



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

“Christ’s Beginning and God’s End”

Sunday, December 28, 2025

AS WE GATHER

To the rest of the world, we are simply people with a different faith, but we have an identity that is unique: We are God’s children, calling out to Him, “Abba! Father!” As He did with our forebears, we hear in the Old Testament Reading, He remembers His covenant. Even when danger threatens, as it did for the holy family, He is with us to protect and guide us. In fact, we are not only God’s children; with Jesus, His only-begotten Son, we are also heirs of the promise, which He kept for us. That is merry news indeed!

* PREPARATION *

Opening Hymn “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” *LSB 380*

Invocation

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

Psalm *Psalm 111:1–6*

P: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

C: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

P: Great are the works of the LORD,

C: studied by all who delight in them.

P: Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

C: and His righteousness endures forever.

P: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;

C: the LORD is gracious and merciful.

P: He provides food for those who fear Him;

C: He remembers His covenant forever.

P: He has shown His people the power of His works,

C: in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

Hymn “O Come All, Ye Faithful” *LSB 379; vrs. 1, 4*

Psalm *Psalm 111:7–10*

P: The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy;

C: they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

P: He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

C: Holy and awesome is His name!

P: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

C: His praise endures forever!

Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High” *LSB 368*

Confession and Absolution

P: O Lord God, we confess that although we usually prepare for, as Paul put it, “the fullness of time,” that is not true in our personal lives.

C: Forgive our impatience for taking matters into our own hands, forgive our not trusting that You are in control of all things, and forgive our failing to acknowledge You above all else.

P: We confess, O Lord, that unlike obedient Joseph, we have not always listened to Your commands and instructions.

C: Forgive our desire to be in control, forgive our avoiding difficult decisions, and forgive our thinking that we are able to arrange all things for our own benefit.

P: We confess, O Lord, that we have kept our faith to ourselves.

C: Forgive us for not giving Your leading us “a glorious name,” forgive our failure to ask You for guidance each day, and forgive our seeking to be like everyone else, rather than trusting You.

P: Forgiveness has been won for you! The babe born in Bethlehem is the only-begotten Son of God and your elder Brother. The Spirit urges you to cry, “Abba! Father!” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

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Hymn of Praise “Away in a Manger” LSB 364

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature.

C: Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us;

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 63:7–14*

(*after the reading*)...

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

Gradual *Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

P: To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

C: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

P: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

C: Mighty God,

P: Everlasting Father,

C: Prince of Peace.

P: Sing to the LORD a new song,

C: for He has done marvelous things!

Hymn “Silent Night” *LSB 363*

Epistle *Galatians 4:4–7*

(*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 *Luke 2:30, 32*

P: Alleluia. **C: My eyes have seen Your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.** P: Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 2:13–23*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,

C: “Rise, take the child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy Him.”

P: And he rose and took the child and His mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod.

This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet,

C: "Out of Egypt I called My son."

P: Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

C: "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

P: But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying,

C: "Rise, take the child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."

P: And he rose and took the child and His mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message & Celebrate Song ♫

Hymn of the Day "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" LSB 366

Sermon

Catechism *The Second Article*

10:45 AM New Member Reception

Prayer of the Church

P: (after each request)...let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” LSB 361

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray. We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You sent to earth Your only-begotten Son.

C: By His entry into human existence, open our hearts and eyes to see that You are indeed our heavenly Father and we are heirs of Your gracious promise;

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.**

Closing Hymn “Joy to the World” LSB 387

Dismissal

P: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C: Thank be to God!

Today we welcome Redeemer's newest member:

† By Adult Confirmation, **Logan Sampers**. 725 Fir St., Correctionville, IA 51016. Phone number 712-577-2188.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! A cordial welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. We are happy to have you share the joy of this Lord's Day with us. A special welcome to those worshiping 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. 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 Jason & Julie Madden memory of Julie's mom, Charlotte Moore.

