

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost October 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 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:** Matt Kenitzer **Service Assistant:** Brady Wayson

**Organist:** Roxann List **Ushers:** Chris Fink, Dan List

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



**TODAY IS THE 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** In the Gospel appointed for today, Jesus begins, *“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.”* So the kingdom of God is like a wedding banquet.

To receive a wedding invitation is a privilege. The wedding couple and their families regard you as someone important in their lives and they want you to attend this joyous occasion. Unless there are exceptional reasons, to decline such an invitation is disrespectful of the one who does the inviting.

In the culture and context in which Jesus spoke this parable it was more than disrespectful to decline an invitation to a wedding feast, it was insulting to the host! Jesus understood the cultural significance of declining a wedding invitation so He chose His example well when making a comparison to how the Pharisees, Chief Priest, and Elders were rejecting Him.

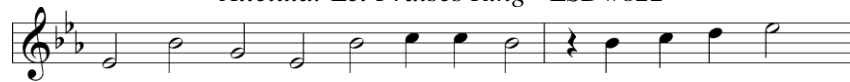
The rejection of God’s gracious invitation to the marriage feast of His Son has even more dire consequences than the hosts considering you rude or disrespectful. Those who stubbornly and foolishly reject God’s gracious invitation will not receive the benefits of Christ’s work on their behalf. Similarly, those who seek entrance into the wedding banquet dressed in any garments other than the righteousness of Christ will be cast out *“into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”*

Today you are once again reminded of the wedding banquet that you are already enjoying. You have already been welcomed by the King to the banquet of His Son and His bride the Church. You have already been given the necessary wedding garments in Holy Baptism and been seated at the place of honor to feast on the lavish banquet that Christ Himself provides in His flesh and blood. These are a foretaste of the feast to come!

# I. THE PREPARATION

## Hymn of Invocation

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring” LSB #822



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! To God the Fa -  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Lamb  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.  
of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.  
ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.  
une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -  
He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in  
The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to  
With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.  
that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.  
the Bride - groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.  
es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;  
Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.  
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;  
Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.  
His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.  
There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.  
Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

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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: I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;\*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

**Cong: I will greatly rejoice | in the Lord;\***

**my soul shall exult | in my God,**

**for He has clothed me with the garments of sal- | vation;\***

**He has covered me with the robe of | righteousness,**

**as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful | headdress,\***

**and as a bride adorns herself | with her jewels.**

Cantor: I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;\*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

*(Is. 61:10; antiphon: Ps. 146:2)*

### 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

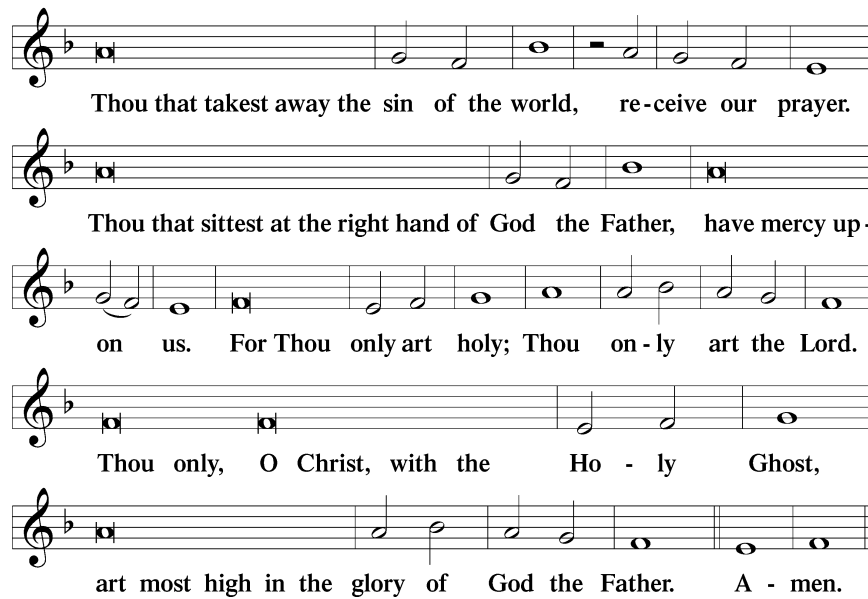
*Mark 10:47*

☐ 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.

