

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 4th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 29, 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.

THOSE SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE THIS WEEK

Elder: Matt Kenitzer **Service Assistant:** Brady Wayson

Organist: Roxann List **Ushers:** Greg Gerjerts, David Kmoch

Tellers: Paula Czarnetzki, Char Strub **Shut-Ins:** Becca Barber

Sunday, January 22, 2022

Attendance: 97 Communion: 85

TODAY IS THE 4th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Jesus is Baptized, Jesus is declared the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, Jesus overcomes the devil, Jesus goes into Galilee to heal the sick and lame, Jesus preaches in the Synagogues, Jesus gathers a group of men and tells them that He will make them fishers of men, Jesus calls sinners to repentance and declares that “the kingdom of heaven” is in your midst.

Notice something? Jesus is busy! Jesus is doing! Jesus is being the savior. So today Jesus declares “Blessed are . . .” Who do you think this is about? Jesus. Jesus is the blessed one and Jesus is the one who does the blessing. That's what the well known “Beatitudes” are all about. They are about Jesus.

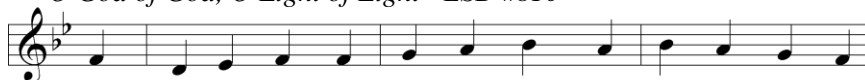
Jesus blesses when a person is baptized into His death and resurrection. Jesus blesses when His teaching breathes the breath of life into your sin wearied soul. Jesus blesses when He gives His body and blood to you for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus is being Jesus when He says of you today, “Blessed are you.”



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

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. SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Introit



(Psalm 1:1-5; antiphon: v. 6)

Cantor: For the Lord knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Cong: **Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,*
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;
but his delight is in the law | of the Lord,*
and on His law he meditates | day and night.**

**He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not | wither.*
In all that he does, he | prospers.**

**The wicked | are not so,*
but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.**

**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,*
nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous.**

**For the Lord knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.**

Cantor: For the Lord knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

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

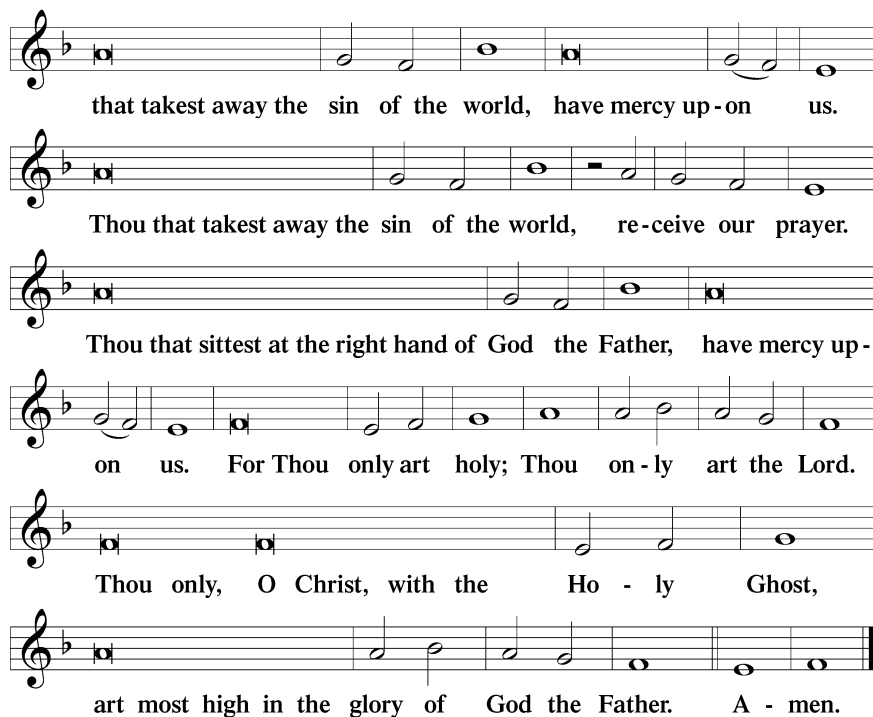
Mark 10:47

☐ 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.

