

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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Palm Sunday - The Sunday of the Passion March 24, 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: Ryan Thornton **Service Assistants:** Logan Baker, Brody Irwin

Organist: Roxann List **Ushers:** Jim Niebergall, Gary Vander Werf

Offering Counters: Dean Fink, Dean Garms

Shut-Ins: Dean and Martha Garms

TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY but is sometimes also called The Sunday of the Passion. The Service begins with a reading of the Palm Sunday account. Then the joyful "Procession of Palms" reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus which were on display during the days leading up to His crucifixion.

"Palm Sunday" is named after the palms that were spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. The acclamation of the people, "*Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,*" clearly reveals that they hailed Jesus as the messianic king. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry "*Crucify him. Crucify him.*" This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber, yet hopeful remembrance of His passion. The extended reading from the passion narrative sets before the faithful all that our Lord did "for us and for our salvation." Thus the Church is prepared to once again enter Holy Week, the chief week of the entire Church Year.

Back in Advent, on the 1st Sunday in the Church Year you heard the cry, "*Blessed Is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*" These words, spoken of old by the prophet and repeated on the day that the Lord entered Jerusalem, are still heard in the Church throughout the year because the Lord still comes to His people. He comes in the water of Holy Baptism. He comes in the word of forgiveness proclaimed by those He sends. He comes in the bread and wine as He feeds the Baptized with His body and blood. The one who is "blessed" comes with the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation.



STAND

I. THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS

After the bell rings, please rise and turn towards the procession which begins in the Narthex.

P: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **Amen**

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P: Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

after the reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: **in the name of the Lord.**

Processional Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” LSB #442

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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II. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

The Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated

The Old Testament

Zechariah 9:9-12

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

The Gradual

“Let Loud Hosannas Ring”
Adult and Children’s Choirs

The Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

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

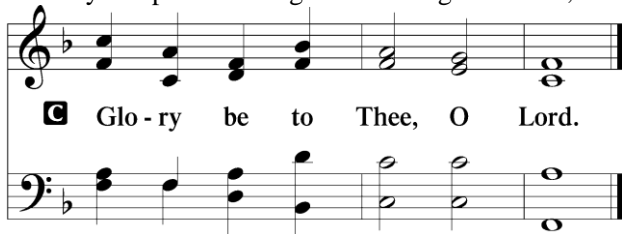
**Cantor: He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the | point of death, *
even death | on a cross.**

(Philippians 2:8b)

The Holy Gospel

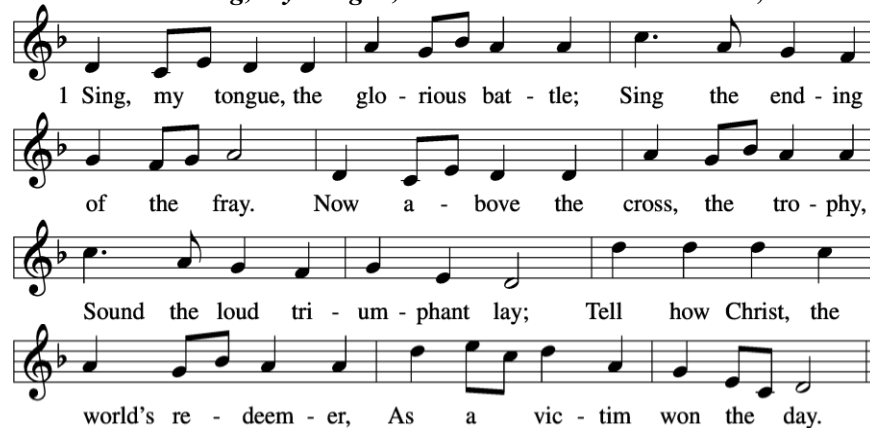
Mark 14:1 – 15:47

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Mark, the 14th and 15th Chapters.



Part 1 - Mark 14:1-9

HYMN: “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle” LSB #454, v. 1



Part 2 - Mark 14:10-52

HYMN: "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" LSB #454, v. 2

2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed
time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,
Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.

Part 3 - Mark 14:53 - 15:32

HYMN: "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" LSB #454, v. 3

3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from
Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He
hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.