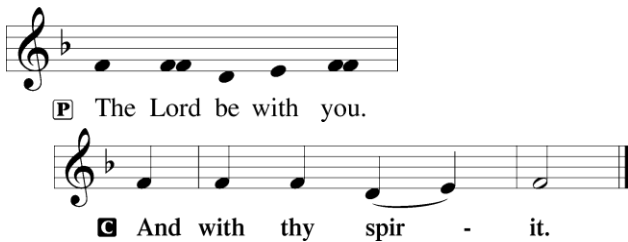


Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon 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 God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; 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*

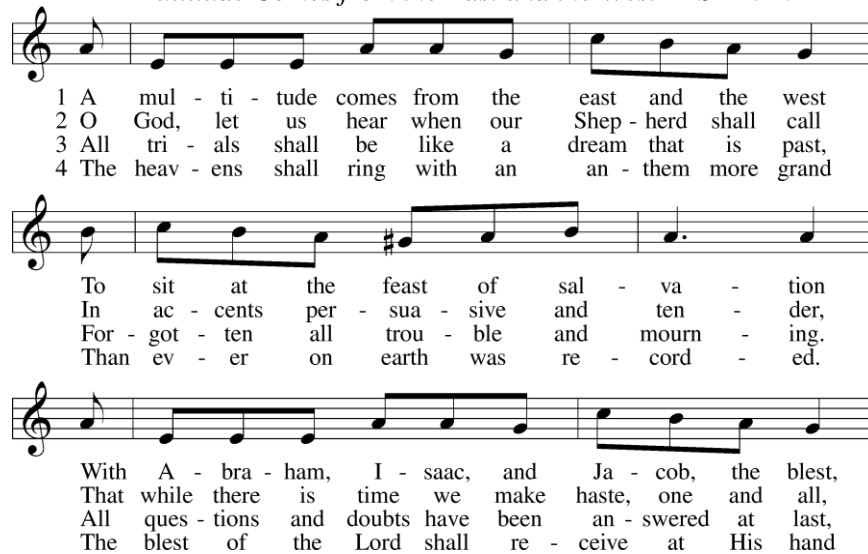
**The Old Testament**

Isaiah 25:6-9

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C:** Thanks be to God

**The Gradual**

*“A Multitude Comes from the East and the West” LSB #510*



1 A mul-ti-tude comes from the east and the west  
 2 O God, let us hear when our Shep-herd shall call  
 3 All tri-als shall be like a dream that is past,  
 4 The heav-ens shall ring with an an-them more grand

To sit at the feast of sal-va-tion  
 In ac-cents per-sua-sive and ten-der,  
 For-got-ten all trou-ble and mourn-ing,  
 Than-ev-er on earth was re-cord-ed.

With A-bra-ham, I-saac, and Ja-cob, the blest,  
 That while there is time we make haste, one and all,  
 All ques-tions and doubts have been an-swered at last,  
 The blest of the Lord shall re-ceive at His hand

O - bey - ing the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion.  
 And find Him, our might - y de - fend - er.  
 When ris - es the light of that morn - ing.  
 The crown to the vic - tors a - ward - ed.

Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!  
 Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!  
 Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!  
 Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!

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**The Epistle**

Philippians 4:4-13

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: The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." Let the one who | hears say, "Come."\*

Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life | without price.

*Revelation 22: 17*

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

**The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 22:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</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**

*"In the Shattered Bliss of Eden" #572*

1 In the shat - tered bliss of E - den Dawned the  
2 Days and months and years un - fold - ing Clear - ly  
3 What these sac - ri - fic - es prom - ised From a  
4 Lamb of God, once slain for sin - ners, Host, who

day of sac - ri - fice, As our pri - mal par - ents  
showed what sin had wrought: Fall - en Ad - am's chil - dren  
God who sought to bless, Came at last— a sec - ond  
spreads this meal di - vine, Here You pledge our sins are

shud - dered— Sin had caused this dread - ful price!  
learn - ing Les - sons fall - en par - ents taught.  
Ad - am— Priest and King of Righ - teous - ness:  
cov - ered, Pledge re - ceived in bread and wine:

Faith em - barked with this dis - cern - ment: On - ly  
All these sac - ri - fi - cial of - f'rings Crest - ed  
Son of God, in - car - nate Sav - ior, Son of  
"Take and eat; this is My bod - y, Giv - en

God can cov - er sin, As He took their leaf - y  
as a crim - son flood: Pa - tri - archs and priests a -  
Man, both Christ and Lord, Who in na - ked shame would  
on the cross for you. Take and drink; this cup of

gar - ments And He clothed their shame with skin.  
ton - ing For their sins with cleans - ing blood.  
of - fer On the cross His blood out - poured.  
bless - ing Is My blood poured out for you."

5. Taste and see the bliss of heaven known by saints around the throne,  
Where the Lamb, in closest union, lives to love and feed His own.  
From His riven side forever flows the purest stream of love,  
Love that robes us with the raiment worn by all who feast above.
6. Gone the bliss of Eden's garden, gone the age of sacrifice;  
Ours the time of grace and favor, ours the call to paradise!  
Ever, Lord, impress upon us: Only You can cover sin—  
Take our worthless, self-made garments; clothe our shame and cleanse within.

