



INDEPENDENCE DAY

“Mightier Than the Thorn”

July 4, 2021

As We Gather

Today, our nation celebrates its place as the land of the free and the home of the brave. At times, this reality causes us to thump our chest to let the world know how great we are. The apostle Paul, too, could claim his place among the greats. Paul was “circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ” (Philippians 3:5–7). Yet, he was not mightier than the thorn.

As Paul followed Jesus, he was plagued by a thorn in the flesh to keep him from becoming conceited. He asked God to take it away, and God said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). So, too, God's grace is sufficient for us no matter where this life takes us, because when we are weak, then we are strong.

✘ PREPARATION ✘

10:45 AM Pre-Service Song "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Song "Before You, Lord, We Bow" LSB 966

10:45 AM Opening Song "Battle Hymn Of The Republic"

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences

P: Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.

C: God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

P: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

C: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Confession and Absolution

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess to You our pride, arrogance, and boasting. Forgive us for all our sins in our thoughts, words, and works for the sake of Jesus, who "made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us. For Jesus' sake, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you for all of your sins of thoughts, words, and works in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

✂ **WORD** ✂

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of Praise “America the Beautiful”

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountains majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea!
2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress, a thorough fare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.
3. O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife, Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine, Til all success be nobleness, And every gain divine.
4. O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea.

10:45 AM Song of Praise “God Bless America”

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. **C: Gracious and ever-loving God, we thank and praise You for the freedom we have in You and also the freedom we celebrate today in our nation.**

P: As Your grace has been sufficient for Your people throughout all time, grant that it be sufficient for us as well for Your power is made perfect in our weaknesses;

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

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61:1–7

(after the reading)...L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Psalm 119:41–48

P: Let Your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, Your salvation according to Your promise; then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me, for I trust in Your word.

L: And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in Your just decrees.

C: I will keep Your law continually, forever and ever, and I shall walk in a wide place, for I have sought Your precepts.

L: I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame, for I find my delight in Your commandments, which I love.

P: I will lift up my hands toward Your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on Your statutes.

Epistle 2 Corinthians 12:1–10

(after the reading)...L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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

Verse *Luke 22:26*

C: Alleluia. Let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. But I am among you as the one who serves. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Luke 22:24–30*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second 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 🎵 **& Pledge of Allegiance**

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of the Day "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" LSB 821

10:45 AM Sermon Song "America The Beautiful"

Sermon 'Mightier than the Thorn' *2 Corinthians 12:1-10*

Catechism *The Fourth Commandment; The Fourth Petition*

P: Honor your father and your mother. What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

P: Give us this day our daily bread. What does this mean?

C: God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

P: What is meant by daily bread? **C: Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

Prayer of the Church

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

6:30 PM, 8:15 & 10:45 AM Offertory Hymn "God Bless Our Native Land" LSB 965; *accompanied by Dr. Lou Rossman on Euphonium*

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Preface 2 Timothy 4:22

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

P: Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus...one God, now and forever. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9–13*

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: Amen.**

Distribution

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Distribution Hymns “Children of the Heavenly Father” LSB 725; “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” LSB 733; “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord” LSB 651

10:45 AM Communion Songs “Create In Me” & “Lamb Of God”

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

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

C: His steadfast love endures forever.

P: Let us pray. **C: We thank You, Lord, for You have again fed and nourished us on our way through this world to the one to come. Guide us in living out Your grace until that day when we experience it in all of its fullness; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Benediction

P: The Lord be with you all. The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—abide with you, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

8:15 AM Closing Hymn “God Bless America”

C: God bless America, Land that I love, Stand beside her, and guide her Through the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, To the oceans, white with foam, God bless America, My home sweet home God bless America, My home sweet home.

8:15 AM Post- Closing Hymn “Star Spangled Banner” (one stanza); *accompanied by Dr. Lou Rossman on Euphonium.*

C: Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

10:45 AM Closing Song “Soul On Fire”

10:45 AM National Anthem “Star Spangled Banner”

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.

