolz

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending October 4, 2026

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 43+130+119=292 (27%)

Adult Bible Study: 32; ROCK Sunday: 38; ROCK Wednesday: 14

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
Oct. 4, 2026	\$19,281	\$16,129	120%
Year-to-date	\$573,103	\$644,676	89%

Building Fund Income:

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$4,335	\$0	\$4,335

New Sound System Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Remaining
\$10,427	\$0	\$86,985

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, October 11, 2026

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
9:30 AM ROCK Sunday
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

Monday, October 12, 2026

5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

1:30 PM Staff Bible Study/Mtg
5:00 PM Aktion Meal/MWM
7:00 PM Life Light at *Whispering Creek*

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

10:00 AM Women's Morning
Bible Study in *Confer. Rm*
5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal –
Sloppy Joes
5:00-7 PM Midweek
5:00-7 PM ROCK Wednesday
Class
5:30 PM Women's Evening
Bible Study at *Oscar Carl Vineyard*
6:15 PM Handbell Practice
7:15 PM Adult Choir Practice
7:30-9 PM Youth Group

Thursday, October 15, 2026

10:30 AM Thrivent Choice Mtg
1:00 PM Women Serving in Christ Mtg
5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:00 PM BSF Bible Study
6:30 PM Worship w/Holy

Communion

Friday, October 16, 2026

9:00 AM-Noon Food Shelf

Saturday, October 17, 2026

9:00 AM LWML Sioux City Zone Fall
Rally at *Faith*
9:00 AM-2 PM Vendor & Craft Fair
at *Mater Dei Parish*

Sunday, October 18, 2026

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
9:30 AM ROCK Sunday
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
1:00 PM Sudanese Worship
1:00 PM Family Trunk-or-Treat
2-4 PM Prayer Vigil