

# OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

904 Bluff Street Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

## THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

*A traditional, liturgical, Biblical congregation in the heart of Cedar Falls ministering to sinners with the forgiving presence of Christ.*

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### THE 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 15, 2023

**TO OUR VISITORS** We rejoice that you have joined us this morning to hear the Word of God, receive His gifts of life and salvation, and to respond to His faithfulness with “Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs” *Ephesians 5:19*

- ✘ Please take the time to fill out the Communion Registration/Visitors' Cards which are in the small card holders on the pew.
- ✘ Please read the announcement below regarding Communion.
- ✘ Guests who will not be communing may place the Visitor's card in the Offering.
- ✘ Guests who intend to commune are asked to announce this intention to the Elder and give the card to the Usher as they come forward to receive communion.
- ✘ Following the Service, a member of the Board of Communication and Outreach has a small gift for you.

#### OUR REDEEMER PRACTICES CLOSED COMMUNION



The Sacrament of the Altar is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink, instituted by Christ Himself. As we receive this Sacrament, the oneness of fellowship at the Altar (I Corinthians 10:17) presupposes a oneness in doctrine with the Apostles (Acts 2:42). For this reason the congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have agreed to follow the Biblical and historical practice of Closed Communion. If you desire to receive the Lord's Supper and are not a communicant member of Our Redeemer or a sister congregation in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we respectfully ask that you not commune this morning. Rather, we would invite you

to speak with Pastor Knox, Pastor Saunders, or Vicar Goodroad about Holy Communion and about becoming a communicant member of this congregation.

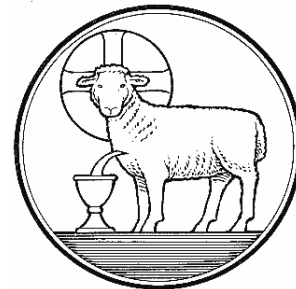
**TODAY IS THE 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD** The Epiphany Season, in which the Church now finds herself, is perhaps the least recognized part of the Church Year. The word Epiphany means “revelation” or “manifestation.” Literally, it refers to something making itself known.

The word “epiphany” has been used in later history to describe the visit of a king to a favored city. He was greeted with pomp, feasting, and revelry; all at the king's expense! Upon his arrival, he granted generous gifts as signs of his favor. In this way, he made himself known to his people as a king.

The Epiphany of Jesus is our Lord's gracious “manifestation” to His people with signs and wonders by which He reveals Himself and His favor to His people. During the Epiphany season, the appointed readings reveal how Jesus made Himself known through His miracles and teaching. For example, today in the reading we hear Andrew say, **“We have found the Messiah.”** Not so fast Andrew. The Lord, the Messiah, made Himself known to you.

But the Epiphany season is more than a time to recall the historical evidence of Jesus' divinity. The Word of God serves also to reveal the Jesus, the gracious King, who continues to come to His waiting people upon whom He lavishes gifts. For that reason when the Church hears from the lips of John, ***“Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”*** She then confesses her faith by singing, “O Christ, the Lamb of God, Thou takest away the sin of the world; have mercy on us . . . grant us Thy peace.” The lavish gifts the Lamb of God brings are not silver and gold, but the gifts of His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting.

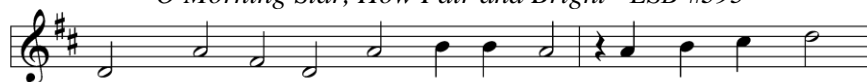
The color of Paraments in the Epiphany season is green. Green is the color of life and growth in the Church. The Church is alive because she draws her very life from Jesus who makes Himself known and gives His life to His people.



# I. THE PREPARATION

## Hymn of Invocation

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” LSB #395



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in  
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls  
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!  
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -  
In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -  
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!  
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.  
with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,  
Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us  
Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.  
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.  
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

5. O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!
6. What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace, transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning  
For the day of Your returning!

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**Stand**

**Invocation**

P/V: In the name of the Father and of the (✠) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

C: **Amen.**

**The Confession of Sin**

P/V: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P/V: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

P/V: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

P/V: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

P/V: Almighty God, 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 be the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: **Amen.**

*Mark 16:16; John 1:12*

**II. SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**The Introit**



*(Ps. 19:1-4a, b; antiphon: Ps. 19:14)*

Cantor: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in Your sight,\*  
O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

Cong: **The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*  
and the sky above proclaims His | handiwork.**

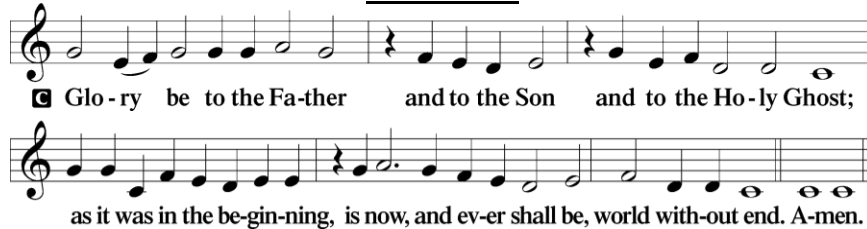
**Day to day | pours out speech,\*  
and night to night reveals | knowledge.**

