

# OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cedar Falls, Iowa

## 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

April 2, 2023



**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### ***THOSE SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE THIS WEEK***

**Elder:** Tom Strub **Service Assistant:** Kaiser Bovy, Steven Dekutoski

**Organist:** Roxann List **Ushers:** Al Nissen, Dean Garms

**Tellers:** Chris Fink, James Mishler **Shut-Ins:** Jake Jackson

**Sunday, March 26, 2022**

Attendance: 100 Communion: 88

**Wednesday, March 29**

Noon - 22, Evening - 30

### ***HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE***

*Holy Week is April 2-9. 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., April 3-5**..... 12:00 p.m. Passion Reading/Devotion @ Our Redeemer

**Maundy Thursday, April 6**..... 12:00 p.m. Passion Reading/Devotion @ Our Redeemer  
6:30 p.m. Divine Service @ Our Redeemer

**Good Friday, April 7**..... 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, April 8**..... 6:30 p.m. Easter Vigil @ Our Redeemer

**Easter Sunday, April 9**..... 7:00 a.m. Divine Service @ Peace – Shell Rock  
9:00 a.m. Divine Service @ Our Redeemer

**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 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*after the reading:*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

P: Let us go forth in peace,

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

**Children &**

**Choir:**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

*Hosanna to the King, Hosanna to the King, Hosanna to the King.*

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Congregation:**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**“All Glory, Laud And Honor” #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*

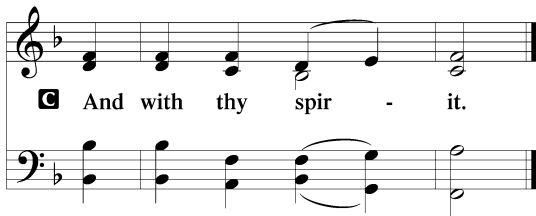
Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
 And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.  
 Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.  
 To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good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

## 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:** 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.



**C** A - men.

**BE SEATED**

### The Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-9a;

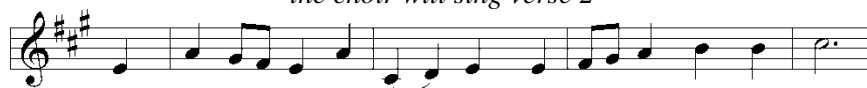
**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### The Gradual

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*the choir will sing verse 2*



Verse 2 Choir only  
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,  
3 “Ho - san - na in the high - est!” That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state  
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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### The Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**STAND**

### The Verse

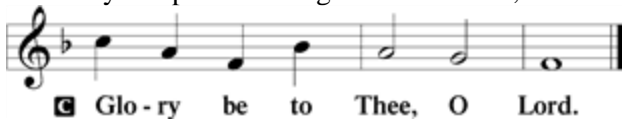
**Cantor:** He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the | point of death, \*  
even death | on a cross.

*(Philippians 2:8b)*

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:1 – 27:66

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Chapters



**BE SEATED**

**The reading of the Passion Narrative will be interspersed  
With the Singing of the Hymn of the Day**

### Part 1 - Matthew 26:1- 26:29

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

1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing  
of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,  
Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the  
world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.

### Part 2 - Matthew 26:30 – 26:68

*“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”* LSB #454, v. 2

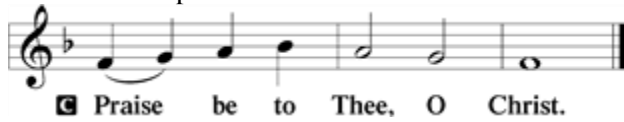
2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed  
time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,  
Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of  
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.

### Part 3 - Matthew 26:69 - 27:31

*“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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”* LSB #454, vv. 4-5

4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the  
 △ 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 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 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 Prayer Of The Church**

*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 ✠**

<b>Mon. 4/03</b>	12:00 p.m.	Passion Reading/Devotion at Our Redeemer
<b>Tues. 4/04</b>	12:00 p.m.	Passion Reading/Devotion at Our Redeemer
<b>Wed. 4/05</b>	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	12:00 p.m.	Passion Reading/Devotion at Our Redeemer
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
<b>Thurs. 4/06</b>	12:00 p.m.	Passion Reading/Devotion at Our Redeemer
	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Divine Service
<b>Fri. 4/07</b>	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
<b>Sat. 4/08</b>	6:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil at Our Redeemer
<b>Sun. 4/09</b>	7:00 a.m.	Easter Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Divine Service at 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.

