

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 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 **Service Assistant:** Steven Dekutoski

**Organist:** Roxann List **Ushers:** Al Nissen, Dean Garms

**Tellers:** Sarah Staker, Cheryl Nissen **Shut-Ins:** Roxann List

**Sunday, June 4, 2023**

**Attendance: 94**



**TODAY IS THE 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** In the Gospel reading from Matthew 9, appointed for this Sunday in the Church Year, you hear, “*And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?’ But when he heard it, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.’*”

As it was for the Pharisees, so it is for you today! You too must learn what Jesus means when he says, “*go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’*”

In his book entitled “Sacred Meditations” Johann Gerhard, a Lutheran pastor of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, wrote a devotion about battling pride and cultivating true humility in one’s heart. He wrote,

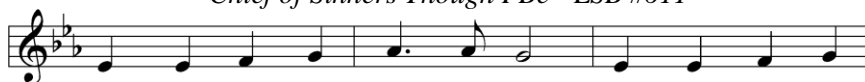
Consider, O faithful soul, the lowly condition of man, and you will the more easily avoid all temptation to pride. He enters the world as a helpless infant; his passage through life is attended with constant miseries, and he leaves it in tears. All his life long, he is assaulted by evil spirits, assailed by temptations, allured by worldly pleasures, cast down by tribulations, robbed of his virtues, and entangled in the meshes of evil habits. Why should he be proud, since he is but dust and ashes? Nothing is his own but his sins; of all that is in him, then, these are all that he can claim. Foolish and faithless is that servant who would personally pride himself upon what belongs to his master.”

Worship is not about sacrifice; it is about mercy. You do not come here to appease God, nor to express to God how much you love and adore Him. Worship, you see, never begins with you, rather it begins with God. When you come here week after week you bring God your sins and your failures, your own selfish pride. In return He lavishes upon you His mercy. The Physician is present. He forgives you, He loves you, He feeds you with His body and blood, He gives you eternal life. This is what it means, “*I desire mercy and not sacrifice.*”

# I. THE PREPARATION

## Hymn of Invocation

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” LSB #611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'n's a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Text and tune: Public domain

### **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: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and sum- | mons the earth\*  
from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

Cong: **Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify a- | gainst you.\***  
**I am | God, your God.**

**Not for your sacrifices do I re- | buke you;\***  
**your burnt offerings are continually be- | fore Me.**

**I will not accept a bull | from your house\***  
**or goats | from your folds.**

**For every beast of the for- | est is Mine,\***  
**the cattle on a | thousand hills.**

Cantor: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and sum- | mons the earth\*  
from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

*Psalm 50:7–10; antiphon: v. 1*

### 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:** Let us pray: Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

*Be seated*

### The Old Testament

Hosea 5:15—6:6

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

**C:** Thanks be to God

### The Gradual

Psalm 119:65-72 (*antiphon v. 71*)

**Cantor:** It is good for me that I was af- | flicted,\*  
that I might learn Your | statutes.

**Cong:** **You have dealt well with Your | servant,\***  
**O Lord, according | to Your word.**  
**Teach me good judgment and | knowledge,\***  
**for I believe in Your com- | mandments.**  
**Before I was afflicted I | went astray,\***  
**but now I | keep Your word.**  
**You are good and | do good;\***  
**teach me Your | statutes.**  
**The insolent smear | me with lies,\***  
**but with my whole heart I keep Your | precepts;**  
**their heart is unfeeling | like fat,\***  
**but I delight | in Your law.**

It is good for me that I was af- | flicted,\*  
 that I might learn Your | statutes.  
 The law of Your mouth is bet- | ter to me\*  
 than thousands of gold and silver | pieces.  
 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: It is good for me that I was af- | flicted,\*  
 that I might learn Your | statutes.

**Epistle**

Romans 4:13-25

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: I came not to call the | righteous,\*  
 but | sinners (*Matthew 9:13b*)

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

**The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 9:9-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Matthew, the 9<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**

*"By All Your Saints in Warfare" #518*

1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For  
2 Praise, Lord, for him whose Gos - pel Your  
△ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And  
all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O  
hu - man life de - clared, Who, world - ly gain for -  
wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the  
Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For  
sak - ing, Your path of suf - f'ring shared. From  
Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till  
You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the  
all un - righ - teous mam - mon, O raise our eyes a -  
all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the  
crown; And now they shine in glo - ry  
new That we in our vo - ca - tion  
throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry  
Re - flect - ed and from Your throne.  
May rise and fol - low You.  
And praise to God a - lone.

