

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 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 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: Stephen Hoffman **Service Assistant:** Steven Dekutoski

Organist: Roxann List **Ushers:** Chris Fink, Dan List

Tellers: Paula Czarnetzki, Char Strub **Shut-Ins:** Dean Fink

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Attendance: 103

TODAY IS THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER God’s people, the sheep of His pasture, are cared for by the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for the sheep. Peter declares that by nature, “*you were like sheep going astray.*” But the Good Shepherd has sought His wandering sheep out and “*called them by name.*”

In the weekly Liturgy, the sheep hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and they follow Him. He leads them beside the still waters of Holy Baptism and feeds them in the green pastures with His Body and Blood. The Hymn of the Day, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is,” describes the work of the Good Shepherd in this way:

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!**

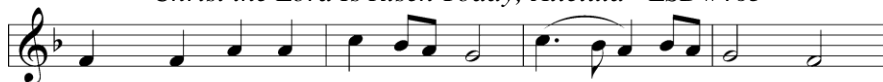
Today the Good Shepherd again spreads His table in your sight and His voice beckons you to come and feast. You know His voice and you listen to Him. From His table He gives His body to eat and from the chalice His precious blood. In this way, the ongoing work of the Good Shepherd is done: *My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.*



I. THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia” LSB #463



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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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: I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

Cong: Oh come, let us sing | to the Lord;*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Let us come into His presence with thanks- | giving;*

let us make a joyful noise to Him with | songs of praise!

For the Lord is a | great God,*

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;*

let us kneel before the Lord, our | Maker!

For He | is our God,*

and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep | of His hand.

Cantor: I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

(Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a; antiphon, John 10:14, 15b)

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

G 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

P Glory be to God on high: **G** 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, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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 the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2:42-47

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

I Peter 2:19-25

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 10:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist John, the 10th 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

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” LSB #709

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

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The Sermon

Following the Sermon, please rise to sing the Offertory

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.

A GUIDE FOR DAILY PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE READING
for the week of April 30-May 7, 2023 (4th Week of Easter)

DAILY PRAYER

For Individuals and Families
Pages 294-298 LSB

-or-

Responsive Prayer 2
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COLLECT OF THE DAY (The 4th Sunday of Easter)

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 95
(antiphon: v. 6-7a)

HYMN OF THE WEEK

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
LSB #709

DAILY READINGS

Pages 299-304 Lutheran Service Book

Following this reading schedule will guide you through the Bible in 1 Year.
It would also be good to incorporate the readings for the week in the devotions.

Readings for the Week

Sunday, May 7, 2023 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

Page 294 Lutheran Service Book

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Our Shut-Ins and Residence Care Members
 - Marion Iversen, Walt Miller, Dixie Neuhaus (Peace)
- The sick, ill, or hospitalized
 - Randy Luhring, Andrew Faulkner, Wayne Heins, Roger Mishler, Elaine Coons, Bill Zuck (brother-in-law of Pauline Hanson)

Bible Verse Of The Week

Younger Children

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. *John 10:11 (ESV)*

Older Children

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;*let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! *Psalm 95:1-2 (ESV)*
(Sing "Venite" from Matins on pages 220-221)

Catechism Of The Week

All of the memorization from the Catechism should be done from the 1943 translation of the Small Catechism.

Third Article of The Apostles Creed & Meaning

What is the Third Article of the Creed?

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the (✕)body; and the life everlasting. Amen..

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers, and will at the Last Day raise up me and all the dead, and give unto me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

The Tenth Commandment

What is the Tenth Commandment?

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we may not estrange, force, or entice away from our neighbor his wife, servants, or cattle, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

✂ OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ✂

Mon. & Tues. 5/1-5/2	Pastor Knox and Vicar Goodroad gone for a Conference	
Wed. 5/3	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 (with Pastor Knox this week)
Sat. 5/6	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers at Peace – Shell Rock
Sun. 5/7	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School and Bible Class

Readings and Hymns for Sunday, May 7, 2023 – The 5th Sunday of Easter

Readings:	Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14	
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BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. We are studying the topic of Christian Burial, with a particular focus on the practice of Cremation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. We plan to hold Sunday School throughout the summer.

WEEKLY READINGS/HYMNS STUDY This class meets each Wednesday 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. In May the Vicar’s Bible Study will meet again on the 8th and 9th.

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 May the class will meet on the 3rd and 17th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are provided by Dean and Martha Garms. They are given in thankfulness to God for all of His blessings in their lives. *“Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* Ephesians 5:20

THE LATEST EDITION OF THE REPORTER is available in the Narthex and Parish Hall.

BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER Mark your calendars - We are having a “Bake Sale” in the Parish Hall following the service on Sunday, May 14th. There will be bars, cakes, cookies, pies, and more. All proceeds go to Alternatives Pregnancy Center in Waterloo.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INFORMATION/REGISTRATION Vacation Bible School will be held Wednesday-Saturday, June 14-17. We are happy to be partnering with Faith Lutheran in Waterloo and College Hill Lutheran in Cedar Falls. VBS will meet from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (6/14-6/16) with a Wrap up/Closing/Fun day planned for Saturday (6/17) morning. Our Vacation Bible School will be for Preschool and Elementary aged children. Jr. High and older students are welcome to participate but we will use them as “helpers” rather than having a class for them. Families of children attending VBS, please pick up a registration form in the Narthex or located on a table downstairs in the Parish Hall. Complete the bottom portion of the form and return to Michaela Knox by Sunday, May 14th. Thank you!



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 Monday, May 1. Thank you for your support!

OUR REDEEMER'S BOOK CLUB is 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. Please contact Greg Gerjerts or Sara Lair for more details.

FORMER VICAR MARK ZIEROTH has received a Call into the Office of the Holy Ministry to serve at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dubuque, Iowa and St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Sherrill, Iowa. The members of Our Redeemer in Cedar Falls and Peace Lutheran in Shell Rock rejoice with Mark, Taylor, and Samuel. Information about his Ordination and Installation is still pending.



MEET YOUR NEXT VICAR AND FAMILY - MATTHEW AND PAMELA BAKER, LOGAN, CAMDEN, BRIGHTON, AND LINCOLN

Prior to moving to Fort Wayne, Matthew was a life-long resident of South Dakota. His family—parents, James and Robin, and four younger sisters—lived on a farm near Fairfax and were active members of Trinity Lutheran Church. Pamela grew up in Sergeant Bluff, IA, with her parents, Herman—who died March 30 this year after five years with Alzheimer's Disease—and Sandra. She has two older sisters who were out of high school by the time she was in elementary school.

Both Matthew and Pamela studied vocal music at South Dakota State University and were introduced by their voice instructor. During their time in Brookings (2003–2008), they attended Mount Calvary Lutheran Church where Pamela was catechized into the Lutheran church and where the two were married on June 7, 2008.

They spent five years in Rapid City, SD (2008–2013), both directing choirs and teaching vocal music—Matthew with the Rapid City Children's Chorus and at St. Elizabeth Seton Elementary School (Rapid City Catholic Schools); Pamela at West Middle School and Stevens High School (Rapid City Area Schools). While in Rapid City, they attended Bethlehem Lutheran Church, teaching Sunday school, playing organ, and directing the adult choir.

In 2013, they decided to move back to Brookings where Matthew accepted a job teaching music at Hillcrest and Dakota Prairie Elementary Schools (Brookings Public Schools). After teaching preschool at Peace Lutheran Early Childhood Center for a short time, Pamela opted to teach private piano and voice lessons from home and began homeschooling their boys. In addition to regularly attending worship and Bible study at Mount Calvary, they assisted with several projects and filled various roles during their eight years there. Matthew was a Sunday school teacher, choir director, campus ministry coordinator, and church council leader. Pamela was an organist, choir director, member of the Board of Evangelism, and LWML president. Their experiences at Mount Calvary and especially their close friendships with their pastors' families were vital in bringing them to Concordia Theological Seminary in 2021.

Matthew's interests include gardening, biking, and woodworking. Pamela's are cooking, baking, and scrapbooking.

Logan (9) and Camden (6) enjoy several sports, but are most interested now in basketball and baseball. They like to look at, learn about, and talk about sports cars. (Ask them what they hope to drive someday.) They inherited a love of LEGO and many sets from their father. They're both avid readers. (This they did not inherit from their father.) Their very favorite thing to do is visit Grandpa and Grandma's farm with their 10 cousins.

In February 2019, Matthew and Pamela's third child, Jordan, died in the first eight weeks of pregnancy. He/she is buried in Brookings.

Brighton (3) and his shadow, Lincoln (1), are especially fond of toy cars and any kind of ball. They're very interested in dinosaurs—looking at dinosaur books, playing with toy dinosaurs, and pretending to be dinosaurs. Bluey is their favorite TV character, and the Bluey soundtrack is part of almost any road trip. They, too, are big fans of books—looking at them alone and being read to them. Although Brighton's vocabulary is rather limited, he's a great storyteller.

They look forward to getting to know all about the members of Our Redeemer and Peace in the upcoming year.