

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 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 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: Alan Czarnetzki **Service Assistant:** Steven Dekutoski

Organist: Roxann List **Offering Counters:** Chris Fink, James Mishler

Ushers: Al Nissen, Dean Garms **Shut-Ins:** Dean & Martha Garms



TODAY IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD During the Epiphany season, the Gospel reveals that Jesus is truly God. The Gospel tells of Jesus’ actions which only God could do. He heals the sick, gives sight to the blind, drives out demons, and even raises the dead.

Today is no exception. Jesus is still in Capernaum. While in the Synagogue, He has driven a demon from a man possessed. Jesus healed many who were sick and demon possessed. Most of those whom Jesus heals are strangers to Him in the sense that He has never met them before. On this occasion though, the Gospel also tells of Jesus healing one with whom He has a more intimate connection, namely, the mother-in-law of Peter. She has a fever. Jesus touches her. She is made well. From there the Gospel goes on to say, *“And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons.”* (Mark

1:34)
“Where is that Jesus today?” you may ask. You have loved ones who are sick. You yourself may be suffering from some sort of affliction or disease. Why doesn’t Jesus come to relieve all of these problems?

The answer to the second question will help answer the first. Sickness and disease are only symptoms—symptoms of creation’s fall into sin. Jesus dealt with these symptoms during His public ministry for a twofold reason. First, to reveal Himself as the Son of God and the promised Messiah. Second, to reveal Himself as a gracious God who sympathizes with His creation in their suffering.

Jesus public ministry was not about dealing with symptoms. Rather, He came to deal with the cause which lies behind these symptoms. Healing a sickness or disease might relieve suffering for a moment, but ultimately would leave the one suffering, still dead in their trespasses and sin. Jesus came to overcome sin, death, and the grave for you and all those suffering under the curse of the Fall.

Suffering varies from individual to individual. Christ calls you through suffering, regardless of its nature, to look beyond the moment, to the promise of victory over sin, death, and the grave. This victory is yours already and it is a victory which will endure for eternity. You were buried with Christ and raised with Him through Baptism into His name. The Lord, whose body was crucified for you, gives you to eat of His flesh and drink of His blood, that you might receive the pledge and guarantee of His fulfilled work on your behalf.

That is the answer to the first question. Where is the Jesus who has compassion on our suffering? He's right where He promised to be—in His Word and Sacraments. There, through the forgiveness of your sin, He manifests His love and mercy by dealing with the cause of your problems rather than just the symptoms. When will all the symptoms of death be gone? On the day of the resurrection. The Apostle Paul makes it clear in I Corinthians – *“The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”* (1 Cor. 15:26)

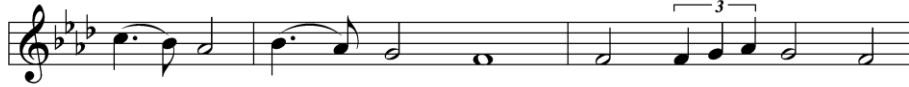
I. THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

“Thy Strong Word” LSB #578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!

- △ 6. God the Father, light-creator, to Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

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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.** *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



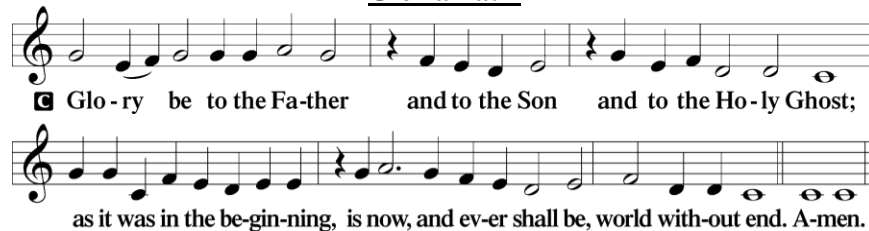
Cantor: I will sing | to the Lord,
because He has dealt bountifully | with me.

Cong: **Consider and answer me, O | Lord my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.
But I have trusted in Your | steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in Your sal- | vation.**

Cantor: I will sing | to the Lord,
because He has dealt bountiful- | ly with me.