Prayer requests may be shared with the Prayer Leader in the Choir Loft after service. We also welcome prayer requests through our church e-mail: redemerchurchsc@gmail.com. You don't have to be a member to request prayers.

Redeemer offerings may be dropped off at the church anytime during the week at the south entrance offering box. On Sunday mornings, there is also an offering box at the north entrance. You may also mail offerings to RLC, 3204 S. Lakeport, Sioux City, IA 51106.

Please take home, or discard into a waste basket, your church bulletins as you leave the sanctuary. Thank You

Please stop by Care Corner to sign *birthday* cards for Les King, Jerry Barth, and Marguerite Kuhl.

Anniversary cards for Al & Jenette Patocka celebrating 30 years together.

Get Well card for Joyce Riser.

Altar Flowers are given by Jeremy & Paula Schram in honor of their daughter, Rebekah's wedding.

Congratulations to Logan & Rebekah (Schram) Sampers on their wedding, Saturday, July 3rd. May God's blessings always be upon you, and may He keep and guide you all the days of your lives.

Pulpit Flowers are given by Mike Morey in honor of his birthday.

Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator Part-time job available! This position serves the ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church by assisting

the Pastors, staff, and committee leaders in developing, coordinating, and administering an effective and comprehensive team of member volunteers; to assist the Associate Pastor and the Evangelism team with development and implementation of new ideas and special projects; and to provide training and motivation to Redeemer's volunteer committee leaders. If you are interested in this 15 hour per week part-time position, feel free to visit with Pastor Zirpel.

H₂Oh! God Keeps His Promises Summer Sunday School: Please join us this summer and bring a friend, as our Sunday School (three years old and potty trained to fifth grade) students will dive into *H₂Oh! God Keeps His Promises*. Each of the weekly Bible stories has water as a central element in the account. Join us on Sundays at 9:30am downstairs in the center room through August 15th. Looking for volunteers 6th grade through Adults to help volunteer throughout this summer! Any questions or interested in volunteering feel free to contact DCE, Madi at redeemer.madi@gmail.com.

Redeemer's ConnecTeam would like to help celebrate the birthdays of our middle school students as well as our confirmed High School youth. Each youth will receive a 12" decorated cookie. This project is funded with a Thrivent Action Team card. Happy Birthday Blessings go out to those celebrating in July--- ***Katie Lammers (7/10), Maggie Mehlhaff (7/13), Adyn Koenck (7/14), Madelyn Wieling (7/18), Scott Kroll (7/22), and Tahlia Deitloff (7/28)***. Cookies can be picked up at the birthday table outside the office on Sunday, July 4th. Happy Birthday & God's Blessings from Thrivent Financial & the Redeemer ConnecTeam!

We're getting ready for a great VBS! This year, we are using Concordia Publishing House *God's Wonder Lab* on July 18th -22nd from 5:30-8:30pm. VBS children will learn that Jesus does the impossible! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus does marvelous things. They will get to learn about the vast and amazing love that God has for each of us! The cost this year will be \$5 per child. To sign up your child(ren), see DCE, Madi or the office for a registration form or you can go online to vbsmate.com/redeemersiouxcityiowa to register.

A Farmer's Market/Fall Festival event is being planned by the ConnecTeam! Save-The-Date for Sunday, August 29, 4 pm – 7 pm. New Horizon Band will be performing, 4.30-5.30, featuring your favorite musical selections. Crafts, canned goods, baked items, & garden produce is being requested of Redeemer members & friends with all proceeds going to our local charity: Her Health Women's Center, which has a 2nd location in Le Mars! Grilled Milwaukee hot dogs with the trimmings, baked beans, chips, Wells Blue Bunny ice cream bars, and soda will be featured along with an outside bounce house and games for the children. Save-the-Date for this event and invite your friends & acquaintances! If you would like to be on this

committee, please visit with Pastor Zirpel or any ConnectTeam member.
~~Redeemer ConnectTeam

One of the best tax-wise ways of leaving a gift to our congregation is to make a gift through the Beneficiary Designation to your tax deferred accounts like IRA's, 401 K's, TSA's or Annuities. Our congregation is tax exempt so including a gift through your Beneficiary Designation is a tax-wise gift. For help in developing your Christian Estate Plan, contact our congregation's Christian Estate Planning Counselor, Jim Schroeder at 515-490-7371 or Jim@iowadistrictwest.org.

