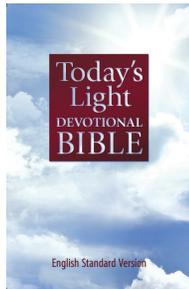




~*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*~

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years



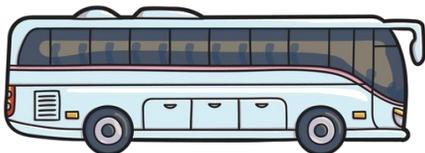
Week 81 Date	
07/14/2025	Luke 17:1-18:43
07/15/2025	Luke 19:1-20:47
07/16/2025	Luke 21:1-22:71
07/17/2025	Luke 23:1-24:53
07/18/2025	John 1:1-2:25
07/19/2025	John 3:1-36

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
July 13	Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 24:7-10	The King Arrives—Jesus Rides into Jerusalem
July 20	Mark 12:41-44	A Trusting Widow—Jesus Teaches about Offerings
July 27	Luke 22:7-23	Forever Food—The Lord's Supper

Keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they head off to NYG!

Keep the youth, Pastor, Vicar, and the adult leaders safe as they go off to this special event in New Orleans, LA. May they enjoy, learn, and have special memories.



ENDURE

JULY 19-23, 2025; NEW ORLEANS, LA

Sunday Coffee & Treats



This Sunday's coffee and pastries are being provided by the Youth Committee. Come join us in the Gathering Place for treats, coffee, and a little fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

ALTAR FLOWERS



Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Kathy Folkmann in thankfulness for God's blessings of family and friends.

Prayer of the Church/Fifth Sunday of Pentecost/July 13, 2025

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Merciful Lord, the apostle Paul did not cease to pray for the church in Colossae, that she might be filled with the knowledge of Your will and all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Stir up in us a spirit of intercession for our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world, that we might constantly remember them in prayer, even as they remember us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, as You grant the length of days to many in our families and communities, You bless us with their wisdom and grant us the opportunity to live out Your love for them. Help us to rightly treasure them, and as they grow in weakness and need, deepen their trust in Your strength to bear and Your power to save. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, as You have granted us to live in a nation where Your people may still gather without fear, bless our leaders with Your wisdom and guard us from the rising ungodliness in our land, that Your Gospel may be preached boldly and continue to bear fruit and grow. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, because of the love You have for all the saints, we pray to You to heal the sick, relieve the suffering, comfort the grieving and give peace to the dying. Especially do we name before You. [*we especially remember **Becky Behrens, Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **April Tutton Clark** (Sister of Grace Mauer) **Loren Deetz, Kathy Eick, Chuck Enokian, John Enokian** (brother of Chuck Enokian), **Mary Helen Gibson** (sister of Gwen McNatt Enokian), **Gabe Hundley** (grandson of Karen Abernathy), **Dora Jacobson** (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), **Sonja Jacobson** (daughter of George and Carol Schuldt), **Todd Jones** (Barb & Ron Jones' son), **Ruth Langehough, Lexi Little, Ben Malcom** (father of Tiffany Roiseland), **Mike Miles, Norma Miller** (Twyla Freeman's aunt), **Jane Mills** (aunt of Rob Ghabel), **Marvin Muhlenbruck, Merri Mullane, Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp** (Cousin of Ruth Varney), **Delores Nace** (sister of Doris Siemer), **Erin Nielsen** (cousin of Crissy Pence), **Ed Pederson, Lee Schwarting** (Art Schwarting's mother), **Pat Sexton, David Soldner** (friend of Carol Holman), **Carol Schuldt, Stanley Seese** (friend of Harold Warner), **Marlene Thompson, Natalie Ullrich** (Jeff Kucera's cousin), **Reece Ullerich, Don Warner** (Harold Warner's brother), **Harold Warner, Lynne Westphal, Mark Wilson, Rod Wittich, Beth Wu, Martha Van Kirk, and Velma Zebuhr** (Bruce Maurer's aunt)] all those we lift to You in our hearts. Strengthen them all by Your power, help them endure this trial and help them bear the good fruit of faith even in their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Merciful Lord, we thank you for the youth you have blessed our congregation with. We thank you for the opportunity they have to go and gather with others who share their values at the **LCMS Youth Gathering** this week. We pray that you would be with all of those traveling to the event as well as all of those who are leading and coordinating it. Allow this to be a time where we can all deepen our love for each other and our love for You. Lord in Your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Merciful Lord, You have been faithful to us, who deserved none of Your mercies. Lead us to receive them with grateful hearts and to be faithful unto death, that we may receive the crown of everlasting life. Hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom be all honor and glory, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord, hear our silent prayers...

[We pause for a moment of silent prayer.]

