

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 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

The Feast of All Saints

November 5, 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.



TODAY WE OBSERVE THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS The Feast of All Saints actually falls on November 1 but in the Church's practice it is customary to move it to a nearby Sunday. Today we rejoice in the victory that Christ has won for all people and which He has given to those who have lived and died in Him. God has called them forth from this vale of tears to the eternal blessedness of His glorious presence, and for them the time of waiting is over.

But for those of us who remain on earth the waiting continues. As we wait we do so with great expectancy because we know that the victory that the Saints who have gone before us now enjoy in perfection is a victory in which we also share. While ours is still by faith and theirs is by sight, one day we also will join with them in glory, around the throne of God, to worship the Lamb in His kingdom. Thus each week in the Communion Liturgy we confess,

With angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing, 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

This Feast Day, like other festivals, gives the Church the opportunity to do what the Scriptures and our Lutheran Confessions remind us is good and proper, that is, to remember God's gracious working in and through various persons to accomplish His saving work. The Lutheran Confessions speak in the following way concerning the saints:

"It is also taught among us that saints should be kept in remembrance so that our faith may be strengthened when we see what grace they received and how they were sustained by faith. Moreover, their good works are to be an example for us, each of us in his own calling."

While we on this day remember all who have died in Christ, in particular we remember those from our congregations who died during this past Church Year. We are thankful for the time God granted us together and we are thankful for the good they did and the example they left us. The Rite for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed is included on the Insert in your bulletin. This Rite will incorporate the Prayer of the Church and will take place immediately after the Offertory.

THOSE SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE THIS WEEK

Elder: Ryan Thornton **Service Assistant:** Steven Dekutoski

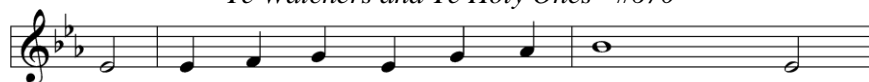
Organist: Roxann List **Ushers:** El Heth, Carson Irwin

Tellers: Chris Fink, James Mishler **Shut-Ins:** Roxann List

I. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Processional Hymn

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” #670



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: “Al - le - lu - ia,
 per - nal an - them ech - o - ing: “Al - le - lu - ia,



“Al - le - lu - ia!” Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 “Al - le - lu - ia!” Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 al - le - lu - ia!” Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 al - le - lu - ia!” To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
 Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 Lord: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 song: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 One: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Introit



Cantor: These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Cong: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*

in Your righteousness de- | liver me.

For You are my rock and my | fortress;*

and for Your name's sake You lead me and | guide me.

Into Your hand I commit my | spirit;*

You have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

Cantor: These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

(Ps. 31:1, 3, 5; 7-8; antiphon: Rev. 7:14b)

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: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Be seated

The First Reading

Revelation 7:2-17

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

The Epistle

I John 3:1-3

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: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of | witnesses, *
let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter | of our faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2



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

The Holy Gospel

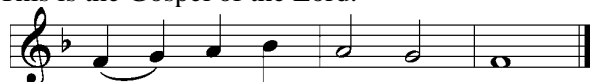
Matthew 5:1-12

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C 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

*“Around The Throne They Stand”
(printed next page)*

Around the Throne They Stand

Daniel Preus

Jon D. Vieker



Choir: 1 A - round the throne they stand, The
 Cong: 2 A - round the throne of God Ten
 Cong: 3 A - round the font of grace Are
 Choir: 4 A - round the bread and cup God's
 Cong: 5 A - round the throne of God The



pa - tri - archs, the proph-ets, mar - tyrs all. They
 thou - sand times ten thou-sand tongues do sing. They
 chil - dren. God to them new life does give. Here
 peo - ple gath - er time and time a - gain. All
 saints a - bove and we on earth now stand, And



bow be - fore the Lamb, They see His face and
 sing of God's great grace. They laud a ris - en
 faith in Christ is born, That those thus born may
 sin and guilt here drown. His of - f'ring can - celed
 all God's chil - dren here And those a - bove who