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823-1913, alt.  
Tune: English; coll. and arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

**The Sermon**

*Following the Sermon, please rise to sing the Offertory*

**Stand**

**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



## ✠ OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ✠

<b>Mon. 6/12</b>	6:30 p.m.	Confession and Absolution (moved one week early)
<b>Tue. 6/13</b>	9:30 a.m.	Brunch Bunch
<b>Wed. 6/14</b>	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	12:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
<b>Thur. 6/15</b>	12:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
<b>Fri. 6/16</b>	12:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
<b>Sat. 6/17</b>	10:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School Closing
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock
<b>Sun. 6/18</b>	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Class

### HYMNS/READINGS

**Sunday, June 18, 2023 The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 6)**

Readings: Exodus 19:2-8; Romans 5:6-15; Matthew 9:35-10:20

Psalmody: Psalm 100

Invocation: O Day Full Of Grace .....503

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### BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. Vicar Goodroad is leading the Sunday morning class in a study of I & II Thessalonians. This will continue until the end of his Vicarage. Later this summer we will complete the study of burial practices and cremation.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. The Sunday School will meet 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** with Vicar Goodroad has ended. This Fall Vicar Baker will begin a study of the use of agricultural images and themes in the Bible.

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** During the School Year the Jr. High/Sr. High Youth meet for Bible Study with our Vicar 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

**RECEPTION FOR GRADUATES KYLIE WINTER AND KOEN BOVY** Please join your fellow members in congratulating our recent High School graduates - Kylie Winter and Koen Bovy. A brief reception and presentation will be made in the Parish Hall between Church and Bible Class this morning.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given by Tammy and Pastor Knox in thankfulness to God for the gift of marriage and family. Today they celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** The normal time for Confession/Absolution is being moved a week earlier this month because of the carpet installation. The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution will take place on Monday, June 12 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.

**THE ORDINATION INTO THE PASTORAL OFFICE OF FORMER VICAR MARK ZIEROTH** will take place on Saturday, July 15 at 3:00 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dubuque, Iowa.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** Did you know?... Alternatives Pregnancy Center (APC) launched a new Mom's group: Together. Its purpose is to bring some the moms together who completed the program at Alternatives, for continued time of support and encouragement. APC does not stop their support of babies and families at the time of birth, but continues to support healthy families as their child grows during the first year of life. This is the last week for filling the baby bottles or gathering material items to support Alternatives in their work. Please return all baby bottles by NEXT SUNDAY June 18 (Father's Day), as well as any material gifts you would like to contribute. Thanks to all for your support.





**THE LASTEST EDITION OF THE REPORTER AND THE JUNE/JULY LUTHERAN WITNESS** are available in the Narthex and Parish Hall. The Lutheran Witness contains a preview of the upcoming Synodical Convention.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held this week Wednesday-Saturday. Children may arrive anytime after 12:15. Lunch will be served starting at 12:30 p.m. We will finish by 2:30 p.m. The VBS closing will be held on Saturday morning starting at 10:00. After a short program there will be time for some fun and games.

**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.

### **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 May): \$119,648.11
- Budget Year to Date: \$103,400.00
- Difference: +\$16,248.11

### ***“WHY DOES PASTOR OR THE VICAR READ THE SCRIPTURES FROM DIFFERENT PLACES?”***

During certain times of the Church Year, you’ve probably noticed that the weekly Scripture readings are read from different places in the Church.

For example, during the Easter season, the Holy Gospel, accompanied by the Processional Crucifix and singing, is read in the midst of the congregation as a symbolic reminder of Jesus’ resurrection and that He appeared bodily to His disciples between His resurrection and ascension to confirm His victory over death and the grave. During these 40 days Jesus also continued to proclaim to the disciples His Word.

Entering the Pentecost Season, you will notice a different pattern of reading the Scriptures. The Old Testament is read from the lectern, the Epistle is read from the “right” or “south” side of the Altar, and the Gospel is read from the “left” or “north” side of the Altar. Between each of these readings either a Psalm is prayed, a hymn is sung, or as we do before the Gospel, the three fold Alleluia is sung.

This movement with the reading of the Word of God, accompanied by singing, is a visible and audible reminder that Christ gave His word to the Church so that the Church could bring His word to the world. In the beginning of the Book of Acts, Luke records that Jesus said to His Apostles after His resurrection, ***“and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*** (Acts 1:8) In his Gospel, Luke gives even greater detail to the task Jesus gives to the Church, ***“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”*** (Luke 24:46-48)

If you were to look at a map, the direction Jesus describes is toward the north. For this reason Christians have called the north the way of mission. The north end of the Altar is also called the “Gospel horn” a reminder of the horns of the Altar in the tabernacle and temple of the Old Testament. (see Exodus 27:2; Leviticus 8:15)

One writer describing the history of the Liturgy explains the movement to the north this way,

The custom of reading the Gospel from the north side of the altar is associated with medieval symbolism which regarded the warm sunny south and its rich profusion in nature as representing the higher life of grace, while the dark and frigid north represented the kingdom of the evil one to which inhabitants particularly the Gospel must be proclaimed. (Luther Reed, *The Lutheran Liturgy*, p. 300)

This little symbolic ceremony, which you will witness all throughout the Pentecost season, is a weekly reminder that the Church has been given the Word of the Lord through which she has received salvation. She is not to keep this Word of the Lord to herself but as a light unto the nations, bring the Word of the Lord to a world living in the darkness of sin and death.