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for You have made us Your chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation belonging to You, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

BIRTHDAYS

July 13 Tom Hannemann
 July 14 Jonathan House, Kate Lothamer, Timothy Lyon
 July 15 Kevin James, Jamin Lake, Lindsay Stacey
 July 16 Gary Johnson, Julia Schafer, Chad Sexton, Alexander Wardenburg
 July 17 David Boysen, Kathryn Hannemann, Martin Kranz, Roberta Luers, Andrea Palmersheim, Rhonda Waters, Brilynn Yansky
 July 18 Melissa Crossland, Ella Raddatz
 July 19 Darci Stiles

STEWARDSHIP July 5/6, 2025

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 7/5—5:30pm	48	Contributions	\$11,669.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 7/6—8:00am	69	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 7/6—10:30am	143		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	260	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	18/61

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, July 13—20, 2025

<u>Sunday, 7/13—NYG Commissioning at 10:30</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	TOPS	8:00am
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Windmill Manor	2:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am		
Pre NYG Meeting	12:00pm	<u>Thursday, 7/17</u>	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
<u>Monday, 7/14</u>		Atrium Village	3:30pm
Staff Meeting/Vicar's Farewell Lunch	12:00pm	Cross and Entrance Committee	7:00pm
Old Capitol Quilters	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
Outreach Committee	6:30pm	<u>Friday, 7/18</u>	
		LWML IED Retreat	
<u>Tuesday, 7/15</u>			
Old Capitol Quilters Workshop	8:00am	<u>Saturday, 7/19</u>	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	Worship Service	5:30pm
NYG Dinner and Meeting	6:00pm		
SM-Small Group/Marcia	6:30pm	<u>Sunday, 7/20</u>	
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship Service	8:00am
		Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am
<u>Wednesday, 7/16</u>		Worship Service	10:30am
NYG Departs	6:30am		

It is nearing that time!

It is nearing that time when Vicar & Rachel Simmons will be heading back to the seminary for Vicar's final year of academics. Vicar's farewell and last Sunday will be July 27.

There will be a farewell lunch following the late service. Chicken and drinks will be provided. We ask that the congregation bring side dishes and desserts to share. All are invited.

Vicar and Rachel will need help loading the moving truck on Sunday, JULY 27 after the Farewell Luncheon. Some volunteers would be greatly appreciated.



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8:00-8:15 pm closing

STUDENT AGES:

4 year old (who are potty trained)
through 8th grade students (for 2025-26)

Sign up to attend or volunteer:

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ALL Ladies....have we got a fun outing for you to join us on Saturday, August 16. We are going to Barn Yard Putt Putt. It is an 18 hole mini golf court a short drive outside of Iowa City. It is owned by a Mennonite woman who designed the course and with her kids constructed the course. There is no charge to play but she does have a collection box and all monies go to missions. We will meet at church at 9:15 for car pooling and leave church at 9:30 am. Bring a lawn chair (for when you are not golfing), a sandwich for lunch. We will provide drinks, chips and a cookie to go with your sandwich. Also bring money for golf and missions. There is a signup sheet in the narthex so we will know how many to plan for and how many drivers we will need. This will be a fun day. Don't miss out. We plan to leave Barn Yard Putt Putt at 2:00 pm. Contact Cynthia Freundt with questions, 319-855-8891.



Donations needed for the Bricktacular Group Building Activity

This coming winter, Our Redeemer is hosting a Bricktacular Building activity. We need people to donate assorted LEGOS to supply bricks for building. Donations do not have to be just Lego brand; they can be off brand. Donations can be new or used, whole sets or just separate pieces. Donations will be kept for future use and can be left in the church office. Contact Kaja Mueller at: kaja@ourredeemer.org.



Building Healthy Families: Maybe you are experiencing some of the greatest joys of your life right now, or perhaps you feel you are in the lowest of valleys. God knows what you're experiencing. In fact, He has known of your highs and lows all along. Take a moment to recall one of the best times in your life and one of the most difficult. God was there. Both times. He promises to always be with you, and He keeps every one of His promises. Your circumstances will change, as will your emotional responses. But the one constant in your life on which you can depend? His faithfulness. "I will never leave you nor forsake you...Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:5,8 **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER WEARING MY NAME TAG?

Because wearing your name tag helps –

- ◆ others to call you by name
- ◆ you to be known by others
- ◆ encourage new members to wear their name tags
- ◆ those who have a hard time remembering names
- ◆ start conversations
- ◆ everyone to get to know each other better
- ◆ to identify those who are members and those who are visiting
- ◆ those who think they know your name, but because you're wearing your name tag, they can be sure of it



Trying to find friendly new furry family member?