at His feet they fall. The saints and an - gels
 Sav - ior who did bring Sal - va - tion from all
 now and ev - er live. God's faith - ful ser - vant
 all that could con - demn. The bod - y and the
 sing at His right hand, Di - vid - ed by the



join, Their nev - er - end - ing chant with palms they
 sin, Whose life and death through death to life them
 speaks. Up - on their heads God's Word of life is
 blood Of Christ, the Son of God, they all par -
 veil Of death, see death's dark veil now torn a -



raise. They rise to sing their song, A
 drew. To God and to the Lamb Their
 poured. This gra - cious flood be - stows For -
 take, And now the Fa - ther hears All
 way And sing in com - mon voice To



ho - ly crowd pre - pared for end-less praise.
 voic - es shout sal - va - tion's sto - ry true.
 give - ness, life, sal - va - tion from the Lord.
 prayers His chil - dren bring, for Je - sus' sake.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it end-less - ly.

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The Sermon

Following the Sermon, please rise to sing 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.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P: "I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!" "Yes," says the Spirit, "let them rest from their labors, for what they have done accompanies them." *Rev. 14:13*

A Reading from I Thessalonians 4:13-18

P: Brothers, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who have fallen asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore comfort each other with these words.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us and who have died in the faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever. He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism and nourished them with His body and blood in the company of His people at His holy table. In His mercy He has summoned their souls into His glorious presence where they await the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

The Pastor will read the names of those members of the congregations who have been called into their eternal rest since the last observance of All Saints' Day.

OUR REDEEMER

✘ Martin Lee Baedke ✘ May 26, 1937 - November 30, 2022 Baptized: June 6, 1937	✘ Wayne LeRoy Heins ✘ November 20, 1931 - May 18, 2023 Baptized: March 25, 1932
✘ Sandra Sue Ocampo ✘ May 2, 1951 - January 14, 2023 Baptized: June 10, 1951	✘ Arthur Lee Springer ✘ October 15, 1940 - October 16, 2023 Baptized: April 19, 1980

PEACE

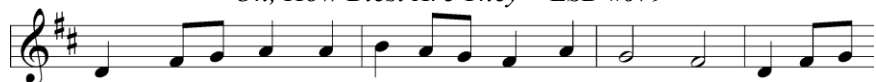
✘ Dixie Lee Neuhaus ✘
October 5, 1931 - June 23, 2023
Baptized: December 30, 1951

A brief time of silence will be observed to recall all others who have died in Christ and who likewise now enjoy the glorious presence of Christ, our Lord.

P: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

C: Amen.

The Hymn of Commemoration
“Oh, How Blest Are They” LSB #679



1 Oh, how blest are they whose toils are end - ed, Who through
2 We are still as in a dun-geon liv - ing, Still op -
3 They mean - while are in their cham-bers sleep - ing, Qui - et
4 Christ has wiped a - way their tears for - ev - er; They have
5 Come, O Christ, and loose the chains that bind us; Lead us



death have un - to God as - cend - ed! They have a - ris - en
pressed with sor - row and mis - giv - ing; Our un - der - tak - ings
and set free from all their weep - ing; No cross or sad - ness
that for which we still en - deav - or. By them are chant - ed
forth and cast this world be - hind us. With You, the A - noint - ed,



From the cares which keep us still in pris - on.
Are but toils and trou - bles and heart - break - ings.
There can hin - der their un - trou - bled glad - ness.
Songs that ne'er to mor - tal ears were grant - ed.
Finds the soul its joy and rest ap - point - ed.

