



Sunday, January 14, 2024

## *“God Speaks, We Listen”*

### **As We Gather**

Since the beginning of creation, God has spoken. He spoke into being our universe and our very selves as the crown of His creation; He spoke when seeking out Adam and Eve in a fallen world; He spoke many times and many ways through the prophets; and He spoke by the very words that came from the mouth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. From Him came words of instructing, healing, forgiving, and of invitation to follow Him as we hear today with Philip and Nathanael. The Lord still speaks to us today in His Word, as His Spirit spoke instruction and encouragement of the use of bodies through Paul in his letter to the church of Corinth. Through all He speaks, we are called to listen to that Word to guide and direct, and to hear His continued words of forgiveness, peace, hope, and joy as “in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son” (Hebrews 1:2).

## ✘ PREPARATION ✘

**10:45 AM Pre-Service Song** “Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”

**8:15 AM Opening Hymn** “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”  
*LSB 589; vrs. 1-2*

**8:15 AM Baptisms** Jacob Thomas Fisher and Jase Allen Fisher

**10:45 AM Opening Song** “Everlasting God”

**10:45 AM Baptism** Presley Oksana Matney Fowler

### Invocation

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

### Opening Sentences

**P** O LORD, You have searched me and known me!

**C** You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.

**P** You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

**C** Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

**P** You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

**C** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

**P** Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

**C** If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

**P** Speak, LORD, **C** for Your servant hears.

### Confession

**P** As the psalmist declares, the Lord searches us, knows us, is ever-present with us, and leads us. He listens to us as we speak to Him. We come before Him in confession. *Silence for meditation.*

**P** “The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.”

**C** **We confess, heavenly Father, that we often choose not to call on You in times of need, nor in times of thanksgiving. We fail to be near You in our opportunities to pray, praise, and give thanks. Forgive us.**

**P** “Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

**C** **We confess, heavenly Father, that in our days of trouble we rely on ourselves and not You. We seek deliverance through our own devices and peace through the temporary offerings of this world. Forgive us.**

**P** “Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.”

**C** **We confess, heavenly Father, we are the ones who are lost even though You are near and present in Your Word and means of grace. Our sins of thought, word, and deed separate us from You. Forgive us.**

**P** Speak, LORD, **C** for Your servant hears.

**8:15 AM Hymn** “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” *LSB 589*; vrs. 3-4

### **Absolution**

**P** As we speak and call out to the Lord in prayer and confession, He calls to us, His people, through His Word of truth, mercy, and grace; for He has “saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.” As a called and ordained servant of the Word and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

**P** But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. Speak, LORD,

**C** for Your servant hears. Amen.

✠ **WORD** ✠

**8:15 AM Hymn of Praise** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” *LSB 361*

**10:45 AM Song of Praise** “Your Love Defends Me”

### 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 *1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)*

**L** Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli and said,

**C** **“Here I am, for you called me.”**

**L** But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. And the Lord called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said,

**C** **“Here I am, for you called me.”**

**L** But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the young man. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said,

**C** **“Speak, for Your servant hears.”**

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

### Epistle *1 Corinthians 6:12–20*

(after the reading)...

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

**8:15 & 10:45 AM Special Music** “Praise The Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him” arr. by Benjamin Harlan. Performed by Adult Choir.

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

**Holy Gospel** *John 1:43–51*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first 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** 🎵

**8:15 AM Hymn of the Day** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  
*LSB 686*

**10:45 AM Sermon Song** “Lord, I Need You”

**Sermon**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**8:15 AM Rite of Confirmation**

**8:15 & 10:45 AM Installation of Leadership Council Members**

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

**C** **but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.**

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

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards**

*(The Offering of Peace is exchanged during Offering)*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**C** **His steadfast love endures forever.**

**P** We give thanks to You, gracious Father, for what You have revealed to us through Your Son. As Your Spirit continues to call us through Your Word, grant us ears to hear, wills to obey, hands to serve, and hearts filled with the grace. Strengthen and preserve us all our days; through the same 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, who calls Your name, bless you and keep you. The Lord, who has bought you at a price, make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord, who has called You to follow Him, look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C Amen.**

**P** Speak, LORD, **C** for Your servant hears.

**8:15 AM Closing Hymn** “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” *LSB 917*

**10:45 AM Closing Song** “Soul On Fire”

## *Today we welcome Redeemer's newest members:*

- ✠ By Baptism, **Presley Oksana Matney Fowler**. Parents are Tyler Fowler and Marina Srinson. Sponsors are Jessie Saunders and Matthew Saunders.
- ✠ By Baptism, **Jacob Thomas and Jase Allen Fisher**. Parents are Dan & Kristy Fisher.
- ✠ By Adult Confirmation, **Dan & Kristy Fisher, and sons Jacob Thomas & Jase Allen Fisher**.

