

# 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 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:** Colton Bovy

**Organist:** Roxann List **Ushers:** Blake Wayson, Harold Saathoff

**Tellers:** Chris Fink, James Mishler **Shut-Ins:** Sara Lair

**Sunday, June 25, 2023**

**Attendance: 89**



**TODAY IS THE 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** Hananiah was a false prophet who was a contemporary of Jeremiah. Very little is known of him except the fact that he was the son of Azzur and Jeremiah condemned him.

False prophets/teachers are deceptive. That's why Jesus and the Apostles of the New Testament warn against them so often! What makes a false prophet/teacher so deceptive? It is that much of what they speak is the truth.

The account recorded in today's Old Testament reading is a classic example. Hananiah prophesies that the Israelites would be set free from the Babylonian captivity and return to their homeland. This was true. The error lies in the fact that Hananiah tells the Israelites that it would happen soon and that it would be done without repentance. **THIS DIRECTLY CONTRADICTS WHAT JEREMIAH, THE AUTHENTIC PROPHET OF GOD, HAS SPOKEN!**

Life under the king of Babylon was part of God's plan to restore Israel and lead them to faith in His gracious promise. The false prophet softened the judgment of God and led them away from repentance to a false hope and confidence.

This episode in the life of Israel serves as a vivid reminder that God works through those whom He sends.

There are perhaps no greater false prophets than those whose pulpits are the radio waves and the television screens that bring their false messages into your homes. Like Hananiah, they speak a measure of the truth, but they mix it with their lies.

God has given you a shepherd to guide and feed you. You gather in this place to hear the Word of God from the one whom God has placed in this congregation. It is this one, and not another, who Baptizes by Christ's authority in this place and nowhere else. It is this one, and not another, whom Christ has given the authority to forgive and retain sins. It is this one, and not another, through whom Christ speaks, "This is my body . . . this is my blood, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." That is why Jesus says in today's Gospel, ***"Whoever receives you, receives me, and whoever receives me receives Him who sent me."***

## I. THE PREPARATION

### Hymn of Invocation

*"O God of God, O Light of Light" LSB #810*



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and  
2 For deep in proph-ets' sa - cred page, And grand in po - ets'  
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in  
4 Then raise to Christ a might - y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo - ry bright The song of  
wing-ed word, Slow - ly in type, from age to age The na - tions  
hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a - bove He reigns, our  
mer - cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,  
saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night  
King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates!  
earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry  
Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first - born  
So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your  
For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.  
sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Good - will!" A - men.  
King a - waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.  
throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.

*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.**

*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**



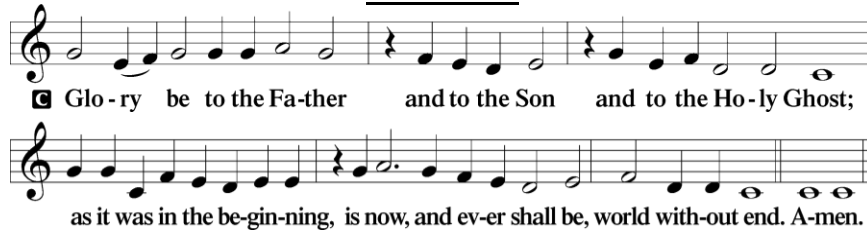
*Ps. 89:15-18; antiphon: Ps. 89:1*

Cantor: I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, for- | ever;\*  
with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

Cong: **Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,\*  
who walk, O Lord, in the light | of Your face,  
who exult in Your name | all the day\*  
and in Your righteousness are ex- | alted.  
For You are the glory | of their strength;\*  
by Your favor our horn is ex- | alted.  
For our shield belongs | to the Lord,\*  
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.**

Cantor: I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, for- | ever;\*  
with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

**Gloria Patri**

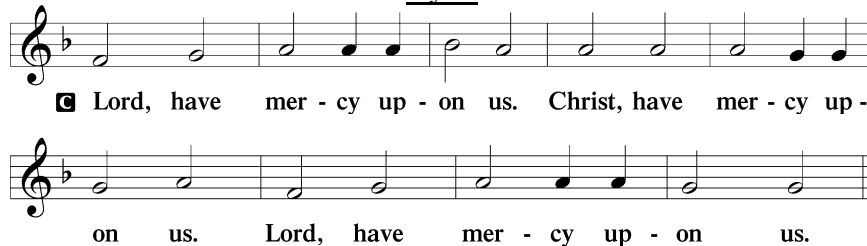


Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

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*



**G** And with thy spir - it.

### The Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Be seated*

### The Old Testament

Jeremiah 28:5–9

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

### The Gradual

Psalm 91:1-10 (*antiphon: v. 1*)

Cantor: Plead my cause and re- | deem me;\*

give me life according to Your | promise!

**Cong: Look on my affliction and de- | liver me,\***

**for I do not for- | get Your law.**

**Plead my cause and re- | deem me;\***

**give me life according to Your | promise!**

**Salvation is far from the | wicked,\***

**for they do not seek Your | statutes.**

**Great is Your mercy, | O Lord;\***

**give me life according to Your | just decrees.**

**Many are my persecutors and my adver- | saries,\***

**but I do not swerve from Your testi- | monies.**

**I look at the faithless | with disgust,\***

**because they do not keep | Your commands.**

**Consider how I love Your | precepts!\***

**Give me life according to Your | steadfast love.**

**The sum of Your | word is truth,\***

**and every one of your just and righteous decrees endures for- | ever.**

*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: Plead my cause and re- | deem me;\*

give me life according to Your | promise!