News from Redeemer Library – Don't forget about the large print books in the new book cart which is located in the gymnasium from 9:15 to 10:45 each Sunday morning with check out at the cart. The book cart will be in the Library during the week. Large print books are easy on the eyes and are enjoyed by readers of all ages.

Her Health Baby Bottle campaign continues. Just bring your bottles to the table at the South Entrance, and place in the bowl. Thank You!

The Office will be closed Monday, July 5th. Have a safe 4th of July!

Bible Reading Marathon: Join us for the 6th Annual Iowa Bible reading marathon on Saturday, July 10th. You choose a time slot to read between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM. The location is at the Woodbury County Courthouse, 620 Douglas St. (on the north and west sidewalks). Bring your friends, family, and small group. Sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Any questions, contact Diane Widner at 712-258-0142 or email YashaMinistry5015@gmail.com.

The famous St. Paul's Lutheran School steaks are available presently – 2 for \$15 and company pre-packaged. If you want steaks, just ask as they are in the kitchen freezer. Rhubarb pies and strawberry pies (full and ½ size are also available. Also ½ fresh blue berry pies – Just Ask!

Thrivent Members Who Have Choice Dollars! Thanks to all of you who have been directing your Choice Dollars to Redeemer! *NEW Choice Dollars for the 1st quarter of 2021 were available on April 5, 2021. Choice Dollars for the 2nd quarter of 2021 will be available on July 6, 2021.* You can call the home office at 1-800-847-4836 or go online to direct them.

Aktion in-house meals Tuesday afternoons, July 27 and August 24.. Beginning in September, Aktion in-house meals will be the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month.

REDEEMER THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS \$500 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2021-22: To qualify for a \$500 Redeemer Thrivent Choice Dollars College Scholarship, you must be a Thrivent benefit member. A benefit member is someone who owns a Thrivent product. You must be a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church for a minimum of two years. You

must be attending a 4-year college, and you must be a full-time student. Applications can be picked up in the church office. They must be returned to the church or to Donna Lahn by August 1, 2021.

Do you know any caregivers? Connections Area Agency on Agency is hosting **Powerful Tools for Caregivers** starting Tuesday, July 13 through Tuesday, August 17, 2021. We meet once a week for six weeks from 1:30-3:00 p.m. For more information, please get your flyer in the office.

Supper Club Evening Summer Meals: All Redeemer members, families, married or single, are invited to join in the fun and fellowship of Redeemer's Supper Club! We meet for meals (pay on your own) and lots of fun! Please call or text Shirley Barth at 712-898-9888 to reserve your spot, or you can fill out the attendance/involvement card or call the office for the next upcoming Supper Club get-together which will be **Saturday, July 31, '4 Brothers' in Sioux City at 6:30 PM.**

A group of volunteers has been preparing food in the kitchen at Redeemer for 100 homeless individuals at the Soup Kitchen, Friday mornings, 9:00. If you would like to volunteer, just show up. Work takes about 1 – 2 hours.

KinderCottage Fall 2021 Enrollment: We are now taking enrollment for our Fall 2021-22 classes! You may pick up a form from one of our staff at the preschool, call us at 712-224-2273 OR you can go online to the church website: redeemersiouxcity.com and click on the link to the preschool for a form. Please feel free to share this information with anyone you know looking for a preschool!

Recently, we collected Mites for special LWML projects in the US and around the world. If you didn't have the opportunity to give, there are "LWML" mite boxes at the north and south entrances. Please give generously.

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.

Main Street Living- July 4 – "The Selling Price" – A father and son face the issue of ethics, and how it relates to God's law. Worship Service – Rev. Trevor Freudenburg of Calvary Lutheran Church in Sioux City, IA, delivers the message "Ezekiel and Exile" based on Ezekiel 2:1-5.

