

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 Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

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 plate.
- ✘ 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.

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 Baker about Holy Communion and about becoming a communicant member of this congregation.

THOSE SERVING GOD’S PEOPLE THIS WEEK

Elder: Ryan Thornton **Service Assistant:** Brody Irwin

Organist: Roxann List **Ushers:** Stephen Hoffman, Kyle Winter

Tellers: Jonah Bolin, Tom Strub **Shut-Ins:** Jake Jackson



TODAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Jesus embarked on His public ministry following His Baptism at the Jordan. He first endured temptation on your behalf in the wilderness, then returned to Galilee where He preached in the synagogues and performed many miraculous signs and wonders. The content of Jesus’ preaching is summarized by Mark in today’s Gospel, ***“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”***

Jesus’ ministry always had two things in view —first, the ultimate work on your behalf at the cross of Calvary, and, second, His ongoing work of bringing salvation to the world in the years and centuries that would follow His glorious resurrection.

It is this second matter that draws the Church’s attention today. Jesus calls men like Peter, James, and John from their vocation as fishermen into the vocation of the public ministry, that is, being fishers of men. He still calls men into that office today.

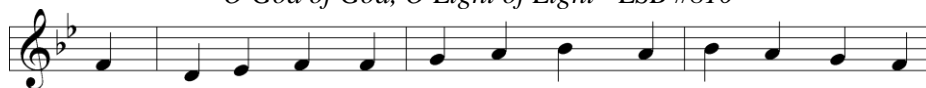
It should come as no surprise that Jesus begins calling men into this special office very early in His public ministry. It is through the Office of the Public Ministry that forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation are brought to a world living in the darkness of sin and death.

This work is not easy. For approximately three years He will teach and train them for the work He will give them as ministers of the Gospel. He warns them of the hardships, the persecution, and the scorn of men. But He also points to the eternal consequences of their labor. Through the word which they preach and the sacraments which they administer, God will gather the “fish” of men into His Church. There they will die and rise with Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism. There they will also be fed by Him who gives His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and life eternal.

I. THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

“O God of God, O Light of Light” LSB #810



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and
2 For deep in proph-ets' sa-cred page, And grand in po-ets'
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in
4 Then raise to Christ a might-y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo-ry bright The song of
wing-ed word, Slow-ly in type, from age to age The na-tions
hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a-bove He reigns, our
mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,
saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night
King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates!
earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry
Rang out the song, “Good-will to men!” Sung once by first - born
So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your
For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.
sons of light, It ech - oes now, “Good - will!” A - men.
King a - waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.
throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.

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Stand/Remain Standing

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.

Psalms 124:8

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

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 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. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit



Cantor: From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*
the name of the Lord is | to be praised!

Cong: **Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,***
praise the name | of the Lord!
Blessèd be the name | of the Lord*
from this time forth and for- | evermore!
The Lord is high above all | nations,*
and His glory above the | heavens!
He raises the poor | from the dust*
and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,
to make them sit with | princes,*
with the princes of His | people.

Cantor: From the rising of the sun to its * setting,*
the name of the Lord is | to be praised!(*Antiphon, Ps. 113:3; Ps. 113:1-2, 4, 7-9*)

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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.

C And with thy spir - it.

II Timothy 4:22

The Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Alleluia/Verse

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

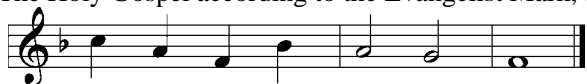
Cantor: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God | is at hand; *
repent and believe in the | gospel. (*Mark 1:15*)

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

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Mark, the 1st 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

"O Christ, Our True and Only Light" #839



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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The Sermon

Following the Sermon, please rise to sing the Offertory

Stand

The Offertory

Psalms 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 Installation of Officers

During the Offertory, all Officers are asked to assemble in the front of the Nave.

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.

✕ OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ✕

Sun. 1/21	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School
	1:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bowling
Mon. 1/22	9:00 a.m.	Vicar's Bible Class at Our Redeemer
	6:30 p.m.	Confession and Absolution
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Elders
Tue. 1/23	6:00 p.m.	Vicar's Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
Wed. 1/24	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	5:25 p.m.	Adult Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study with Vicar
Sat. 1/27	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock
Sun. 1/28	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School

HYMNS/READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

January 28, 2024 The 4th Sunday After Epiphany

Readings: Deut. 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Invocation: Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal..... 916

Hymn of the Day: Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness..... 849

Distribution: Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion..... 559

Distribution: Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal..... 533

Distribution: Son Of God, Eternal Savior..... 842

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. The class is studying Revelation.

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

WEEKLY READINGS/HYMNS STUDY This class meets each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and at 6:30 p.m. The class studies 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 meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 9:00 a.m. The class also meets at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings of the same week at Peace in Shell Rock. The class is studying "Agricultural Themes" throughout the Bible. The class will resume on meet again on January 22/23.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** The Jr. High/Sr. High Youth meet with our Vicar on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:15 and on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION The monthly opportunity for Confession and Absolution has been rescheduled to Monday January 22 at 6:30 p.m.

2024 ALTAR FLOWERS – Donations for Altar Flowers for 2024 can now be given. To reserve a Sunday, please place your name on the Flower Chart in the Parish Hall and fill out a flower donation card which is under the chart. Alternatively, contact Sara Lair – (319) 830-4370 or sjlair@cfu.net. Cost is \$40.00 plus tax – Bancroft will bill you directly.

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

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER AND LUTHERAN WITNESS are available in the Narthex.

THE OUR REDEEMER BOOK CLUB recently began reading a new book, "*The Messianic Message: Predictions, Patterns, and the Presence of Jesus in the Old Testament*," by R. Reed Lessing and Andrew E. Steinmann. The Book Club meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. prior to the weekly Pericopes study. For a book, contact Sara Lair (319) 266-1163; sjlair@cfu.net. This book will "equip you to find the message about the Messiah in each book of the Old Testament." We welcome new members!

SAVE THE DATE FOR A BABY SHOWER – Join us February 4th for a baby shower honoring Pamela and Vicar Baker. The shower starts at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at church. The Bakers are asking for wipes, diapers, and gift cards. They are also registered on Amazon. Please check your email for more details. Thanks Sarah and Michaela

2024 OFFICERS At the November Voters' Meeting the following were elected to serve as Officers during 2024.

President: Doug Nefzger

Vice-President: Stephen Hoffman

Stewardship: Dave Kmoch

Christian Care: Char Strub

Financial Secretary: Greg Gerjerts

Elders: Ryan Thornton, Alan Czarnetzki

Trustees: Brad Bovy, Dusty Greiman

Endowment Committee: David Jackson

They join the following whose terms of office continue in 2024:

Secretary: Gerry Peterson

Treasurer: Tim Koch

Education: Ryan Thornton

Youth: Anna Staudinger

Communication and Outreach: Jim Niebergall

Elders: Matt Kenitzer, Tom Strub, Stephen Hoffman, Rod Lair

Trustees: Chris Fink, Dean Fink, Blake Wayson, Kelly Barber

Endowment Committee: Dave Kmoch, Cathy Niebergall