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**The Sermon**

*Following the Sermon, please rise to sing the Offertory*

The Offertory


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.**

## **✠ OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ✠**

<b>Sun. 10/15</b>	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School and Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Choir Rehearsal
	1:00 p.m.	Cedar Falls Historical Society Tour of Churches
<b>Mon. 10/16</b>	6:30 p.m.	Confession and Absolution
<b>Wed. 10/18</b>	10:00 a.m.	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)
	7:30 p.m.	Nominations' Committee
<b>Sat. 10/21</b>	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock
<b>Sun. 10/22</b>	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School and Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Choir Rehearsal

### **HYMNS/READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

#### **Sunday, October 22 - The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24)**

Readings: Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Invocation: Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten ..... 914

Gradual: "Venite" ..... Matins, pp. 220-221

Hymn of the Day: Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me ..... 683

Distribution: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence ..... 621

Distribution: Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray ..... 623

Distribution: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name ..... 940

### **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. They are currently studying the Book of 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 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 Fall Vicar Baker meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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. During October the class will meet again 10/23 at Our Redeemer and 10/24 at Peace.

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** The Jr. High/Sr. High Youth meet for Bible Study with our Vicar on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:15 and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. (There will be food on Wednesdays at 6:15) On Sunday mornings the youth will be studying 1 Corinthians, comparing the experience of the Christians in largely pagan Corinth with our circumstances today. On Wednesdays the youth will choose topics to discuss with Vicar



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY** Altar Flowers are given by Jim and Joan Bunkofske in loving remembrance of Kenneth Bunkofske, Jim's brother. *"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."* Revelation 21:4

**FLOWER CHART** There are a few Sundays remaining in 2023 to sign up for Altar Flowers. The flower chart is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall – or contact Sara Lair for details (319) 266-1163; [sjlair@cfu.net](mailto:sjlair@cfu.net).

**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, October 16 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.

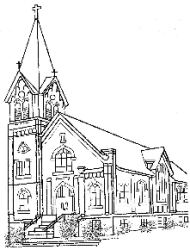
**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN** will be singing during the Divine Service next Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Parents – the children should meet before church by 8:45a.m. in the Music Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Education Wing. Questions can be directed to Pamela Baker.

**OUR REDEEMER BOOK CLUB** – "Good News for Anxious Christians: 10 Practical Things You Don't Have to Do" by Phillip Cary is the book Our Redeemer's Book Club recently began to read and discuss. We meet Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. (right before the Midweek Pericopes study). Need a book? Contact Sara Lair (319-266-1163) Or, just drop in and listen to the discussion – we would love to see you!



**MEN'S CHOIR** We're still looking for men to participate in a men's choir at Our Redeemer. There are no special skills required, and the commitment is minimal. The Men's Choir will sing for Reformation Sunday. There will be short 30-minute rehearsals following Bible study on Sunday mornings, and Vicar is willing to offer additional rehearsals after choir on select Wednesdays if requested. Please speak with Vicar Baker if you have questions or are interested in joining.

**WEEKLY STUDY OF THE READINGS** Reminder: The study of the weekly readings is being offered both on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. This is just one more option for the members of Our Redeemer to be those who can pray with the Psalmist, *"You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word."* (Psalm 119:114)



**CEDAR FALLS HISTORIC CHURCHES TOUR** Next Sunday, October 15, Our Redeemer will be participating in the Cedar Falls Historical Society Churches Tour from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. It is an open house format. Our Redeemer is one of six churches that were asked to be a part of this event. This is an excellent opportunity to learn of the history and unique attributes of Our Redeemer, along with other Cedar Falls churches. Tickets are \$15 for adults and free for children 12 and under. There is a brief article about the tour in the most recent REPORTER.



**OUR REDEEMER WILL BE COMMEMORATING THE REFORMATION** on Sunday, October 29. On this Sunday we confess the great Reformation theme – Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fide we means "Scripture Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone."

We will observe the Festival of All Saints on Sunday, November 5. On this day in the Church Year, the people of God will give thanks for the salvation of those whom our gracious Lord has already delivered from this vale of tears. While we on this day remember all who have died in Christ, in particular we remember those from our congregations who died since our last observance of All Saints Day.



**From Our Redeemer:** Martin Baedke, Sandra Ocampo, Wayne Heins

**From Peace:** Dixie Neuhaus

### **CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES**

In an effort to keep the members of Our Redeemer aware of our financial condition as a congregation, the following is provided by the Board of Stewardship and the Financial Secretary.

- Giving/income Year to Date \$177,345.88 (*through September*)
- Budget Year to Date: \$183,300
- Difference: -\$5,954.12