

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 First Sunday in Lent February 18, 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: Matt Kenitzer **Service Assistant:** Logan Baker

Organist: Roxann List **Offering Counters:** Jonah Bolin, Tom Strub

Ushers: Blake Wayson, Brady Wayson **Shut-Ins:** Dean Fink



TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT. The Lenten journey of 40 days has begun. Today, like Jesus, you are led by the Spirit from your Baptism into the world where you face temptation. Like Jesus, you must strive to overcome the lies and deception of Satan. But, unlike Jesus, you cannot and do not overcome them. Instead, because of and like your first parents in the Garden, you would like to be God and you succumb to the devil’s trickery.

A common theme of Lent is found in the “Gradual” for the season –

“O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (*Hebrews 12:1-2*)

As you wait for the Service to begin, open your hymnal to today’s Hymn of Invocation - “Oh, Love, How Deep” #544. As you read the verses of this hymn, take note of the author’s repeated use of the phrase “for us.” Consider how the hymn writer has wonderfully “*kept our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our Faith.*” The Hymn writer reminds you that Jesus’ entire life, including His overcoming the temptation of Satan, is done “for us” and “for our salvation.”

The same Jesus who overcame the devil in the wilderness, and whose entire life was lived “for us,” joined Himself to you in the Sacrament of Baptism. Jesus is also present with His body and blood “for you” today in the Sacrament of the Altar. Here, Jesus bestows on you the forgiveness of your sins and strengthens you in the promise that Satan your tempter has been conquered!

Several years ago, two additional verses were written by congregational member Sara Lair. These verses draw our attention to God’s love “for us” in the Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of the Altar. We will sing these verses as 7 and 8 before rising for the Doxological verse.

**Liturgical Change For Lent*

- The “Gloria In Excelsis” (p. 187) is omitted.
- Lenten “Gradual” will be sung by the Cantor
- The Alleluia (p. 190) is omitted. In place of the Alleluia the Cantor will sing the Lenten “Verse.”

I. THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

"O Love, How Deep" LSB #544

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;

Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,

That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
For us temp - ta - tion and sharp He knew;
By words and signs and ac - tions thus

Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world Him - self He came.
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5. For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.
6. For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
7. *For us with water and the Word
His Bap-tismal pro-mise now is heard
A new life un-to us is giv'n
From sin and death to Him in heav'n.*
8. *For us the Ho-ly Supper here
Our Lord with body and blood draws near
Forgive-ness, life, salvation brings
Christ is the hope to which we cling.*
- △ 9. All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

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.**

Psalm 124:8

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

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalm 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



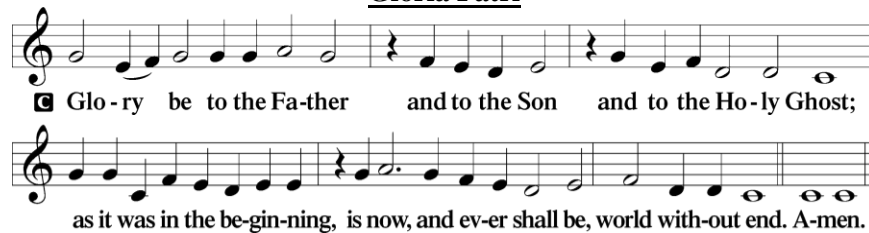
Cantor: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.
With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal-| vation.

Cong: **Because you have made the Lord your | dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my | refuge—
no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,
no plague come | near your tent.
For He will command His angels con-| cerning you
to guard you in | all your ways.
On their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the | adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.**

Cantor: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.
With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal-| vation.

(Ps. 91:9–13; antiphon: Ps. 91:15–16)

Gloria Patri



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 *Omitted during Lent*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

The Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

II Timothy 4:22

G And with thy spir - it.

The Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G A - men.

Be seated

The Old Testament

Genesis 22:1-18

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

The Gradual

Cantor: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the Author and Perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

The Epistle

James 1:12-18

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

The Alleluia

*The Alleluia is omitted during Lent.
In its place the Cantor will sing the Verse*

The Verse

Cantor: Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Joel 2:13

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life (✝) of the world to come. Amen**

The Hymn of The Day

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" 3656



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain



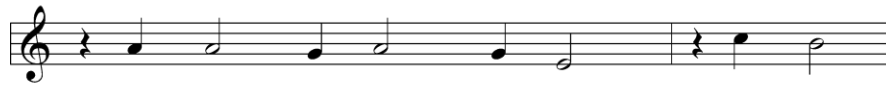
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
as he will, He can harm us none.
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
And there's none oth - er God; He holds
He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
the field for - ev - er.
tle word can fell him.
dom ours re - main - eth.

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION The regular time for Corporate Confession and Absolution, on the 3rd Monday of the Month, will take place tomorrow, Monday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m. Time for Individual Confession and Absolution will be available after the Service of Corporate Confession and is available by appointment as well. Please call Pastor Knox or Pastor Saunders to make those arrangements.

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

THE 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.

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:



- 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.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT PEACE-SHELL ROCK on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

IOWA THEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM Church and Ministry: Then and Now. A theological conference for Pastors and Laity will be held at Camp IoDisECa May 22-24. There are various registration options available. There are posters about the conference on the bulletin boards in the Church building. You can also go online and find information at the Camp’s Website and Facebook pages. Confirmed presenters include: Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, Rev. Michael Holmen, Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders, Rev. Dr. John Stephenson, Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford

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.

✠ OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ✠

Sun. 2/18	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School
Mon 2/19	6:30 p.m.	Confession and Absolution
Tues. 2/20	6:00 p.m.	Vicar’s Bible Study at Peace-Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service at Peace-Shell Rock
Wed. 2/21	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	12:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service
	5:25 p.m.	Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service
	7:15 p.m.	Midweek Bible Class after Lenten Service (Weekly Readings)
Sat. 2/24	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock

HYMNS FOR MIDWEEK SERVICE AND 2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, February 21 Midweek Lenten Service 1

The Reading: Mk 6:7–13	
Psalmody: Ps 25:1–10 (antiphon: v. 14)	
Office Hymn: “As Surely As I Live,” God Said	614 (st. 1-4)
Closing Hymn: Savior, When in Dust to Thee.....	419

Sunday, February 25, 2024 2nd Sunday In Lent

Readings: Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16; Romans 5:1–11; Mark 8:27–38	
Invocation: To Thee, Omniscient Lord Of All.....	613
Hymn of the Day: Christ, The Word Of God Incarnate	540
Distribution: Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart.....	708
Distribution: God Loved The World So That He Gave.....	571

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 after the Midweek Service on Wednesday, approximately 7:15. 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 26th at Our Redeemer and the 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.