Main Street Living- July 11 airing- "Flight Plan" – A man has to deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it? Worship Service – Rev. Roger Carlisle of Peace Lutheran Church in Wall Lake, IA, delivers the message "Amos, an Unlikely Prophet" based on Amos 7:15. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com. Just click '**Sioux City**'. Past shows can be watched any time as well.

Even though we can't pay for food or pharmaceutical items, we do have individuals who will shop and deliver your items. Just call 712.276.1125.

If you or someone you know could use food, our Food Pantry is open on Fridays, 9-Noon. Just bring ID and proof of address, and you will be served, as much as two times a month.

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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 2021 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!

God bless you and be safe! Redeemer Lutheran Church Leadership Council, Elders, & Staff

Youth Collecting Cans & Bottles! Please bring in all your RINSED IOWA 5¢ cans and bottles (**PLASTIC ONLY-NO GLASS**) and place in the containers outside the Youth Room Door! Thank You!

Building Healthy Families: Did You Know: Unlike some countries where you must worship behind locked doors, we are fortunate to live in a country where we can openly express our religious beliefs. During your Independence Day celebrations this week, remember to pray for our Iowa senators and representatives that they may have the wisdom and boldness to protect life and our religious freedoms. Happy Independence Day! **Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org**

SERVING THIS SUNDAY- (July 1 & 4, 2021): USHERS: 6:30 PM- Harlan Feddersen; 8:15 AM- Team 3 (Gary Flammang, Mitchel Bauman, Gary Bumsted, Alex Erickson, Paul Fleckenstein, Bob Naylor); 10:45 AM- Team 7 (Nate Klaumann, Karyl Knecht, Al & Melissa Joens).

ACOLYTES- Sunday 8:15 AM- Alyssa Urban; 10:45 AM- Abby Peters & Hailey Siepker. Technologist: Thurs. 6:30 PM- TBD; Gary Judd. 8:15 AM- David Senstad; 10:45 AM- Curt Green. COUNTING TEAM: #1 (Buckley, Lessmann). COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS: Youth

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (July 1 & 4, 2021): USHERS: same as last week. ACOLYTES- Sunday 8:15 AM- Cody Schutte; 10:45 AM- Remy Marchand & Keely Derochie. **Technologist: Thurs. 6:30 PM- TBD; *Sun. 8:15 AM-* Gary Judd; **10:45 AM-** Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM: #2** (*Mack & Hermelbracht's*). **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Lorelee Fink & Karen Vock**

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending June 27, 2021

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 36+126+124=286 (20%)

Adult Bible Study: 22; Summer Sunday School: 10; Sudanese: 7

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
June 27, 2021	\$10,960	\$14,385	76%
Year-to-date	\$373,731	\$373,998	99.9%

Building Fund Income:

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$15,369	\$195	\$15,564

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, July 4, 2021

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

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
 No- Summer Sunday School
 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation Class
 No- Sudanese Worship
 4:00-6 PM Pickleball

Monday, July 5, 2021

Office is Closed
 11:30 AM Members Lunch (*Mr. Stir-Fry*)
 5:30 PM Adult Fitness

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

10:00 AM Bickford Devotions w/Pastor Zirpel
 10:00 AM Staff Bible Study/Mtg
 6:30 PM ConnecTeam Mtg

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

6:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study
 1:00-3 PM Pickleball
 6:00-8 PM Middle School-Movie Night

Thursday, July 8, 2021

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

Friday, July 9, 2021

9 AM-Noon Food Shelf
 9:00 AM Soup Kitchen Preparation

Saturday, July 10, 2021

7:00 AM-5 PM Bible Reading Marathon (*Woodbury County Courthouse*)

Sunday, July 11, 2021

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services
 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
 9:30 AM Summer Sunday School
 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation Class
 1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship
 4:00-6 PM Pickleball
 High School Youth Group- Pool Party at Schutte's
Camp Okoboji Junior High Week