Pulpit Flowers are given by Marty & Marcy Delperdang in memory of Dad.

Join Us for our New Year's Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion, Wednesday, December 31 – 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM.

Midweek Program does not meet this Wednesday. No confirmation or Rock Wednesday. Enjoy the New Years!

The Office will be closed New Year's Day. Have a Happy New Year!

The Endowment and Legacy committee will NOT be meeting the first Thursday of January as it falls on New Year's Day. Members will be contacted for an alternate date.

All members of Redeemer are invited to a visioning meeting on January 5 at 6:30 p.m. Come join us in the Parish Hall as we talk about the future plans for our ministry!

Our pictorial app is available. To access the church directory app, go to the play store or your app store and download the app called (myUCD). Once installed, enter your unique code on the first page. If you do not have a code, or yours does not work, contact Steve at "ebsens@yahoo.com" to obtain a new code. If you have any updates for contact information that should be relayed in an email, along with a picture if you do not have one displayed. For more help, Steve Ebsen is available in the parish hall after the first service. Pastor Senstad can help you after the second service.

Just A Reminder: Never give money to someone texting you saying that they're a member of the Redeemer Staff. If anyone from the Redeemer staff contacts you via text or email asking for gift cards or financial help...call the office first.

Upcoming Bible Study: *What You Were Made For – How Knowing God will Transform your Life.* "The most important thing about a person is what comes to your mind when you think about God," said W. W. Tozer. Why did he say that? Because knowing God is what is what you were made for Know God will transform your life! Join Frank Turek and Ted Write as they highlight and apply the attributes of God to your life in this DVD series. **This will begin (and continue every) Wednesday, JANUARY 7 to MARCH 25, 5:30-6:45 pm.** If you would like to attend this series, call or text Curt Green.

Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser! The youth will once again be selling delicious subs for the Super Bowl! Order forms will be available beginning **January 11th**. Please fill out **one order form**

per sub you would like to purchase. Completed forms should be returned by **February 1st**. Sub orders may be picked up on the **morning of February 8th**. All proceeds will support the youth mission trip to **Sulphur, Oklahoma, in June 2026**. Thank you for your continued support of the youth of our congregation! If you have questions or need additional order forms, please contact **Jonathon Bailey, DCE**.

Ice Skating - Inviting all High school Youth to an evening of Ice Skating. **Friday January 16th**. Doors open at 6:00 pm Skating From 7-9pm. The ibp Ice Center is located at 3808 Stadium Drive. Cost is \$8 per person. Concessions are available at an additional cost.

Middle School Half Lock-In! Calling all Middle School students! Let's have a lock-in! Join us on **January 30th** from **6:00–11:30 PM** for a fun night filled with games, devotions, snacks, and plenty of candy. Feel free to bring a friend! Please let us know you're coming by **January 25th**. We hope to see you there! To RSVP- Call DCE Jonathon Bailey or the church office 712-276-1125.

Calling All Quilters!!! Starting Monday, January 5th, 9:00 AM, quilting starts – lower level center room. All are welcome! Quilts are sewn for local and international mission needs.

LWML - Religious Greeting Cards are available (South Narthex) for all occasions! (single cards \$1.00 or 12 cards for \$10.00).

Women of Redeemer, join us as we guide our Women's Ministry, Tuesday, January 6th, 6:00 PM, in the conference room. We will be taking down the Christmas décor in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 PM.

Women's Morning Bible Study- Wednesday, January 14th, 10:00 AM, Conference Room. Bible Study: "Forgiveness"- Lesson 7 'Forgiving Your Prodigals'. pgs 185-199. Questions contact Jackie Krueger.

Women's Evening Bible Study – Wednesday, January 14th, 5:30 PM, Redeemer's lower level-center room. Bible Study: "Leaning on Jesus" A Study of God's Strength Week 3 – "Leaning on Jesus When We Are Weary", pgs. 77-92.

