

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 5th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 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.
- ✘ 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.
- ✘ Following the Service, a member of the Board of Communication and Outreach has a small gift for you.

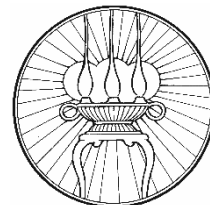
OUR REDEEMER PRACTICES CLOSED COMMUNION



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 Goodroad about Holy Communion and about becoming a communicant member of this congregation.

TODAY IS THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY The Christian Church is a teaching church, and today's Epistle reading tells us exactly how the church does this teaching. Just like anything in life, it is vital to first teach the fundamentals before moving on to the more complex and technical details. It is common sense that if you are teaching a child to play baseball for the first time, it doesn't help to tell him how to get a curveball to paint the inside corner of the strike-zone if he doesn't even know how to throw the ball in the first place.



The Apostle Paul exercised this common sense in his mission work at Corinth during his 2nd missionary journey. Today's epistle begins with his description of those times, “**And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.**” If Paul were *universally* condemning the practice of lofty speech or wisdom, he would be throwing stones straight through the walls of his own glass house. Paul himself uses lofty speech in many places across his epistles, and in the very next paragraph he says, “**Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom.**” Paul is not saying “wisdom is bad, Jesus is good,” but he's teaching about proper priorities. If you don't even believe in Jesus Christ and trust in His sacrificial death on the cross to ransom humanity from all sin, then none of the other teachings of Christianity are going to ultimately do you any good.

So, in the Christian Church you are taught according to this biblical wisdom. You are taught doctrines of Scripture other than the crucifixion of Jesus because they are also important. If they weren't important, the omniscient Holy Spirit would not have put them in the Bible. But you will never go very far into the Divine Service without a refresher on the chief doctrine of the Christian Church: the atoning death of Christ.

You also structure your week in this way. Since you know that a firm faith in Jesus is the most important thing in your entire life, you begin every week by gathering together with your fellow believers around the means of grace which Jesus has provided to keep you in this faith. As you approach the table of our Lord this day to receive His body and blood for the salvation of your soul, the first words of the first distribution hymn will direct you to the foundation for your faith and existence, “*Since Christ has full atonement made and brought to us salvation, each Christian therefore may be glad and build on this foundation.*” (LSB 555:6)

THOSE SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE THIS WEEK

Elder: Rod Lair **Service Assistant:** Brody Irwin

Organist: Roxann List **Ushers:** Blake Wayson, Harold Saathoff

Tellers: Chris Fink, James Mishler **Shut-Ins:** Sara Lair

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

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. SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Introit



(Ps. 119:9–16; antiphon: Ps. 119:12)

Cantor: Blessèd are You, | O Lord;*
teach me Your | statutes!

Cong: **How can a young man keep his | way pure?***

By guarding it according | to Your word.

With my whole heart I | seek You;*

let me not wander from Your com- | mandments!

I have stored up Your word | in my heart,*

that I might not sin a- | gainst You.

Blessèd are You, | O Lord;*

teach me Your | statutes!

With my lips | I declare*

all the just decrees | of Your mouth.

In the way of Your testimonies | I delight*

as much as in all | riches.

I will meditate on Your | precepts*

and fix my eyes | on Your ways.

I will delight in Your | statutes;*

I will not for- | get Your word.

Cantor: Blessèd are You, | O Lord;*
teach me Your | statutes!

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

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

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



P The Lord be with you.

II Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

The Collect of the Day

P: 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.



C A - men.

Be seated

The Old Testament

Isaiah 58:3-9a

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” LSB #563



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5. When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

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The Epistle

I Corinthians 2:1-16

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: Let your light shine before others, so that they may see | your good works*
and give glory to your Father who | is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16b

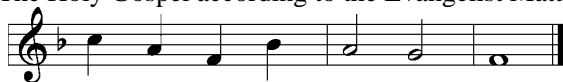


Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel

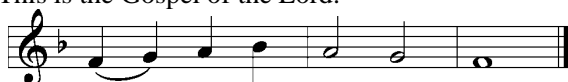
Matthew 5:13-20

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

“Salvation unto Us Has Come” LSB #555 (vv. 1-5)

1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -
5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -

fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our
spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our

help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's
hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the

Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
pure de - sires The spir - it of the
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our
Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's

world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.
ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.