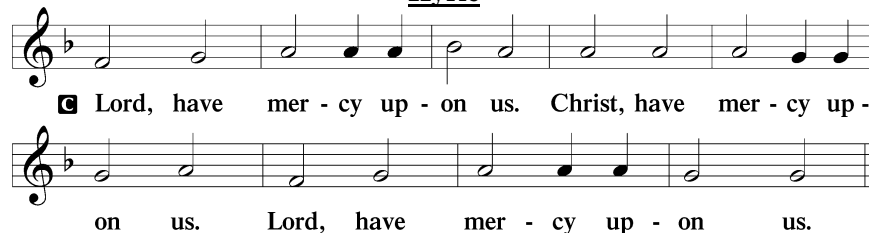
Ps. 13:3-5; antiphon: Ps. 13:6

Gloria Patri



Kyrie

Mark 10:47



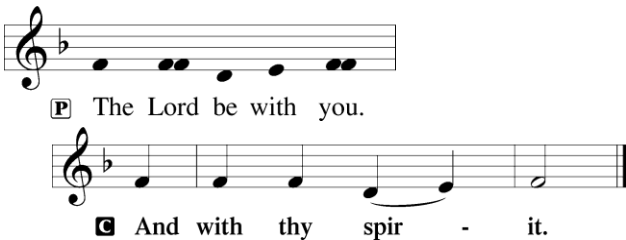
Gloria in Excelsis

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



The Lord be with you.
And with thy spir - it.

II Timothy 4:22

The Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray: O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

Be seated

The Old Testament

Isaiah 40:21-31

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

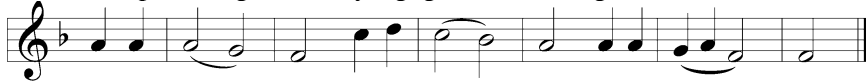
The Alleluia/Verse



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

Cantor: [Jesus] went throughout all | Galilee,*

preaching in their synagogues and casting out | demons. *Mark 1:39*



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

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

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**

Be seated

The Hymn of The Day

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" #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 kingdom with - out end.
His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

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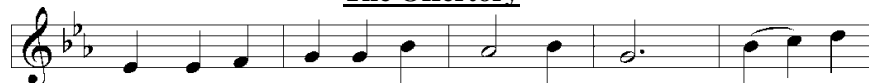
The Sermon

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.

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 ✠

Sun. 2/4	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School
	2:00 p.m.	Baker Baby Shower
	4:30 p.m.	Venison Feed at St. John-Denver
Tue. 2/6	9:00 a.m.	Brunch Bunch
Wed. 2/7	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer 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)
Sat. 2/10	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock
Sun. 2/11	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School

HYMNS/READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

February 11, 2024 The Transfiguration Of Our Lord

Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:6; Mark 9:2-9

Invocation: Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation 909

Gradual: In Thee Is Gladness 818

Hymn of the Day: O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair 413

Distribution: Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior 640

Distribution: Tis Good, Lord to Be Here 414

Distribution: O Splendor Of God's Glory Bright 874

Final Hymn*: Alleluia, Song of Gladness 417

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BRUNCH BUNCH will meet this Tuesday, February 6 at the Cedar Falls Family Restaurant at 9:00 a.m. Come enjoy breakfast with your fellow members of Our Redeemer.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Sara and Rod Lair in thankfulness for all of God's blessings. "Every good and perfect gift is from above." *James 1:17*

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!

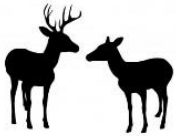
BAKER BABY SHOWER – Today's the day for a baby shower honoring Pamela and Vicar Baker. The shower starts at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Suggestions for gifts include wipes, diapers, and gift cards. They are also registered on Amazon. Please check your email for more details. Thanks Sarah Staker and Michaela Knox





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.



WILD GAME/VENISON FEED Tickets (\$15) are available for the St. John Denver Wild Game/Venison Feed. The event will take place this afternoon - Sunday, February 4. Tickets must be purchased in advance. You may call St. John's Lutheran in Denver (319-984-5351) to make your reservations. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with the meal being served around 5:00 p.m. Proceeds from the event support the Seminarian fund at St. John.

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.

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.

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.