'Women Serving in Christ' Bible Study- Thursday, January 15th, 1:00 PM, in the fellowship hall. Bible Study: 'Not the World's Peace' pg. 16, Winter 2025 Quarterly. Bible study leader- Myrtie Allen. Hosts: Shirley Barth & Anita Stansell. Join us for fellowship and studying God's word. Everyone is welcome!

Siouxland Foster Closest: Join us Saturday, January 17, 9:00 AM, Redeemer Fellowship Hall. Our presenter is Rochelle Pfeifer – Founder & Director of Siouxland Foster Closet. Ingathering to support organization's mission- list located at the back of the sanctuary.

Offering Envelopes for 2026 are now available. They are located in the hallway under the coat rack next to the Office.

Select large & small Pies and canned items are always available. Thanks so much for your support in these projects!



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

December 29 Airing - *This Is the Life* – “Puzzle Club

Christmas – The Puzzle Club must solve a missing person mystery before Christmas. **Worship Service** – Rev. Kevin Roop of Peace Lutheran Church in Marcus, IA, delivers the message **“Depart in Peace”** based on Luke 2:22–40. 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.”

SERVING THIS WEEK- (December 28, 2025): USHERS: Sunday 8:15 AM- Team 4 (Gary Kitzmann, Dick Braun, Dale Henningsen,

James Bailey). **10:45 AM- Team 8** (Dave Schlotman, Scott & Beth Bowman, Paul Schlotman) **ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM-** Jaiden Thomas; **10:45 AM-** Camden Doscher. **GREETERS: 8:15 AM-** Scott & Brenda Ernst; **10:45 AM-** Gale & Carol Bobolz. **TECHNOLOGIST: Sun. 8:15 AM-** Erik Koehler; **10:45 AM-** Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM: 3-** Bobolz's & Schmith's. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Loralee Fink & Karen Vock

New Year's Eve (December 31, 2025): USHERS: 6:00 PM- Team 2 (Scott Ernst, Brian Duff, Roy Olsen, Lamont Onken, Phil Schauer). **GREETERS: 6:00 PM-** Bruce & Roberta Timmons. **ACOLYTES: 11:30 AM- open; 6:00 PM- open.** **TECHNOLOGIST: 11:30 AM-** Jordan Fisher. **6:00 PM-** Heidi Schleiss.

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (January 4, 2025): USHERS: 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-** Sierra Zellmer & Jaiden Thomas; **10:45 AM-** Rhyss Dolphin & Caleb Amick. **GREETERS: 8:15 AM-** Paul & Cindy Fleckensteint; **10:45 AM-** Scott & Beth Bowman. **TECHNOLOGIST: Sun. 8:15 AM- TBD; 10:45 AM- TBD.** **COUNTING TEAM: 4-** Buckley & Fink. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Dave & Lori Albrecht.

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending Dec. 21, 2025

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 29+145+122=296 (27%)
 Adult Bible Study: 19; ROCK Sunday: 36; ROCK Wednesday: N/A
 Sudanese: 6

Date	Income	Budgeted Income	%
Dec. 21, 2025	\$25,665	\$15,548	163%
Year-to-date	\$751,079	\$802,318	94%

Building Fund Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Total
\$6,739.55	\$110	\$6,849.55

New Sound System Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Remaining
\$13,660	\$0	\$95,670

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Service

No ROCK Sunday

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation Instruction for Membership

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study

1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship

Monday, December 29, 2025

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mtg

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

New Year's Eve

11:30 AM and 6:00 PM New Year's Eve Worship w/Holy Communion

Thursday, January 1, 2025

New Year's Day

Office Closed

Friday, January 2, 2025

9 AM- Noon Food Shelf

Sunday, January 4, 2025

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Service

9:30 AM ROCK Sunday

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation Instruction for Membership

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study

1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship

Youth Committee Mtg