

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 7, 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: Alan Czarnetzki **Service Assistant:** Logan Baker

Organist: Roxann List **Offering Counters:** Chris Fink, James Mishler

Ushers: Al Nissen, Dean Garms **Shut-Ins:** Dean Fink



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!

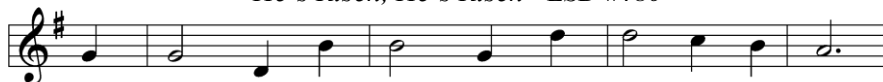


PASCHAL CANDLE A prominent symbol in the celebration of Easter is the Paschal Candle. This Candle, which represents the resurrection of Jesus, was lit at the Easter Vigil. The Candle will be lit throughout the Easter Season and sit at the "Gospel Horn" of the Altar, until the day of the Ascension. It 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

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen” LSB #480



1 He’s ris - en, He’s ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry,
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
△ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death’s pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den’s door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan’s do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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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: Like newborn babes, 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 up- | on 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 babes, 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.

Ps. 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3

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

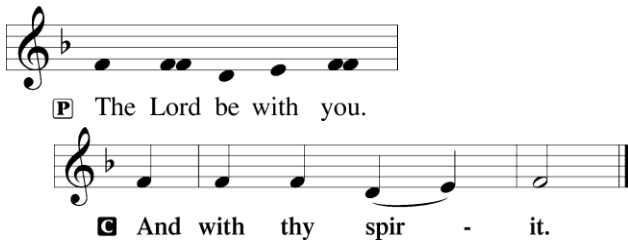
Luke 2:14; John 1:29

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

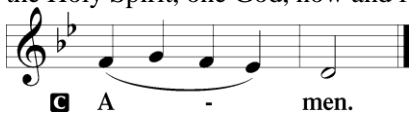


P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

II Timothy 4:22

The Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray: 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 Acts

Acts 4:32-35

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 all things 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 1:1-2:2

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

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. 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

Refrain

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. **How blest are they who have not seen
 And yet whose faith has constant been,
 For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!**

Refrain

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

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The Holy Gospel
 John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. 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.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

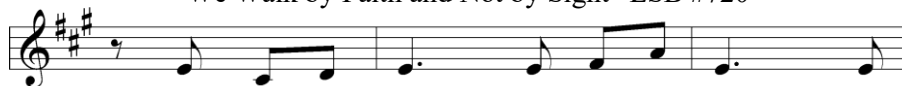
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
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

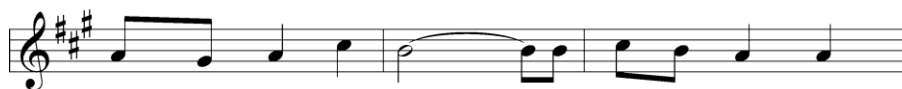
Be Seated

The Hymn of The Day

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” LSB #720



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
may our faith a - bound To call on You when
found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
we re - joice And cry “My Lord and God!”
You are near And seek where You are found.
and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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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. 4/7	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School
Mon. 4/8	10:00 a.m.	Vicar's Bible Study
Tue. 4/9	10:30 a.m.	Lucille Thompson funeral at Peace – Shell Rock
	6:00 p.m.	Vicar's Bible Study at Peace – Shell Rock
Wed. 4/10	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. 4/13	10:00 a.m..	Vacation Bible School Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock
Sun. 4/14	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School

HYMNS/READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

April 14, 2024 The Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:11-21; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49

Invocation: With High Delight Let Us Unite..... 483

Verse: O Sons and Daughters of the King*printed*

Hymn of the Day: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus 531

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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.

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, because of a schedule conflict, the Youth will meet on the 3rd and the 24th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to spend your summer serving as a Christian role model for youth from Eastern Iowa and beyond! 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 or for more information, or check out Camp's website at www.campiodiseca.org.

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, and enter the "Stump the Congregation" contest. Sponsored by Christian Care. Watch for further details, and contact Char Strub with any questions. cstrub@cfu.net, 319-277-7088.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! 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 msaunders02@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.

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.

THE UPDATED PICTORIAL DIRECTORY is available in the Narthex after the Service this morning.