## **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](http://www.redeemersiouxcity.com) or you can like us on Facebook: RedeemerLC or find us on YouTube: Redeemer Lutheran Church Sioux City.

**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.

**Please stop by Care Corner** to sign a *birthday* card for Evelyn Wolff.

**Altar Flowers (1)** are given by Marlene & Marge Lessmann in honor of Marlene's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Altar Flowers (2)** are given by Gary & Eileen Bumsted in honor of Eileen's Birthday.

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

**This morning** we will be installing our new members of the 2024 Leadership Council. They include: *Jim Arends*, Chairman, *Steve Ebsen*, Vice Chairman, *Lisa Richardson*, Treasurer, and *Ann Schauer*, Secretary. Members at Large are: *Marc Benson*, *Michelle Callahan*, *Steve Dirks*, *Gary Flammang*, and *Mike Koehler*. Special thanks to those who have previously served: *Gerry Judd* and *Jerry VanPeurse*.

**LIFE LIGHT** is starting this Tuesday, at 7:00 pm. We meet at *Whispering Creek Retirement Center*. The study was postponed to this Tuesday due to weather. We continue to study the book of Isaiah. Workbooks are in the back of the church.

**Confirmation ½ Lock-In:** Middle School students will have a ½ Lock-In on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM - 11:30 PM, here at Redeemer. We'll have food, fun, fellowship, and games. Friends are welcome! Please RSVP by calling DCE, Jonathon Bailey, at 620-655-5395 or by calling the church office.

**There will be no Altar Guild** meeting in January. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 22.



**Giving has never been easier!** You can now 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.

**Join us for Family Movie night, Wednesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.** Concessions open up at 5:00 PM. We will have popcorn, hot dogs, nachos, and drinks, all free of charge. The movie "A Dog's Way Home" will be in the gym and starts at 5:30 PM. Bring your own comfortable seating. If you have any questions, call DCE, Jonathon Bailey, at 620-655-5395.

**Calling all Quilters!!!** Quilting has just started. We meet on Monday's at 9:00 in the lower level center room. Quilts are sewn for local and international mission needs. All are welcome!!!

**If you are cleaning out, Quilters will always take blankets, sheets, material etc. When in doubt, don't throw it out, bring it to the Quilters!!!**

**Work on the kitchen remodeling project** has begun with new lighting installation! The \$48,000 project will begin in earnest on February 1 and throughout the month of February. Your contributions to this project are greatly appreciated!

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We still have about 75 jars of jams & jellies available in the Parish Hall. January proceeds will continue to go to the JJ Wolf missionary Family, working in Africa. Jams and jellies: \$6 a jar or 5 for \$25 (including jams, jellies, and sweet pickles), dill pickles (\$8 a qt), & sweet pickles (\$6 a pt). ~-Pastor Zirpel

**Aronia Jam & Jelly**  
**Aronia Berry Jelly**  
**Aronia Jalapeno Jam**

**Aronia Strawberry Jam**  
**Aronia Strawberry –**  
**Jalapeno Jam**



*Cherry Aronia Jam*  
*Cherry Rhubarb Jam*  
*Dark Cherry Jelly/Jam*  
*Fruit Juice Jelly*  
*Fruit Juice Jalapeno Jam*  
*Gooseberry Jelly/Jam*  
*Jalapeno Jam*  
*Jalapeno Mixed Fruit Jam*  
*Mixed Fruit Jam*  
*Mixed Fruit Jalapeno Jam*  
*Peach Jalapeno Jam*

*Pear Jam*  
*Raspberry Jam*  
*Red Currant Jelly*  
*Rhubarb Ginger Lime Jam*  
*Rhubarb Jam*  
*Strawberry Jalapeno Jam*  
*Wild Grape Jelly*  
*Wild Plum Jam*  
*Wild Plum Rhubarb*  
*Wild Raspberry Jam*

**Did you know** that if you are a member of Thrivent Financial group, you qualify for two \$250 Thrivent Action Team cards per year? Thrivent Action Team cards help pay for fundraisers, servant events and educational programs at Redeemer. The profits from the fundraisers then go to new or existing missions, benefits & those who need various types of assistance. It's fast and easy to apply for a Thrivent Action Team card. All you need is your Thrivent User ID, password, and cell phone number. To set up an appointment, simply call the church office and ask for Kristy. You can also reach me on my cell phone (712) 204-8243. Thanks in advance for your help!

**Thrivent Members Who Have Choice Dollars:** NEW Choice Dollars for the 4th Quarter of 2023 are now available. Please direct them as soon as possible by calling Home Office at 1-800-847-4836 or by directing them online at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com). Thanks for your continued support of the Choice Dollar program at Redeemer.

**School Bucks (Rules):** All receipts must be from the Sioux City or South Sioux City Hy-Vee's or the Hy-Vee Mainstreet Store. Receipts must be dated August 1, 2023 – April 22, 2024. No Fuel, postal, money order, Western Union, lottery, Quest, Mid-American or gift card receipts will be accepted. If any of these receipts are found in any of the bundles, the entire bundle amount might not be counted and will not go towards your school total. If you have any questions regarding the receipts, contact Tara Vander Weil at 712-333-9507.

**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.

**January 21 airing** - This is the Life – “Live Option” – A 15-year-old pregnant daughter and her mother disagree on the future of her child. Worship

Service – Life Sunday – Rev. Dr. James Lamb from Lutheran Family Service in Fort Dodge, IA, and Sioux Falls, SD, presents a message titled “The Trinitarian Value of Human Life”, based on Isaiah 43:1. Additional information is available on the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

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**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 2024 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!

**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) jars, also accepted. ~~Thank You!

**Building Healthy Families:** Christians who suffer from depression often experience guilt, mistakenly believing that “true Christians” should feel joy - not daily sadness. Here's important and good news: a weak faith is not a cause of depression. Martin Luther struggled with depression (melancholy) as have many other faithful church leaders over the years. If you feel depressed, you're not alone so don't suffer alone. Luther had the right idea when he wrote, “Solitude produces melancholy. When we are alone the worst and saddest things come to mind. We reflect in detail upon all sorts of evils. And if we have encountered adversity in our lives, we dwell upon it as much as possible, magnify it, think that no one is so unhappy as we are, and imagine the worse possible consequences.” Don't retreat into solitude; talk to your pastor, friend, family member, or a trusted counselor at **Lutheran Family Service**. [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**SERVING THIS WEEK- (January 11 & 14, 2024):** **USHERS: Thurs. 6:30 PM** – Harland Feddersen (Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). **Sunday 8:15 AM** – Team 4 (Gary Kitzmann, Dave Albrecht, Dick Braun, Dale Henningsen, James Bailey). **10:45 AM** – Team 8 (Dave Schlotman, Scott & Beth Bowman, Steve Dirks, Brian Owens,

Paul Schlotman). **GREETERS:** 8:15 AM- Just & Emily Wulf; 10:45 AM- Jackie Krueger & Marge Lessmann. **ACOLYTES:** 8:15 AM- Jacob Runge Dill; 10:45 AM- Hayden Kunze & Kennedy Robinson. **TECHNOLOGIST:** Thurs. 6:30 PM- Tim Young; Sun. 8:15 AM- Hannah Koehler; 10:45 AM- Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM:** 1 (Buckley & Lessmann). **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Gale & Carol Bobolz

**SERVING NEXT WEEK- (January 18 & 21, 2024):** same as last week. **GREETERS:** 8:15 AM- Dave & Lori Albrecht; 10:45 AM- Erica Hickman. **ACOLYTES:** 8:15 AM- Mesa Zellmer; 10:45 AM- Emma & Dominic DuBois. **TECHNOLOGIST:** Thurs. 6:30 PM- Tim Young; Sun. 8:15 AM- Hannah Koehler; 10:45 AM- Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM:** 2 (Hermelbracht's & Mack). **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** John & Anita Stansell.

**Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending January 7, 2024**

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 51+119+92=262 (22%)  
 Adult Bible Study: 23; ROCK Sun. 27; ROCK Wed: 8  
 Sudanese: 14

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>Budgeted Income</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
Jan. 7, 2024	\$16,300	\$15,548	105%
Year-to-date	\$16,300	\$15,548	105%

**Building Fund Income:**

<b><u>Year-to-date</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly Income</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00

**Kitchen Fund Income:**

<b><u>Year-to-date</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly Income</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00

**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

- 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services
- 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
- 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday
- 1:00 PM Sudanese Worship
- 4:00- 6 PM Pickleball
- 6-7:30 PM HS Youth Group
- High School Youth Selling Super Bowl Subs

**Monday, January 15, 2024**

- 9:00 AM Quilting Starts
- 5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:30 PM Pickleball

**Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

11:00 AM Retired Educators Meal/MWM

1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mtg.

7:00 PM Life Light Bible Study at *Whispering Creek*

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

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

1:00- 3 PM Pickleball

5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal (*Walking Tacos*)

5:00-7 PM Midweek

5:00-7 PM ROCK Wednesday

6:00 PM Handbell Practice

7:15 PM Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, January 18, 2024**

10:00 AM Thrivent Choice Mtg

1:00 PM 'Women Serving Christ' Mtg

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:00 PM BSF Bible Study (lower level)

6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion

**Friday, January 19, 2024**

9:00 AM – Noon Food Shelf

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

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

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation

9:30 AM ROCK Sunday

1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

4:00- 6 PM Pickleball

6-7:30 PM HS Youth Group

*High School Youth Selling Super Bowl Subs*