

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 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

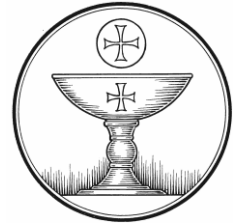
April 16, 2023

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 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.
- ✘ 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.



THOSE SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE THIS WEEK

Elder: Ryan Thornton Service Assistant: Bo Wayson

Organist: Roxann List Ushers: Kelly Barber, Tim Koch

Tellers: Jonah Bolin, Tom Strub Shut-Ins: Dean and Martha Garms

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Attendance: 121 Communion: 97



TODAY IS THE 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER A week has passed but the greeting of Easter remains the same, "*The Lord is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*"

But what about the Apostles? Were they rejoicing? Had they not heard the message of Jesus' resurrection? Some, if not all, had even visited the empty tomb and spoken with Mary who had seen Jesus alive. Did they have great joy and peace? No! John tells us in his Gospel, "*On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them.*"

Only one thing could calm their fears. Forgiveness! And that is what Jesus gives them. "*Peace be with you! After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.*"

Jesus forgave His disciples and so He forgives you. Through Holy Baptism you have shared in His death and resurrection. You now listen to His voice as He speaks to you through the mouth of His servant and He says to you, "*Peace be with you! Your sins have been forgiven.*" You listen to His voice and you heed it as He invites you, "*Come, take and eat . . . take and drink . . . this is my body . . . this is my blood, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.*" You have nothing to fear!

I. THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

“This Joyful Eastertide” LSB #482



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west
Has sprung to life this mor - row:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:
Refrain
Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

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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. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit



Cantor: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal - | vation—* if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Cong: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call u - | pon His name;*

make known His deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to Him, sing prais - | es to Him;*

tell of all His | wondrous works!

Glory in His | holy name;*

let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and His strength;*

seek His presence con - | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | He has done,*

His miracles, and the judgments He | uttered.

He remembers His covenant for - | ever,*

the word that He commanded, for a thousand gener - | ations.

Cantor: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal - | vation—* if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good. (*Antiphon, 1 Peter 2:2-3; Ps. 105:1-5, 8*)

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.

II Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spir - it.

The Collect of the Day

P: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Be seated

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 5:29-42

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

The Gradual

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word” LSB #488

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

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The Epistle

1 Peter 1:3-9

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

As the organ 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. Throughout the Easter Season the Gospel will be read from the center of the Nave, a reminder that following Jesus' resurrection He appeared bodily among His disciples

The Verse

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice And Sing” LSB #475

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist John, the 20th chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

As the procession returns to the chancel, the remaining verses will be sung:



3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

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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**

The Hymn of The Day

“O Sons and Daughters of the King” LSB #471



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



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the
The faith - ful wom - en went their way To seek the
Who sits and speaks un - to the three, “Your Lord will

The Refrain is repeated after st. 9.



grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
go to Gal - i - lee.” Al - le - lu - ia!

4. That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear
And said, “My peace be with you here.” Alleluia!
5. When Thomas first the tidings heard that they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples’ word. Alleluia!
6. “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, and look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.” Alleluia!
7. No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried. Alleluia!
8. How blest are they who have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!
9. On this most holy day of days be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!



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

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: French, 15th cent.

The Sermon

Following the Sermon, please rise to sing the Offertory

The Offertory

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 4/16	1:30 p.m.	Regular Voters' Meeting
Mon. 4/17	6:30 p.m.	Confession and Absolution
Wed. 4/19	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
Thurs. 4/20	4:00 p.m.	Youth Catechesis
Sat. 4/22	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock
Sun. 4/23	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School and Bible Class

Readings and Hymns for Sunday, April 23, 2023 – The 3rd Sunday of Easter

Readings:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; I Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35	
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BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. This morning we will we will start a study of Christian Burial, with a particular focus on the practice of Cremation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday.

WEEKLY READINGS/HYMNS STUDY This class meets on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.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 will meet again in April on the 24th.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY The Jr. High/Sr. High Youth have been meeting for Bible Study with Vicar Goodroad on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. In April the class will meet again on the 19th.

IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION with the current status of Our Redeemer's finances, here is some information from the Board of Stewardship. We will continue to provide updated information throughout the year. Using our \$4,700.00 weekly goal, we should be at \$61,000.00 for total general giving after 13 Sundays.

March Year to Date: \$65,643.66
 Budgeted Year to Date: \$61,000.00
 Difference: +\$4,643.66

- + January total was \$29,399.60, which is \$5,899.60 over a five Sunday goal of \$23,500.00.
- + February total was \$16,089.33 which is \$2,710.67 under a four Sunday goal of \$18,800.00.
- + March total was \$20,154.73 which is \$1,354.73 over a four Sunday goal of \$18,800.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR REDEEMER'S BOOK CLUB will be studying the book, "THE NICENE CREED: An Introduction." Please join the ORLC Book Club in reading and discussing this book by Phillip Cary. The Book Club meets each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. This book takes us "in depth" through the words of the Church's confession for centuries. This should prove to be an exceptionally good read! Please contact Greg Gerjerts or Sara Lair for more details.

THE REGULAR VOTERS' MEETING is scheduled for this afternoon, Sunday, April 16th 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 is posted in the Parish Hall.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION The regular time for Corporate Confession and Absolution, on the 3rd Monday of the Month, will take place tomorrow, Monday, April 17 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.

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, THE SPRING ISSUE OF THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S QUARTERLY, and the ALIVE newsletter are available in the Parish Hall and Narthex.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL The Board of Education is happy to announce plans for Vacation Bible School to be held June 14-17. Tentative plans are hold VBS for pre-Confirmation aged children from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on Wednesday-Friday, with a short program and fun activities planned for Saturday morning. Are you interested in teaching, helping with food, crafts, singing or being in charge of games? If so, there will be a Vacation Bible School meeting Monday, April 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in helping any way with VBS in June please plan to attend this informational meeting. Contact Michaela Knox with any questions.

REMINDER: PHIL'S FRIENDS provides faith-based hope to those with cancer. The Christian Care board is sponsoring a care package needs drive: Lotion (fragrance-free; 5 oz. or smaller); Biotene (6 oz. or smaller); decks of playing cards; and single toothbrushes and toothpaste (5 oz. or less). The deadline for donating items for PHIL'S FRIENDS is May 1. Thank you for your support!