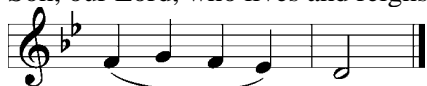
II Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

The Collect of the Day

P: Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

Micah 6:1-8

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

“The Tree of Life” LSB #561

1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's
2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,
3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of
4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -

ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and
as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -

sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this
guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of
seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a
lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this

gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would
fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to

knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
eat, To find with - in this cross of

dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
played With - in the world so new - ly made.
dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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The Epistle

I Corinthians 1:18–31

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: Blessed are the poor in | spirit, *
for theirs is the kingdom of | heaven. (Matthew 5:3)

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Matthew, the 5th 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

Be Seated

The Hymn of The Day

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” LSB #398



1 Hail to the Lord’s a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid’s great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;
5 O’er ev - ’ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;
The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.
His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

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.

Stand

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 ✠

Wed. 2/1	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.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
Thur. 2/2	4:00 p.m.	Midweek Youth Catechesis
Sat. 2/4	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace
Sun. 2/5	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 am.	Sunday School and Bible Class

Readings and Hymns for February 5, 2023 – The 5th Sunday after Epiphany

The Readings: Isaiah 58:3-9a; 1 Cor. 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20

Psalmody: Psalm 112 (antiphon: v. 4)

Invocation: Thy Strong Word..... 578

Hymn of the Day: Salvation Unto Us Has Come555 (1-5)

Distribution: Salvation Unto Us Has Come555 (6-10)

Distribution: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness 563

Distribution: O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire..... 553

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. This week we resume reviewing 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 2nd and 4th 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 February on the 13th and 14th.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY The Jr. High/Sr. High Youth meet for Bible Study with Vicar Goodroad on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. and holiness. In February the class will meet on the 1st and the 15th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR REDEEMER – Thank you so much for your prayers, love, and support throughout sister Sandi Ocampo’s life and death. You are the best!

El and Kay Heth, Debbie Glenn

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).

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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE IOWA PRAYER RALLY FOR LIFE at the Iowa Capital building on Monday, February 6. This event is co-hosted by Lutheran Family Service. Join with others in prayer and learn how to speak and act in defense of, and respect for, all life. Details of the event may be found on the [Lutheran Family Service](#) and [Iowa Prayer Rally](#) Facebook pages.

THEOLOGY FOR WHITE COLLAR, BLUE COLLAR & CLERICAL COLLAR... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: I Am the Resurrection & the Life; Pastoral Visitation; The Nicene Creed; Pastoral Sabbaticals and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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 or call (618) 223-8385.

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

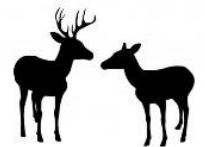
Zone 6: Matt Kenitzer (Head Elder)

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.

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

THE JAN.-MARCH POTALS OF PRAYER, THE EPIPHANY EDITION OF THE REPORTER, THE JANUARY LUTHERAN WITNESS, AND THE IDE TODAY is available in the Narthex and Parish Hall.

WILD GAME/VENISON FEED Tickets (\$15) are available for the St. John Denver Wild Game/Venison Feed. The event will take place next Sunday, February 5. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. 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.



BOOK CLUB – Our Redeemer's Book Club will begin a new book, A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World, by Bryan Wolfmueller, this coming Wednesday, February 1, at 10:00 a.m. The book shows that martyrs such as St. Stephen, St. Perpetua, and Polycarp, among others, are not defined by their achievements, but instead they stand as bold rejection of sin and, coupled with patient endurance, they hold fast to the firm believe in the joy of the life to come. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS STUDY. To obtain a book, please contact Sara Lair (sjlair@cfu.net; 319/266-1163).

ARE YOU MISSING A BOWL, PAN, OR FOOD CONTAINER? There are several containers on the Kitchen counter which are looking for their owner and need a home. Please check in the kitchen and see if one or more of them belong to you. Thanks.