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 ✠

Wed. 2/8	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	5:25 p.m.	Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
Thur. 2/9	4:00 p.m.	Midweek Youth Catechesis
Sat. 2/11	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace
Sun. 2/12	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 am.	Sunday School and Bible Class

Readings and Hymns for February 12, 2023 – The 6th Sunday after The Epiphany

The Readings: Deut. 30:15-20; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

Psalmody: Psalm 119:1-8 (*antiphon: v. 5*)

Invocation: Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest.....	498
Hymn of the Day: These Are the Holy Ten Commands.....	581 (vv.1-6)
Distribution: These Are the Holy Ten Commands.....	581 (vv.7-12)
Distribution: Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide.....	585
Distribution: Rejoice, My Heart Be Glad And Sing.....	737

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. This week we continue reviewing the ACELC document entitled, “Ten Theses on God’s Arrangement of the Sexes.” These theses address the unique and distinctive roles which God has established for men and women. We will also go back and dig deeper into the gender restrictions which God has placed on the pastoral office in I Timothy Chapter 2.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. All students should meet in the Music Room for a Sunday School opening with Vicar.

WEEKLY READINGS/HYMNS STUDY This class meets on Wednesdays 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 class meets at Our Redeemer on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 9:00 a.m. and at Peace in Shell Rock on the Tuesday of that same week at 6:00 p.m. The class is studying the words of hymns and the Scriptural texts which underlie these hymns. The class will meet again in February on the 13th and 14th.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY The Jr. High/Sr. High Youth meet for Bible Study with Vicar Goodroad on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. and holiness. In February the class will meet on the 15th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Norma Masters in celebration of her 93rd birthday. The white flower, symbolizing God's love, is surrounded by flowers representing the many blessings Norma receives: good health, family, church friends and faithful pastors and vicars. "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice." *Philippians 4:4*.

FLOWER CHART: The 2023 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please consider placing flowers on the altar to commemorate a special occasion or "just because." Cost is \$40 – you will be billed directly by Bancroft's. Please fill out the Altar Flower card; we take care of the rest – please contact Sara Lair for details (319-266-1163; sjlair@cfu.net).

OUR REDEEMER'S SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER is on Tuesday, February 21. The cost is \$7.00 and Children under 5 years will be free. Please note that we are serving only supper hours - 4:30 p.m. until 7 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. Let's make this a great congregational event. Everyone's help is appreciated.

LWML LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE The Women of Faith will be hosting the Waterloo Zone LWML Prayer Service at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 25 at Faith Lutheran Church, 1555 W. Ridgeway Ave., Waterloo. All women are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be provided following the service.

OUR REDEEMER'S BOOK CLUB – Our Redeemer's Book Club has begun a new book, A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World, by Bryan Wolfmüller. The Book Club meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. The book shows that martyrs such as St. Stephen, St. Perpetua, and Polycarp, among others, are not defined by their achievements, but instead they stand as bold rejection of sin and, coupled with patient endurance, they hold fast to the firm believe in the joy of the life to come. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS STUDY. To obtain a book, please contact Sara Lair (sjlair@cfu.net; 319/266-1163).

ARE YOU MISSING A BOWL, PAN OR FOOD CONTAINER? There are several containers on the kitchen counter which are looking for their owner and need a home. Please check in the kitchen and see if one or more of them belong to you. Thanks.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE IOWA PRAYER RALLY FOR LIFE at the Iowa Capital building tomorrow - Monday, February 6. This event is co-hosted by Lutheran Family Service. Join with others in prayer and learn how to speak and act in defense of, and respect for, all life. Details of the event may be found on the LFS and Iowa Prayer Rally Facebook pages.

OLD THEOLOGY, NEW TECHNOLOGY...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Mental Illness in the Lutheran Congregation, The "He Gets Us" Ad Campaign, True Tolerance, Church Discipline and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY Start planning now to attend the 2023 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17 at Concordia University Chicago. Scheduled speakers include:

- LCMS President Matt Harrison
- Mollie Hemingway of Fox News
- Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations
- Kyle Mann of The Babylon Bee
- Pastor Peter Bender of the Concordia Catechetical Academy
- San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone
- Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever.

Early bird registration is \$140 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

Sunday, January 29, 2022
Attendance: 75 Communion: 65