A member of our church family is looking to relocate their 5-year-old indoor cat to a new home. She is a quiet and extremely soft cat who takes up very little space and is happy to lounge around the house all day and be a companion. She is great with adults but a bit nervous around children and would be better off in a home with no, older, or grown children. She is spayed, completely house trained, and comes with all the necessities (litterbox, food bowl, fountain water bowl). She and all of her amenities are free to a good home. If you would like more details, please contact the church office!

STOCK THE PANTRY



*Let's help
Vicar Vought & family
with their*

Pantry Needs

The Vought family will be moving into the vicarage soon. Let's give them a warm Our Redeemer welcome with things for their pantry.

Suggested items to donate include:

- *non-perishable food items
- *household goods
- *paper products
- *cleaning supplies
- *gift cards (grocery store, local restaurants or area businesses)

The items collected will be presented to them upon their arrival. We will continue to collect them through his installation in August. Please place your donations of goods in the box in the Narthex. **However**, please put your donations of gift cards in the church office.

Our Redeemer Youth 28 Annual Colorado Peach Fundraiser



9-11 pounds per flat
15-20 peaches per flat
\$25.00 a flat

We're so excited to host our Peach Sale this year! We continue to pray for a good harvest as we look forward to the arrival of fresh, handpicked, juicy Colorado peaches. As always, orders will be filled on a first come first serve basis – as quantities allow. Please get your order form in early.

1. Your cleared check is your confirmation receipt.
2. You will be officially notified by postcard of the exact pick-up date and time once we get word that our peaches are ready. Pick up will be at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, **possibly** in August or September (depending on ripening of fruit).
3. On **pick up day**, you **must have** your **reminder postcard** in hand. If you are having someone else pick up your peaches, please give them your postcard.
4. Complete form, cut along dotted line and *keep top portion* for your records. *Return bottom portion* with cash or a check payable to "LYF". Orders must be **prepaid**. Orders should be dropped off at or mailed to:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Attn: Peaches
2301 East Court Street
Iowa City, IA 52245

5. Questions or comments: Phone #319-338-5626 OR email: peaches@ourredeemer.org

Cut on dotted line Cut on dotted line

2025 Order Form

Return with payment to Church – No phone orders accepted

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Attn: Peaches
2301 East Court Street
Iowa City, IA 52245

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Date _____
Check #/Cash _____
Amount \$ _____
Deposit # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Number of Flats: _____ @ \$25.00/Flat=\$_____ **(2 flats = 1 box)**

IF APPLICABLE, name of youth who told you about peaches: _____

*We greatly appreciate your support of youth ministry programs at Our Redeemer!
All proceeds will go to the youth and their mission projects.*

THANK YOU FOR ORDERING!

Colorado Peaches

OUR REDEEMER YOUTH 28TH ANNUAL PEACH FUNDRAISER

Pickup date is determined when peaches are ready to harvest, usually in August or September. You will be notified by email and a postcard of the exact pickup date & time.



ORDER & PREPAY NOW

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OUR REDEEMER
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Summer Preschool Newsletter



Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!

July 7—11, 2025

Director/Teacher: Kaja Mueller M-F Assistants: Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH

Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949

Fax: 319-338--9171

www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org

preschool@ourredeemer.org



A QUESTION TO ASK YOUR KIDS!

How would the world be different if animals could talk?

ART - Enable children to...

- *create an expression of self
- *work with a wide variety of materials
- *experiment with color, texture, and shape
- *use visual expression as a means of communication
- *develop problem-solving skills
- *improve fine-muscle control

Things Not To Worry About When Your Child Starts School

Won't tell you anything about what he did at school.

Some kids just like to keep home and school separate. Others find it confusing to try to summarize a day's events. Try asking about specifics. If you are really curious, feel free to check with your child's teacher.



Youth

6th —12th Grade

Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org (319) 855-2728



Sunday School

Sunday, July 13th

9:20 am — 10:05 am



**Lesson: The King Arrives—
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Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 24:7-10

PEACH UPDATE

The 2025 Peach forms were mailed out. If you have not received one there are some available in the office.



Are you volunteering for VBS?
If so, don't forget to register for it.

Sign up to volunteer:

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Upcoming Events

NYG Commissioning
July 13 ~ 10:30 service
NYG July 15-24



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Wednesday, July 16th

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Sunday, July 27th

Vicar Farewell Luncheon
12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



Sunday School

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OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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DEADLINES

Reflections (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 pm

Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20th of each month.

RADIO

Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio—WMT 600 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 6:30 am, and KXEL 1540 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to www.LHM.org.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has a strong, caring ministry with children and youth. To promote the safest and most secure environment possible all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, undergo a background screening before working with younger members. Performing background checks provides safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth, and children.