

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 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 11, 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: Tom Strub **Service Assistant:** Colton Bovy

Organist: Roxann List **Ushers:** Jason Knox, Jim Bunkofske

Offering Counters: Cheryl Nissen, Sarah Staker **Shut-Ins:** Roxann List



TODAY THE CHURCH YEAR marks the festival of the “Transfiguration of our Lord.” The Transfiguration is the culmination of the Epiphany season, and stands at the threshold of the season of Lent which begins this week with the Ash Wednesday service.

As you look back to the Epiphany Season now ending, you can recall many events which have marked the life of Jesus, whereby He has revealed that He is true God: His Baptism with the anointing by the Holy Spirit and the voice from heaven of the Father, His miracles, and His teaching. Throughout Epiphany the Gospel accounts have pointed you to the divinity of Christ and to the glory His human nature possessed.

As the Church looks forward, the season of Lent is before her. During Lent the Scriptures will direct you to Jesus' purposeful movement toward the Mount of Calvary where He suffers and dies for the sins of the whole world. Before you leave the Epiphany season, there is one more event in the life of Jesus you will observe - the revelation of His divine glory on the Mountain of Transfiguration.

Today you receive a glimpse of Jesus' eternal glory which He shares with His Church through Word and Sacrament. That glory was manifested in the light that shone at Bethlehem and again as the light which shone on the Mountain of Transfiguration.

But the death of the transfigured Christ is God's greatest revelation of glory. Nowhere does God's glory shine more brightly than as the light which pierces the darkness of Calvary. There the Christ gives himself for us as the sacrifice for the sins of all humanity, and the mercy of God is revealed for sinners.

That same light was revealed as each of you were brought to the font in the darkness of sin and death and yet departed sharing in Christ who is the light of the world. You partake of that glory again today as He, the one of whom the Father says, “*This is my beloved Son; listen to him.*” gives you His body and blood to eat and to drink.

This momentary glory prepares you for your journey to heavenly Jerusalem where His glory will never be hidden.

FAREWELL, ALLELUIA

* You will note the use of a "Final Hymn" this morning which is not our custom. We don't normally sing a Final Hymn because the Lord's Benediction is the "Last Word" of the Service. Today, however this Final Hymn, which follows the Benediction, serves to prepare us for the season of Lent which begins this Wednesday.

In a sense, this Hymn is a "Farewell to Alleluia." Because of the penitence associated with Lent, the word "Alleluia" (which means "Praise to Yahweh") will not be heard again in the Church's hymns or Liturgy until the festival of the Resurrection begins at the Easter Vigil.

I. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

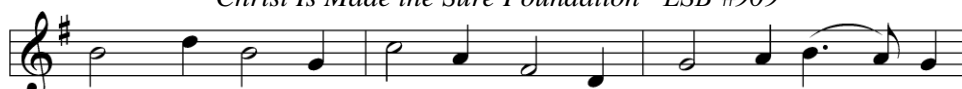
The Service begins with a Procession.

After the Bell rings, please rise to face the Processional Crucifix and the singing of the Processional Hymn.

Stand

Processional Hymn

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" LSB #909



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they
△ 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er
to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est
With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter
Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.
in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

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Kyrie

Mark 10:47



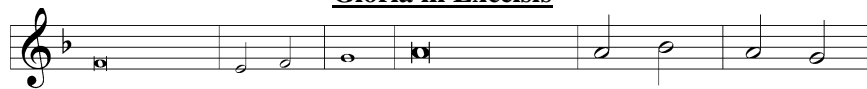
☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same 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 Old Testament

2 Kings 2:1-12

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Gradual

“In Thee Is Gladness” LSB #818

Choir
Congregation

1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow - ers, Not of
sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -
heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the
wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -
cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him
To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:6

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.

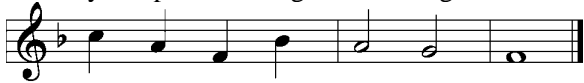
Cantor: You are the most handsome of the | sons of men; *
grace is poured u - | pon your lips. *Psalm 45:2*

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

The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Mark, the 9th 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 Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair” #413

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
△ 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son

Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;
Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,
And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,

Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
And from the cloud the Ho - ly One
What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
For which in joy - ful strains we raise
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace

Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
Who joy in God with per - fect love.
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

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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.

Final Hymn

(This hymn is our "Farewell to Alleluia." Throughout Lent "Alleluia" will be removed from our lips as a penitential reminder of our sin and the price of our salvation.)