**OUR REDEEMER’S BOOK CLUB** Please join Our Redeemer’s Book Club on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. (prior to the weekly Pericopes study). We have just begun a new book, “Don’t Tell Me That!”. See Sara Lair or Greg Gerjerts for further information.

**THE MIDWEEK YOUTH BIBLE STUDY WITH VICAR GOODROAD** will resume this week on Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. The Youth meet for study with Vicar on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month.

**THE REGULAR VOTER'S MEETING** is scheduled for Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. This meeting is an opportunity to receive reports from Boards and Committees, ask questions, and participate with the elected leaders of the congregation in administering the affairs of the congregation. An Agenda will be published soon. If you have items to be included on the Agenda, please speak with Congregational President Roger Mishler.

**THE YOUTH WILL GO BOWLING** on Sunday, April 16. Parents of youth, watch your email for details.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Volunteers have now been cleaning the church for 3 months. The experiment is working well. There are 5 teams of 3-5 people who are currently cleaning. If you would like to help on a regular basis as a member of one of those teams, or even if you would be willing to come help occasionally when a team is short, speak to Dean Fink.

**THE APRIL LUTHERAN WITNESS** is available in the Narthex and Parish Hall. The theme this month is “Death and Resurrection.” A fitting topic in the month we remember Jesus’ death and resurrection. One of the featured articles is entitled, “A Week of Life and Death – A Meditation on Holy Week.” There are articles also on Marriage, the need for more Church workers, an appropriate response to the “woke” movement, and others. Pick up your copy today and read.

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

## **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. This morning we will revisit I Timothy 2 and examine some of the more challenging texts dealing with limitations placed those who may serve in the Pastoral Office. On the Sunday after Easter we will start a study of Christian Burial, with a particular focus on the practice of Cremation. There will be no class on Easter Sunday.

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

**WEEKLY READINGS/HYMNS STUDY** This class meets on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and after the Midweek Lenten Service 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 will meet again in April on the 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>, and again on the 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>.

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## **DISTRICT/SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE LCMS COMMISSION ON THEOLOGY AND CHURCH RELATIONS** (CTCR) has published a new report entitled, “A Chaste and Decent Life: An Update to Human Sexuality 1981.” This report affirms the propositions found in the 1981 document and addresses issues that have arisen since that time.

A Chaste and Decent Life concludes, “In keeping with the venerable tradition of Luther’s catechism, the Commission urges the Christian ethic of ‘a chaste and decent life’ as a model for how Christians should live in a culture that denies its basic moral foundations. ... Chastity should govern how we view our sexual identity and sexual activity, our sexual thoughts and sexual behaviors, our relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ, with husbands and wives in the flesh. Above all, it finds in Jesus Christ — the incarnate, crucified, and risen Lord, the Savior of sinners and all creation, the author and perfecter of our faith — the perfect example of chastity and decency. This Lord Jesus laid aside His rightful heavenly glory, withstood the temptations of the devil, became the perfect sacrifice upon the cross, rose from the dead, and accomplished the forgiveness of our sins. He has done what no sinful human being could. God’s Word urges us to lead holy lives, by doing as Christ Himself did and taught us to do (Eph. 5:1–10). Yet, more than that, God’s Word also offers forgiveness. God’s Word offers forgiveness to those who have sinned. God’s Word offers forgiveness to those who have sinned sexually. God’s Word finally offers the healing truth of who we are and how we were created, that through repentance and faith we might in the Holy Spirit’s power seek to live chaste and decent lives sexually until Christ returns to end all temptation and sin forever.”

LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison recommends the people of the LCMS read and study this report. “This extensive update from the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) on its own commendable statement on human sexuality from 1981 will assist the church to navigate the difficult current challenges to both chastity and decency. A Chaste and Decent Life guides the church through the turbulent waters of sexual identity issues and rampant sexual permissiveness. Yet this wonderful document also encourages each reader to consider his or her vocation and to serve God accordingly.”

“A Chaste and Decent Life “ may be viewed on the Synod’s website – [lcms.org](http://lcms.org) Look for the document under the “Resources” tab – CTCR Library.