**There is no speech, nor | are there words,\*  
whose voice | is not heard.**

**Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.\*  
In them He has set a tent | for the sun.**

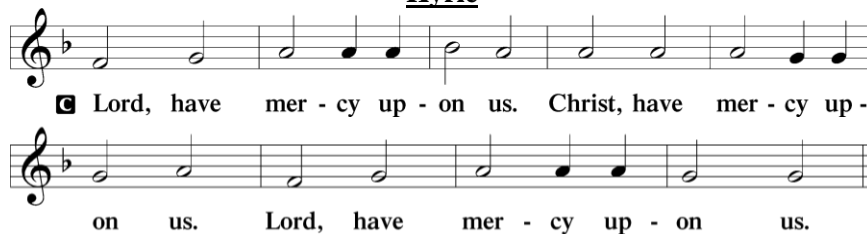
Cantor: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in Your sight,\*  
O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

**Gloria Patri**



**Kyrie**

*Mark 10:47*



## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## The Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.

*II Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## The Collect of the Day

**P:** Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

Be seated

The Old Testament

Isaiah 49:1-7

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

*Psalm 40:1-11 (antiphon v. 3)*

Cantor: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.\*  
Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD.

Cong: I waited patiently | for the Lord;\*

He inclined to me and | heard my cry.

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | miry bog,\*  
and set my feet upon a rock, making my | steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.\*

Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the Lord.

Blessèd is the man who makes the | Lord his trust,\*

who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us;  
none can com- | pare with You!\*

I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than | can be told.

Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but You have given me an | open ear.\*

Burnt offering and sin offering You have | not required.

Then I said, "Behold, | I have come;\*

in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of Me:

I desire to do Your will, | O My God;\*

Your law is with- | in My heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congre- | gation;\*

behold, I have not restrained my lips, as You know, | O Lord.

I have not hidden Your deliverance within My heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness  
and Your sal- | vation;\*

I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness from the great congre- | gation.

As for You, O Lord, You will not restrain Your mer- | cy from Me;\*

Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever pre- | serve Me!

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\**

*and to the Holy | Spirit;*

*as it was in the be- | ginning,\**

*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

Cantor: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.\*  
Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD.

The Epistle

I Corinthians 1:1-9

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Alleluia/Verse



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Cantor: Behold, the | Lamb of God\*

who takes away the sin | of the world! (*John 1:29*)



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## The Holy Gospel

John 1:29-42a

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life (✝) of the world to come. Amen**

**The Hymn of The Day**

“When All the World Was Cursed” LSB#346



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses’ con - dem - na - tion,  
2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,  
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world’s trans - gres - sion,  
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.  
Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.  
Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il’s dread op - pres - sion.  
The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner’s zeal The great - er One he named,  
By Jor - dan’s roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,  
Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,  
That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior’s way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.  
He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:  
Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.  
Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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**The Sermon**

Following the Sermon, please rise to sing the Offertory

Stand

**The Offertory**

Psalm 51:10-12



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**The Prayers**

*Various Petitions are prayed. Each petition will conclude with the response:*

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

*The Congregation, gathered for worship in person, will now be receiving the Sacrament of the Altar. This most significant portion of the Divine Service, when our Lord Jesus Christ draws near to His people with His flesh and blood, will not be streamed. Members desiring to receive the Sacrament who are unable to be present in the Church will be visited by one of our pastors to bring them the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.*

*Those who have joined us online for the Service of the Word are now encouraged to pray the Lord's prayer.*

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from (⌘) evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**May the Lord bless and keep you.**

**Please call Pastor Knox (319/231-9761) if you would like to receive a Pastoral visit.**

**THOSE SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE THIS WEEK**

**Elder:** Tom Strub **Service Assistants:** Colton Boyv **Organist:** Roxann List  
**Ushers:** Al Nissen, Dean Garms **Tellers:** Jonah Bolin, Tom Strub **Shut-Ins:** Roxann List

**Sunday, January 8, 2022**

**Attendance: 98 Communion: 84**

**⌘ OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ⌘**

**Mon. 1/16** 6:30 p.m. Confession and Absolution  
**Wed. 1/18** 10:00 a.m. Our Redeemer Book Club  
11:00 a.m. Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)  
5:25 p.m. Choir  
6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Class  
6:30 p.m. Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)  
**Thur. 1/19** 4:00 p.m. Midweek Youth Catechesis  
**Sat. 1/21** 6:00 p.m. Bible Class at Peace (Voters Meeting)  
7:00 p.m. Divine Service at Peace  
**Sun. 1/22** 9:00 a.m. Divine Service at Our Redeemer  
10:30 am. Sunday School and Bible Class

**Readings and Hymns for January 22, 2023 – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

The Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; I Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-25

Psalmody: Psalm 27:1-9 (antiphon: v. 7)

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## **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. Beginning on January 15, we will begin a review of the ACELC document entitled, “Ten Theses on God’s Arrangement of the Sexes.” These theses address the unique and distinctive roles which God has established for men and women. We will also go back and dig deeper into the gender restrictions which God has placed on the pastoral office in I Timothy Chapter 2.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday.