*"Alleluia, Song of Gladness" LSB #417
Congregation: Stanzas 1, 2, 4; Choir: Stanza 3*

*Congregation
Congregation
Men's Choir
Congregation*



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

✠ OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ✠

Sun. 2/11	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School
	1:00 p.m.	Youth Escapeology
Mon. 2/12	9:00 a.m.	Vicar’s Bible Study
Tues. 2/13	4:30 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wed. 2/14	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	12:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Mid-Day Divine Service
	5:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Divine Service at Peace-Shell Rock
	5:25 p.m.	Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Divine Service
	7:30 p.m.	Midweek Bible Class after Lenten Service (Weekly Readings)
Sat. 2/17	8:30 a.m.	LWML Lenten Prayer Service (Breakfast at 8:30, Service at 9:00)
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock
Sun. 2/18	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School

HYMNS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY & 1st SUNDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - Ash Wednesday

Readings: Joel 2:12–19; II Cor. 5:20b—6:10; Matt. 6:1-6, 16–21 Psalmody: Psalm 51

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Sunday, February 18, 2024 - The First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 22:1-18; James 1:12-18; Mark 1:9-15; Psalmody: Psalm 25:1– 10 (antiphon: v. 14)

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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. In February the class will meet on the 12th/26th at Our Redeemer and the 13th/27th at Peace.

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. During Lent, the Youth will not meet on Wednesdays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Ryan and Jennifer Thornton with thanksgiving on the fourth birthday of their son, Tucker. "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" *Matthew 19:14.*

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.

THANK YOU Dear members of Our Redeemer, thank you for all the ways you continue to care for our family, especially evident at last week's baby shower. We appreciate the time spent preparing for the event, the time spent celebrating with us, and the many gifts which our son will soon enjoy. Please know that even after our boy outgrows diapers and baby toys, your kindness will not be forgotten.

In Christ, Vicar & Pamela Baker

WE GIVE THANKS with Matthew and Janey Hundley on the marriage of their son Tristan to their now daughter-in-law Karina which took place on Thursday, February 6. The wedding took place in Batumi, Adjara, Georgia. (That's Georgia the country.) Georgia, a country at the intersection of Europe and Asia, is a former Soviet republic. It is bounded by the Black Sea to the west, Russia to the north and northeast, and Turkey to the southwest. If you are not sure who Matthew and Janey are, they are the couple who have been visiting Our Redeemer for several months and currently studying the Scriptures and the Catechism with Pastor Knox and Vicar Baker.

THE OUR REDEEMER BOOK CLUB is reading the 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!

25th ANNUAL DINNER THEATER AT COLLEGE HILL The students of LCMS U at UNI are hosting their 25th Annual Dinner Theater Fundraiser at College Hill Lutheran Church on the evenings of Friday, February 23rd and Saturday, February 24th. Tickets are \$15 per person. Children 3 years old and under are free. Please see Jessica or Jamie Knox for tickets. Large family groups also receive discounts. Please contact Pastor Wegener at (319) 427-3098 to get pricing for larger families. This year the students will be traveling over Spring Break to do mercy work at the Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean Mountain in Arkansas! If you are unable to attend the Dinner Theater, donations are thankfully accepted.

THE LATEST LUTHERAN WITNESS is available in the Narthex. This issue is focused on the 50th Anniversary of the walkout at the St. Louis Seminary.



OUR REDEEMER'S SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DAY is Tuesday, February 13. The cost is \$7.00 and Children under 5 years will be free. Serving time will be 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Help is needed both in the kitchen and in the dining room. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Parish Hall.

LWML LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE The Our Redeemer and Peace LWML will be hosting the Waterloo Zone LWML Prayer Service at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 17. There will a light breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m. The theme is "Grace, Mercy, and Peace." All women are invited to attend. For those who are interested, after the Prayer Service there will be a brief business meeting of the Zone and then a Service project.



ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14 This marks the beginning of the season of Lent. The Divine Service, with the Imposition of Ashes, will take place at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Our Redeemer. There will also be an Ash Wednesday Divine Service at Peace that day beginning at 5:00 p.m.

MIDWEEK LENTEN CATECHETICAL SERVICES will take place each week during Lent with Services at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. This year during Lent we will devote our attention to that portion of the Catechism on “The Office of the Keys and Confession.” On the foundation of God’s word, the Catechism asks and answers several questions regarding Confession and Absolution:



*Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.*

- What Is The Office of The Keys?
- What Do You Believe According To These Words?
- What Is Confession?
- What Sins Should We Confess?
- How Do I Go To Confession?

As you live the life of repentance, please set aside this “extra” time during Lent to be instructed in God’s Word and grow in your understanding, and use, of this gracious gift of God.

THE KANTOREI OF CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, will be singing at College Hill Lutheran Church on Monday, March 4 for an 11:30 a.m. Service. This is a part of their Lenten Tour during which they will be singing in congregations in Iowa, Illinois, and Kansas. If you are unable to attend this service they will also be at Our Redeemer in Dubuque on Sunday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. or at St. John in Hubbard on Monday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to attend either of the Services on Sunday evening or Monday evening, Pastor Knox is planning to drive to both.