

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 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 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 Assistant: Bo Wayson

Organist: Roxann List Offering Counters: Cheryl Nissen, Sarah Staker

Ushers: Jason Knox, Jim Bunkofske Shut-Ins: Becca Barber

TODAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER This morning the Church joins the followers of Jesus in Jerusalem on the night of His resurrection. Earlier that afternoon, Jesus had appeared to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They had not recognized Him until He had “broken the bread” with them. In great joy and excitement, they had hurried the seven miles back to Jerusalem to find the disciples of Jesus and tell their good news. It was while these two disciples are telling their story that Jesus suddenly stands in their midst.



This is undoubtedly the same appearance of Jesus you heard in last week’s Gospel. Once again you meet the resurrected Jesus who speaks these gracious words: **“Peace to you.”**

Luke the physician takes careful note of pointing out that Jesus’ appearance is not merely spiritual. He is physically present! He shows the disciples his hands and feet, and even invites them to touch Him. As if that were not enough, Luke notes that Jesus even asks for food and eats a piece of fish in their presence.

Jesus’ real, physical, bodily presence is not just for proof of His resurrection. Rather, it is about His purpose for becoming man in the first place—forgiveness! God became man to redeem and reconcile His fallen creation to Himself. Jesus still manifests His bodily presence among His people for the same purpose—forgiveness! He is present in His Word to speak and He is present in His flesh and blood to feed and forgive. His presence brings peace!

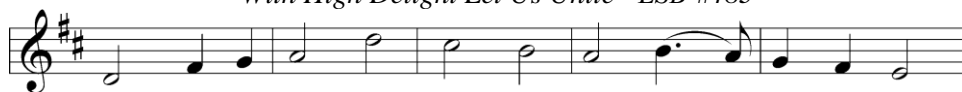
PASCHAL CANDLE A prominent symbol in the celebration of Easter is the Paschal Candle. This Candle, which represents the resurrection of Jesus, was lit at the Easter Vigil. The Candle will be lit throughout the Easter Season and sit at the “Gospel Horn” of the Altar, until the day of the Ascension. It is a visible reminder of the 40 days during which our risen savior showed himself to be alive and triumphant over death and the grave. Throughout the rest of the year, it stands by the Baptismal font.



I. THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

“With High Delight Let Us Unite” LSB #483



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;
ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
His death has been death's un - do - ing. “And yours shall
To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave,” Saith He, who
love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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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: In Your presence there is full- | ness of joy;*
at Your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Cong: **I will extol You, O Lord, for You have | drawn me up***
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.
O Lord my God, I cried to | You for help,*
and You have | healed me.

O Lord, You have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*
You restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.
Sing praises to the Lord, O | you His saints,*
and give thanks to His | holy name.

For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a | lifetime.*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.

Cantor: In Your presence there is full- | ness of joy;*
at Your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Ps. 30:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 16:11b

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

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

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.

C And with thy spir-it.

II Timothy 4:22

The Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; 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 Reading from Acts

Acts 3:11-21

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

The Gradual

Cantor: Christ is risen from the dead.
 [God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor.
 He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
 He has put ev'rything under His feet.

Congregation:

Christ is ris-en from the dead. God the

Fa-ther has crowned Him with glo-ry and hon-or.

He has giv-en Him do - min - ion o - ver the works of His
hands; He has put ev - 'ry - thing un - der His feet.

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

The Epistle

I John 3:1-7

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

As on Easter Day, so throughout the Easter Season the Holy Gospel will be read from the center of the Nave, a reminder that following Jesus' resurrection He appeared bodily among His disciples. As the music introduces the "Verse" please stand and direct your attention to the cross and the Holy Scriptures as they are carried into the midst of the Congregation. Each week the congregation will sing selected stanzas of the hymn "O Sons and Daughters of the King" during the Procession. Some of these stanzas have been specifically written for that Sunday by Vicar Baker.

The Verse

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

Congregation:

1. **That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!**

2. **He showed again his hands and feet
And took a piece of fish to eat
To prove the Scriptures were complete. Alleluia!**

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

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36-49

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Luke, the 24th 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, Thou Once Despised Jesus” LSB #531



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst
Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast
to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed
to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,
full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en
at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;
is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it
Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the
There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us
All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.
gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

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 ✠

Sun. 4/14 9:00 a.m. Divine Service at Our Redeemer
 10:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School
Mon. 4/15 6:30 p.m. Confession and Absolution
Wed. 4/17 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. 4/20 6:00 p.m. Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
 7:00 p.m. Vespers Service at Peace – Shell Rock
Sun. 4/21 9:00 a.m. Divine Service at Our Redeemer
 10:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School
 1:30 p.m. Voter’s Meeting
 3:00 p.m. “Games and Guesses” -Congregational game night!

HYMNS/READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

April 21, 2024 The Four Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:1-21; John 15:1-8

Invocation: Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won 490
 Verse: O Sons and Daughters of the King.....*printed*
 Hymn of the Day: Christ, the Word of God Incarnate 540
 Distribution: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness 467
 Distribution: Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior..... 619
 Distribution: We Know That Christ Is Raised..... 603

(Note: The readings and hymns for the 4th and 5th Sundays of Easter have been switched)

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.

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 April the Youth will meet again on the 24th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Connie and Dave Kmoch in thankfulness for life's blessings, especially as Dave recently celebrated his 70th birthday. *"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."* Psalms 16:11

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION The regular time for Corporate Confession and Absolution at Our Redeemer, on the 3rd Monday of the Month, will take place Monday, April 15th at 6:30 p.m. Time for Individual Confession and Absolution will be available after the Service of Corporate Confession and is always available by appointment as well. Please call Pastor Knox or Pastor Saunders to make those arrangements.

SUMMER STAFF NEEDED Looking for a summer job? Get that and more with a summer camp experience at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon, IA is hiring for male and female camp counselors for the upcoming summer. Employment begins May 29 and ends August 3. All summer staff go through training in early June to be fully trained in camp activities and safety, including CPR, AED, and first aid training. Candidates should be at least 18 years old. To get started, head on over to www.nloma.org and complete a summer service profile. Please contact Alec Deppe at 319-848-4187 or email programdirector@iodiseca.org if you have any questions.

YOUR ARE INVITED! Sunday, April 21, 3-6 pm_What: Games and Guesses? All ages are welcome to gather after the Voter's meeting for an afternoon of all your favorite games, conversation and get to know our newest members. (Or learn something about our "old " members!) Sloppy Joes and a light supper will be served. Bring a favorite board game, challenge someone to ping pong or foosball game, Euchre anyone? and enter the "Stump the Congregation" contest. You are welcome to come, even if you are not able to attend the voter's meeting, join us for a fun afternoon. To get some idea of how much food to prepare, please let Char Strub know if you are planning to attend. Either by email cstrub@cfu.net, or phone/text 319-269-6118 or you can just tell Char today. The Christian Care Committee hopes to see you all next Sunday.

THE REGULAR VOTER'S MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, April 21st 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 Doug Nefzger.

YOU ARE INVITED to the 2024 LWML – Iowa East District Convention, June 21–22, 2024 at the Radisson Hotel, 1200 Collins Rd, Cedar Rapids, IA. The Convention theme is SHOUT IT OUT! PRAISE THE LORD! (*Isaiah 12:5 ESV*) The Westgate and Williamsburg Zones are hosting the convention. Information about the convention can be found in the Narthex and in the Parish Hall. Pick up a copy and make plans to attend.