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The Prayers

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

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers will conclude:

P: O Lord, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own high priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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. 11/5	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School and Bible Class
	3:00 p.m.	Open House at Peace Shell Rock
Mon. 11/6	9:30 a.m.	Mary Martha Sewing and Quilting
Wed. 11/8	10:00 a.m.	Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	5:25 p.m.	Adult Choir
	6:15 p.m.	Youth Bible Study and Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
Sat. 11/11	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock (Feast of All Saints)

HYMNS/READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, November 12 - The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Amos 5:18–24; I Thess. 4:13–18; Matthew 25:1–13

Invocation: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers..... 515

Gradual: Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide 585

Hymn of the Day: Rise, My Soul, To Watch and Pray 663

Distribution: Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying..... 516

Distribution: The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us 514

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. Parents, the children are beginning to work on music and recitations for the Christmas Music Festival on December 17.

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 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. In November the class will meet again on the 13th.

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 2nd and 4th 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

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Rod and Sara Lair in thankfulness for all of God's blessings. "*Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His mercy endures forever.*" Psalm 107:1



MEN'S CHOIR Last Sunday you got to hear the Men's Choir sing for the first time under the direction of Vicar Baker. They will sing again during Advent. Men – if you would like to sing with them next time, they will start rehearsing again this morning Sunday, November 5. They have short rehearsals following Bible study on Sunday mornings. Please speak with Vicar Baker if you are interested in singing.

UPDATED PHOTO DIRECTORY Sometime after the New Year we will be printing a new Congregational Photo Directory. If you would like to update your photo, Tammy will be taking photos for the next several weeks in the lower level of the Education Wing during refreshment time.

MARY-MARTHA SEWING AND QUILTING will meet this coming Monday, November 6 at 9:30 a.m. on the lower level of the Education Wing, last room on the right. All are welcome to help with some projects for missions. No sewing experience is needed. The coffee pot will be on. Please join us for fellowship and conversation while we work.

OUR REDEEMERS ANNUAL ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DINNER will be held on Sunday, December 3, beginning at 4:30 PM. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to attend. Help is needed to prepare for the meal. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall with a list of ways you can add your name to help. A free-will donation will cover the main meal and everyone attending is asked to provide either a salad or dessert. Entertainment will be provided. Watch the bulletins for more details.

REGULAR VOTERS' MEETING The Congregation will hold a Regular Voters' Meeting on Sunday, November 19 at 1:30 p.m. Normal matters of business will be taken care of including receiving reports from Officers and Boards, Election of Officers, and establishing the Budget for 2024. Any member of the congregation may bring matters before the Voters. Please speak with Chairman Mishler to add items to the Agenda.

THE YOUTH OF OUR CONGREGATION WILL BE DOING YARD CLEAN-UP on Sunday afternoon, November 12th. If you would like to have the youth come rake up leaves and haul them away, please contact Vicar Baker.

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)

COLLEGE HILL FALL FLING Each year College Hill Lutheran Church hosts their "Fall Fling." While it is a time of fun for the students it is also a time of theological learning. Rev. Dr. Todd Peperkorn will be presenting under the theme: "One Loaf-How Christ Keeps Us Together When Everything is Falling Apart." Dr. Peperkorn writes this about his presentation – "*We are more connected today than ever before, and yet loneliness, isolation, and division define everything around us. The devil, the world, and our own sinful nature all work to separate us from God and from each other. How does Christ draw us back together when everything is splitting into a million pieces? Through the Scriptures and the story of Christ's Church, the presentation will lead us to understand who we are as the people of God, and why we are one loaf, not just a bunch of cracked kernels.*"

Dr. Peperkorn serves as Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions and Director of Vicarage at the Ft. Wayne Seminary. Dr. Peperkorn will be presenting at several times on Saturday, November 11. The day will begin with Matins at 8:30 a.m. His presentations are scheduled for 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.

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.

Offerings so far in 2023 are 7% below our budget. With only 2 months left in 2023, some projects planned for 2023 may have to be delayed or cancelled. Please prayerfully consider increasing your donations to reduce the gap.

- Giving/income Year to Date \$192,137.21 (*through October*)
- Budget Year to Date: \$206,800
- Difference: -\$14,662.79