**WEEKLY READINGS/HYMNS STUDY** This class meets on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. to study the weekly readings, hymns, and propers for the upcoming Sunday. It is a way to prepare for the coming week’s Divine Service.

**THE VICAR’S BIBLE STUDY** This class meets at Our Redeemer on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 9:00 a.m. and at Peace in Shell Rock on the Tuesday of that same week at 6:00 p.m. The class is studying the words of hymns and the Scriptural texts which underlie these hymns. The class will meet again in January on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** The Jr. High/Sr. High Youth meet for Bible Study with Vicar Goodroad on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. The class will meet again in January on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** The regular time for Corporate Confession and Absolution, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month, will take place tomorrow, Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Time for Individual Confession and Absolution will be available after the Service of Corporate Confession and is always available by appointment as well. Please call Pastor Knox or Pastor Saunders to make those arrangements.

**FLOWER CHART:** The 2023 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please consider placing flowers on the altar to commemorate a special occasion or “just because.” Cost is \$40 – you will be billed directly by Bancroft’s. Please fill out the Altar Flower card; we take care of the rest – please contact Sara Lair for details (319-266-1163; [sjlair@cfu.net](mailto:sjlair@cfu.net)).

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** this morning are given by Walt Miller in loving memory of his wife Nadine and son Tom Miller. *“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”* Isaiah 41:10

**2022 INDIVIDUAL OFFERING STATEMENTS-** Thank you for your offerings during 2022. Everyone's budget feels the pinch of inflation, so your continued giving is greatly appreciated. You can pick up your offering statement in the Parish Hall. The statements were generated slightly differently this year. If anything appears incorrect or if you have questions, please contact our Financial Secretary, Stephen Hoffman ([stephen.d.hoffman@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.d.hoffman@gmail.com); 319.560.5879).

**THE UPDATED PHOTO DIRECTORY** is available in the Narthex after the Service this morning. We have done our best to make it accurate. If you see a correction which needs to be made, please alert Tammy Knox.

**THE EPIPHANY EDITION OF THE REPORTER** is available in the Narthex following the Service this morning.

**THE JAN.-MARCH POTALS OF PRAYER AND THE JANUARY LUTHERAN WITNESS** are available in the Narthex and the Parish Hall.

**ISSUES, Etc. - EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app, and your favorite podcast provider.

**HIGH SCHOOL WEEKEND VISIT** High School students interested in learning more about College life and how to remain connected to the Church while attending college are invited to attend College Hill Lutheran’s High School Weekend Visit. The event will take place January 21-22. A poster about the event is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. More information is available online at: [www.college-hill.org/high-school-weekend/](http://www.college-hill.org/high-school-weekend/)

**WILD GAME/VENISON FEED** Tickets (\$15) are available for the St. John Denver Wild Game/Venison Feed. The event will take place on Sunday, February 5. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the meal will be served around 5:00. You may call St. John’s Lutheran in Denver (319-984-5351) to make your reservations. Proceeds from the event support the Seminarian fund at St. John. Ticket sales are being limited from previous years so call soon.



**WHO IS MY ELDER?** In the recently updated Congregational Photo Directory, each individual/family is identified as part of an Elder Zone. This designation follows the family name – for example it may read, (Zone 1) or (Zone 4). The Elders by Zones are:

Zone 1: Rod Lair

Zone 2: Alan Czarnetzki

Zone 3: Ryan Thornton

Zone 4: Tom Strub

Zone 5: Stephen Hoffman

Zone 6: Matt Kenitzer (Head Elder)

If a concern or need ever arises, please feel free to contact the Elder from your Zone. If you are unable to reach your Elder, any of the Elders are happy and willing to help. The Elders assist Pastor Knox and Pastor Saunders in fulfilling their responsibilities as our pastors. The Elders aid in communicating to members from the pastors and from members to the pastors.

**PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY** Start planning now to attend the 2023 Issues, Etc. “Making the Case” Conference Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17 at Concordia University Chicago. Scheduled speakers include:

- LCMS President Matt Harrison
- Mollie Hemingway of Fox News
- Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations
- Kyle Mann of The Babylon Bee
- Pastor Peter Bender of the Concordia Catechetical Academy
- San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone
- Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever.

Early bird registration is \$140 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) or call (618) 223-8385.