

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 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 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 us Christians to eat and drink, instituted by Christ Himself. As we receive this of fellowship at the Altar (I Corinthians 10:17) presupposes a oneness in Apostles (Acts 2:42). For this reason the congregations of the Lutheran Church-agreed to follow the Biblical and historical practice of Closed Communion. If the Lord’s Supper and are not a communicant member of Our Redeemer or a the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we respectfully ask that you not 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.



the bread and wine for Sacrament, the oneness doctrine with the Missouri Synod have you desire to receive sister congregation in commune this morning.

THOSE SERVING GOD’S PEOPLE THIS WEEK

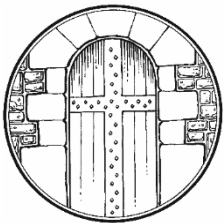
Elder: Matt Kenitzer n **Service Assistant:** Steven Dekutoski

Organist: Roxann List **Ushers:** Jim Niebergall, Chris Fink

Tellers: Chris Fink, James Mishler **Shut-Ins:** Becca Barber

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Attendance: 70



TODAY IS THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Last week, Jesus told you that you were sheep, the sheep of His pasture, who are cared for by the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for the sheep. In the same Chapter of John 10, He also made it clear, “*No one can snatch you from My hand.*” Your Lord’s protection and presence both comfort and lead you.

How important is this to you? Perhaps comparing what you “are” to what you “were” will heighten your appreciation. St. Peter says, “*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not*

received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”


Today you receive that mercy in the gracious words of God, as Peter tells you about the new names that were draped upon you at your Baptism. And what more intimate sign of God’s mercy can be found than in the promise, “*This is my body, this is my blood, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins?*”

I. THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

“Lift High the Cross” LSB #837 (choir verses 2 & 5)


Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

CHOIR

CHOIR 5. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

ALL 6. **So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

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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: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a | new song,*

His praise in the assembly of the | godly!

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.*

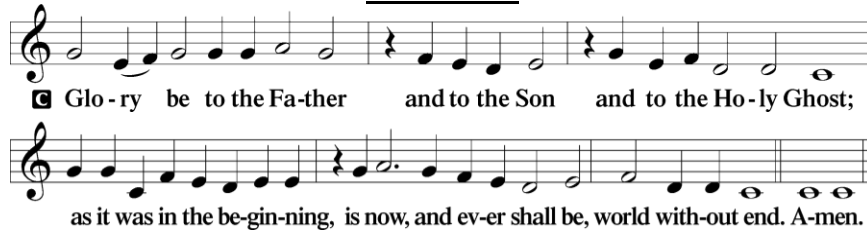
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.

Cantor: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a | new song,*

His praise in the assembly of the | godly!

(Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon, Psalm 149:1)

Gloria Patri



Kyrie

Mark 10:47



Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



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 God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60

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 2:2-10

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 14:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist John, the 14th 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

"By All Your Saints in Warfare" LSB #517

1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For
 2 Praise for the first of mar - tyrs Who
 △ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And

all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
 saw You read - y stand To help in time of
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the

Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For
 tor - ment, To plead at God's right hand. Like
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till

You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
 You, our suf - f'ring Sav - ior, His en - e - mies he
 all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the

crown; And now they shine in glo - ry,
 blessed, With "Lord, re - ceive my spir - it,"
 throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry

Re - flect - ed from death, Your throne.
 His faith, by death, con - fessed.
 And praise to God a - lone.

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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.

⌘ OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ⌘

Mon. 5/8	9:00 a.m.	Vicar’s Bible Study at Our Redeemer
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council
Tue. 5/9	9:30 a.m.	Brunch Bunch (at Cedar Falls Family Restaurant)
	6:00 p.m.	Vicar’s Bible Study at Peace – Shell Rock
Wed. 5/10	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sat. 5/13	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock
Sun. 5/14	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School and Bible Class

Readings and Hymns for Sunday, May 14, 2023 – The 6th Sunday of Easter

Readings:	Acts 17:16-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21
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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 again on the 17th.

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES

In an effort to keep the members of Our Redeemer aware of our financial condition as a congregation, the following is provided by the Board of Stewardship and the Financial Secretary.

- Giving/income Year to Date (through April): \$103,350.39
- Budget Year to Date: \$84,600.00
- Difference: +\$18,750.39

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Walt Miller in praise and thanksgiving to God. "Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever." *Psalms 106:1*

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.

THE LATEST EDITION OF THE REPORTER AND THE JUNE LUTHERAN WITNESS are 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 for Preschool and Elementary aged children. Older students are welcome to participate but we will use them as "helpers" rather than having a class for them 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-Friday (6/14-6/16) with a Wrap up/Closing/Fun day planned for Saturday (6/17) morning. 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!

A SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held on Sunday, May 21 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 removal from membership.



phil's friends

THANK YOU to the members of Our Redeemer for your generosity in support of Phil's Friends. Judy Fink has graciously volunteered to take the items with her to the LWML Convention being held in Milwaukee this summer. Here are the items given:

166 bottles of hand cream	145 toothbrushes	81 tubes of toothpaste
4 pair of socks	1 pair of gloves	3 hats
74 decks of playing cards	2 tubes of Chapstick	4 containers of dental floss
15 journals	2 crossword books	23 Pillow Ports (handsewn)
10 combined toothbrush, floss and toothpaste kits		

THANK YOU – CHRISTIAN CARE COMMITTEE



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.