STAND

Part 4 - Mark 15:33-47

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

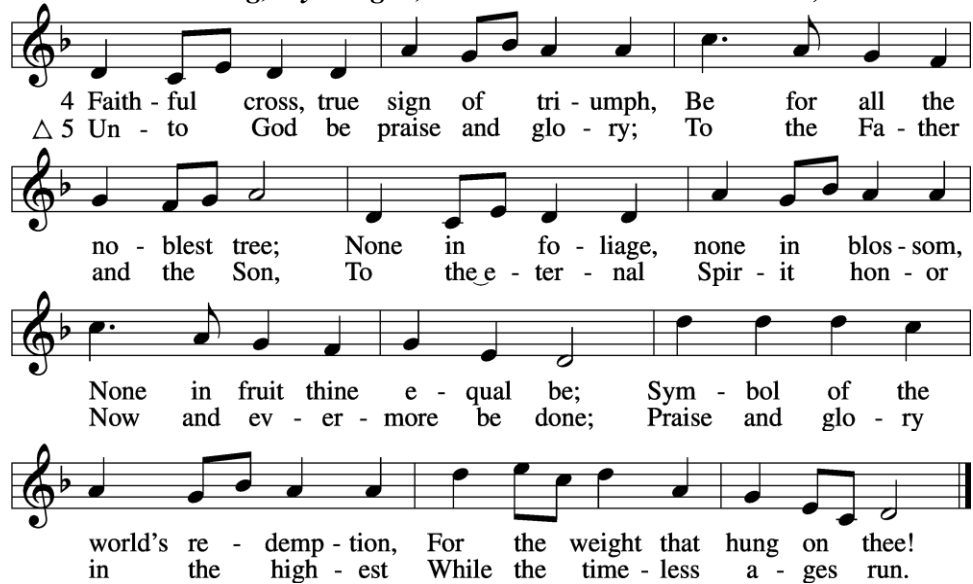
The Nicene Creed

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

HYMN: "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" LSB #454, v. 4-5



4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the
Δ 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the
Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!
in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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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.

✕ OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ✕

Today	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School
Mon. 3/25	10:30 a.m.*	Vicar's Bible Study at Our Redeemer (Note time change)
	12:00 p.m.	Passion Reading at Our Redeemer
	6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Tues. 3/26	12:00 p.m.	Passion Reading at Our Redeemer
Wed. 3/27	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	12:00 p.m.	Passion Reading at Our Redeemer
	5:25 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thur. 3/28	12:00 p.m.	Passion Reading at Our Redeemer
	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Divine Service
Fri. 3/29	12:00 p.m.	Readings/Devotions @ Our Redeemer
	4:00 p.m.	Readings/Devotions at Peace – Shell Rock
	6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Divine Service at Our Redeemer
Sat. 3/30	6:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil at Our Redeemer
Sun. 3/31	7:00 a.m.	Easter Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock
	8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast at Our Redeemer
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Divine Service at Our Redeemer

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31 –

The Festival Of The Resurrection

Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

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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. There will be no Bible Class on March 31.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. There will be no Sunday School on March 31.

WEEKLY READINGS/HYMNS STUDY This class meets each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. We are no longer going to schedule the class after Lenten Services. The class studies the weekly readings, hymns, and propers for the upcoming Sunday.

THE VICAR’S BIBLE STUDY normally 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. The class will meet again on Monday, March 25 but at 10:30 a.m. (*The time is adjusted to work with the Holy Week schedule.*)

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

Holy Week is March 24-31. Opportunities abound during the week to hear the Word of God and receive the blessings of the Gospel. Below are the various Service times that will be available at Our Redeemer and Peace.

Mon. – Wed., March 25-27 12:00 p.m. Passion Reading @ Our Redeemer

Maundy Thurs., March 28 12:00 p.m. Passion Reading @ Our Redeemer
6:30 p.m. Divine Service @ Our Redeemer

Good Friday, March 29 12:00 p.m. Readings/Devotions @ Our Redeemer
4:00 p.m. Readings/Devotions @ Peace
6:30 p.m. Divine Service @ Our Redeemer

Holy Saturday, March 30 6:30 p.m. Easter Vigil @ Our Redeemer

Easter Sunday, March 31..... 7:00 a.m. Divine Service @ Peace
9:00 a.m. Divine Service @ Our Redeemer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A DAILY READING FROM THE PASSION ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN will occur each day, Monday – Thursday, during Holy Week at Noon. These brief services will last 15-20 minutes. On Good Friday, a long service of Readings and Devotions will take place at Noon.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE 12 DISCIPLES OF JESUS? The Our Redeemer Book Club just started a new book and it is not too late to join us. We meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. “Twelve Ordinary Men” by John MacArthur gives readers a fresh look at the disciples: a collection of ordinary, diverse men (fishermen, tax collector, political zealot, among others) selected by Jesus to be “fishers of men.” The book is divided into easy-to-read chapters – basically “a disciple a week.” We would love to have you – even if you can’t come every week, this book lends itself to the drop-in reader. For further information, please contact Sara Lair (319) 266-1163 or Greg Gerjerts (319) 961-1103.

EASTER BREAKFAST Please come and join us for Easter Breakfast being served before the Easter Sunday Divine Service on Sunday, March 31 starting at 8:00 a.m. hosted by the Mary Martha Guild. There will be a variety of goodies for everyone.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR BIBLE CLASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

IS ONE OF YOUR TALENTS SERVING OTHERS? Please give some thought to joining our Altar Guild. Each month, the Altar Guild group assigned to that month is responsible for each Divine Service. These duties include:

- Setting up for communion and clean up
- Changing the Paraments according to the season of the Church year

Call me with any questions. Sandra Stone 319-610-6754

THE UPDATED PICTORIAL DIRECTORY is available this morning.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! A VBS meeting at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church--904 Bluff Street, Cedar Falls will take place on Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in helping with Vacation Bible School or wanting to learn more about this year's theme “Teach Them to Pray” is encouraged to attend. Contact Michaela Knox at mrsaunders02@gmail.com or by phone at 319-389-9226 with any questions or if you are unable to attend, but would still like to help.

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 posters about the conference on the bulletin boards in the Church building. There is online information at the Camp’s Website and Facebook pages. Presenters include: Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, Rev. Michael Holmen, Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders, Rev. Dr. John Stephenson, Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford.