

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

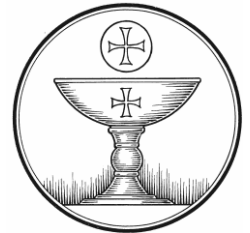
May 21, 2023

**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:** Steven Dekutoski

**Organist:** Roxann List **Ushers:** El Heth, Carson Irwin

**Tellers:** Paula Czarnetzki, Tom Strub **Shut-Ins:** Jake Jackson

**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

**Attendance: 98**

**TODAY IS THE 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER** The Church year is in another period of transition. This past Thursday the Church observed the Festival of the Ascension of Our Lord. In the weeks to come the Festivals of Pentecost and the Holy Trinity will take place.

As today marks the end of the Easter Season, and the Church prepares for the long Pentecost Season, perhaps the joy and exhilaration of Easter Sunday has worn off. Undoubtedly, the same could have been said for the Early Church. While this certainly did not occur in just a few short weeks, nevertheless, their experiences in the real world caused them to reflect on the significance of Easter and of being a child of God. Yet in the midst of this “real world” Christianity we have the promise of Jesus, who has now ascended to the right hand of the throne of God, that He is praying for His Church. He prayed then and continues to pray now, *“Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”*

Take comfort today, Baptized child of God, that you bear the name of the Holy, Triune God. Take comfort today, Baptized child of God, in the promise of Jesus to pray for you and for His Church. Take further comfort today, Baptized child of God, for the One who prays for you also comes to you in this “real world” and feeds you with His body and blood.



**YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THE PASCHAL CANDLE IS NOT LIT** During the Easter season this candle's light and prominent position near the Altar reminded the Church of the Lord's resurrection and how Christ, who is the Light of the World, has conquered the darkness of sin, death, and the power of the devil. Its visible light also served as a reminder that Christ our Lord showed Himself to His disciples in the 40 days following His resurrection from the dead until the day He ascended to the right hand of the Father. After the Festival of the Ascension this past Thursday the Paschal Candle has been returned to its place by the Baptismal Font where it will be lit at Baptisms and Funerals.

## 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;  
 Δ 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

### 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: I will sing of steadfast love and | justice;\*  
to You, O Lord, I will make | music.

Cong: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth!\***

**Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with | singing!**

**Know that the Lord, | He is God!\***

**It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His | pasture.**

**Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His | courts with praise!\***

**Give thanks to Him; | bless His name!**

**For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures for- | ever,\***

**and His faithfulness to all gener- | ations.**

Cantor: I will sing of steadfast love and | justice;\*  
to You, O Lord, I will make | music.

*(Psalm 100:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 101:1)*

### Gloria Patri

**G**lo-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:** O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

*Be seated*

### The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1:12-26

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

**C:** Thanks be to God

**The Gradual**

*Psalm 68:1-10 (Antiphon v. 32)*

Cantor: O kingdoms of the earth, | sing to God;\*  
sing praises | to the Lord,.

**Cong: God shall arise, His enemies shall be | scattered;\*  
and those who hate Him shall flee be- | fore Him!  
As smoke is driven away, so You shall drive | them away;\*  
as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish be- | fore God!  
But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;\*  
they shall be jubilant | with joy!  
Sing to God, sing praises | to His name;\*  
lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts; His name is the Lord; exult be- | fore him!  
Father of the fatherless and protector of | widows\*  
is God in His holy habi- | tation.  
God settles the solitary in a home; He leads out the prisoners to pros- | perity,\*  
but the rebellious dwell in a | parched land.  
O God, when You went out before Your | people,\*  
when You marched through the | wilderness,  
the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of | Sinai,\*  
before God, the God of | Israel.  
Rain in abundance, O God, You | shed abroad;\*  
You restored Your inheritance as it | languished;  
Your flock found a dwell- | ing in it;\*  
in Your goodness, O God, You provided for the | needy.  
*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.***

Cantor: O kingdoms of the earth, | sing to God;\*  
sing praises | to the Lord,.

**The Epistle**

I Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**The Alleluia/Verse**



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Cantor: We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. |  
Alleluia. \*

I will not leave you as orphans; I will | come to you.

*(Romans 6:9; John 14:8)*



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## The Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist John, the 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

**The Hymn of The Day**  
 "Thy Strong Word" LSB #578

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth

speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -

light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.

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

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
 Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send  
 Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

- △ 6. God the Father, light-creator, to Thee laud and honor be.  
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to Thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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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 ✠**

<b>Mon. 5/22</b>	6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
<b>Wed. 5/24</b>	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sat. 5/27</b>	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock
<b>Sun. 5/28</b>	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class (No Sunday School)

### **Sunday, May 28, 2023 The Festival of Pentecost**

Readings: 11:24-30; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

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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. When this study is complete, Vicar Goodroad will be leading the Sunday morning class in a study of I & II Thessalonians.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. There will not be Sunday School on Memorial Day Weekend (5/28) but we do 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. This class will continue to meet throughout the summer.

**THE VICAR’S BIBLE STUDY** will meet for the final time on Monday, May 29 at 9:00 a.m. In the Fall, Vicar Baker will begin a study of the use of agricultural images and themes in the Bible.

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** The Jr. High/Sr. High Youth have been meeting for Bible Study with Vicar Goodroad on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. This class will resume in the Fall with Vicar Baker.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A SPECIAL VOTERS’ MEETING** will be held this morning immediately before the start of Bible Class. The purpose of the meeting is to approve recent changes made to the constitution of Our Redeemer regarding membership.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Dusty and Amber Greiman as they celebrate their wedding anniversary (May 19). *“Be devoted to one another in love.” Romans 12:10.*

**THANK YOU** all for making my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday extra special with a card, gift, or kind words, and for the help given to my daughters to pull off the surprise. I am so blessed. Sandy Stone

**THANK YOU** There is a card of thanks to the congregation on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall from Alison Langel, our newest member. In it she writes, “Thank you all for your kindness, acceptance, and love.”



**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** Baby bottles are a way that families can get involved and talk with kids about life and how God has fearfully and wonderfully made each one of us for a purpose. Feel free to take a bottle home, fill it with change, (or bills, or checks!) and return it to church by Father’s Day. (June 18)

Donations can be made with cash, checks made out to Alternatives Pregnancy Center, or you can scan the QR code that is on the poster in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall. If you prefer to donate material goods, Alternatives Pregnancy Center needs SIZE 4 diapers (only size 4 at this time), and

items such as laundry detergent, shampoo and conditioner, body wash, formula, lotion, sleepers (new and gently used) baby socks, men’s deodorant, shaving cream, and razors.

Alternatives Pregnancy Centers’ mission statement: Alternatives Pregnancy Center exists to be a first stop for people facing an unplanned pregnancy, a place to address at risk sexual behavior, and to help build healthy families. Thank you for supporting Alternatives Pregnancy Center!

**THE LATEST EDITION OF THE REPORTER AND THE JUNE LUTHERAN WITNESS** are available in the Narthex and Parish Hall.

**BAKE SALE UPDATE** The bake sale last Sunday brought in over \$470 to support the Alternatives Pregnancy Center. Thank you for your generosity! If anyone missed the opportunity to contribute and would like to make a donation, please see Emily Kenitzer.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INFORMATION/REGISTRATION** Vacation Bible School will be held Wednesday-Saturday, June 14-17 for Preschool and Elementary aged children. If you haven't registered your child yet, 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 as soon as possible. Thank you!

**NEW CARPET INSTALLATION** The Voters of Our Redeemer accepted a bid for the replacement of the carpet in the nave, the chancel, the narthex, and balcony. The work of removing and installing the carpet is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 19 and to be completed by Friday, June 23.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to attend a unique and beneficial conference titled "Free to Die: The Martyrs as Our Christian Heroes" presented by Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller. Sessions include:

1. **"They Did Not Love Their Lives Unto Death"**  
Discover the connection between the fear of death and spiritual warfare, drawing from Hebrews 2 and Revelation 12.
2. **"The Greatest Martyr Ever to Live"**  
Learn from Noah's faith amidst ridicule and mockery, exploring 2 Peter 2.
3. **"Hope"**  
Gain insights from the lives of Agnes and Agatha, faithful martyrs who teach us how to maintain joy and hope in the midst of heaviness.
4. **"Fighting the Good Fight: Holding Faith and a Good Conscience"**  
Equip yourself for daily battles against Satan, the world, and our sinful nature, relying on Christ's work and how He sees us drawing from 2 Timothy 1 and Ephesians 6.

The conference will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Davenport, Iowa Saturday, August 12, 2023 from 8:15 AM – 3:15 PM. Registration and further details are available at the Doxology website which is: [www.doxology.us](http://www.doxology.us) under their events calendar. An event flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

**YOU ARE ALSO INVITED** to attend a conference featuring Rev. Wolfmueller at Christ The King Lutheran Church in Spencer, Iowa on Friday and Saturday, July 7-8. The theme is, "Competing Stories: God's and The World's." Pastor Wolfmueller will present and explore these opposing worldviews in 6 sessions over 2 days. The cost of this conference is just \$15. An event flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. You may register online at Christ The King's website which is: [www.ctkspencer.com](http://www.ctkspencer.com) or by calling Pastor McGinley at 712-262-2244 to register over the phone.