### The Epistle

Romans 7:1–13

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: Whoever finds his life will | lose it,\*

and whoever loses his life for My sake will | find it.

(*Matthew 10:39*)



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

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:34–42

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Matthew, the 10<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

*"Lord of Our Life" #659*



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our  
2 See round Your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Your  
3 Lord, be our light when world - ly dark - ness veils us; Lord, be our  
4 Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing, Peace in Your



night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your  
foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing And with great spite their  
shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when  
Church, our trou - bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its



Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.  
fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, O Lord, pre - serve us.  
hell it - self as - sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:  
end - less war is wag - ing, Peace in Your heav - en.

## 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  
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>Wed. 7/5</b>	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
<b>Sat. 7/8</b>	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers Service at Peace – Shell Rock
<b>Sun. 7/9</b>	9:00 a.m.	Matins Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Class

### HYMNS/READINGS

**Sunday, July 9, 2023 The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 9)**

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12; Romans 7:14-25a; Matthew 11:25-30

Psalmody: Psalm 145:1-14 (*antiphon v. 19*)

Invocation: Come Unto Me, Ye Weary ..... 684

Office Hymn: O God, My Faithful God ..... 696

Final: Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure ..... 533

### 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

### 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

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given by Roger and Charlene Mishler in thanksgiving for all of life's blessings. *"The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him."* Nahum 1:7

**THE LATEST EDITION OF THE REPORTER** is available following the Service this morning. Great articles, lots of pictures, and important information about our life together in the body of Christ.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE PARISH HALL FOLLOWING THE DIVINE SERVICE THIS MORNING FOR A SPECIAL EVENT** If you have read your emails or last week's bulletin, you know what it is about.

**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. Members of Our Redeemer and Peace are invited to attend this joyous occasion.

**THE REV. DR. MATTHEW C. HARRISON, HAS BEEN RE-ELECTED TO SERVE AS THE PRESIDENT- OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)** In online voting, which took place June 17-20, Rev. Harrison was elected to serve his 5<sup>th</sup> term of Office. The remaining elections for Vice-Presidents and other Synodical Offices will take place at the Synodical Convention which will be held in Milwaukee, July 29–August 3. Please read Pastor Saunders' article in this edition of the REPORTER to learn more about the upcoming convention.





**MUSIC OPPORTUNITY:** Our Redeemer is host for a Cedar Valley Music Festival concert on Tuesday evening, July 11, at 7:00 p.m. This program features Dr. Erik Rohde, School of Music faculty member at the University of Northern Iowa, performing violin selections by J.S. Bach. This is a free concert— plan to spend the evening relaxing with Bach!

*Bach.*

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER** A giant thank you to all Our Redeemer members that generously supported Alternatives Pregnancy Center, either by buying wonderful baked goods, (and donating delicious baked goods), contributing diapers, baby clothing and personal care items and money. With the bake sale funds and the contributions from the baby bottles, we were able to deliver about \$1125. (I did not count the pennies. . . . estimated by wt!) APC will update us with the exact total. Thank you for supporting expecting parents and families in the Cedar Valley.



**Our fund raising is officially over, but there are still some baby bottles out.** If you find them rolling around your house, please return them to church any time. (Even if they are empty). We do use the bottles from year to year. And APC accepts donations any time they are given. Thank you!

**A FAREWELL RECEPTION** is being planned for Vicar, Olivia and Sven Goodroad on Sunday July 23 following the Divine Service. Plan to attend to thank them for their time spent with us this past year. Volunteers are needed to help with furnishing a salad and helping with the reception. Please contact Cheryl Nissen, Sandy Stone, Sarah Staker, or Judy Fink to help.

**A WELCOME RECEPTION FOR VICAR BAKER AND HIS FAMILY** will take place on Sunday, July 30 following the Divine Service. A Gift Card Shower is being planned for Vicar Baker and his family as a Welcome Gift from the Congregation. Suggested Gift Cards are Walmart, Target, grocery stores, restaurants, gas for them to get familiar with the Cedar Falls area. Your Gift Card donations may be given to any of the names listed by Sunday July 23 and will be given as a group gift to the Bakers at the Welcome Reception on Sunday July 30 following the Divine Service. Plan to attend the Reception as we welcome the Baker Family into our congregation. Anyone wishing to help with the Reception or to furnish coffeecake or muffins may contact Cheryl Nissen, Sandy Stone, Sarah Staker or Judy Fink

**PASTOR AND TAMMY KNOX** are gone on an extended vacation which started Saturday, July 1. They will return on Friday, July 14. From July 1-7, Pastor Knox may be reached by calling his phone (319/231-9761) and by email. ([pastorknox@cfu.net](mailto:pastorknox@cfu.net)) Pastor and Tammy will be spending the week of July 8-14 helping our Canadian neighbors reduce the overpopulation of Walleye and Northern Pike in the lakes of Ontario. During that week he will only be able to be reached by email. If Pastoral Care is needed, please contact Vicar Goodroad or one of the Elders. Pastor John Wegener from College Hill will be available to cover pastoral emergencies.

## **NOTES ABOUT UPCOMING SERVICES AND BULLETINS**

**THE SERVICE ON SUNDAY, JULY 9** will follow the Order of Matins. The Sacrament of the Altar will not be administered because neither Pastor Knox nor Pastor Saunders will be present. Vicar Goodroad will lead the Matins Service.

**THE SERVICE AT PEACE-SHELL ROCK ON SATURDAY, JULY 8** will follow the Order of Vespers. The Sacrament of the Altar will not administered because Pastor Knox will be out of town.

**THE DIVINE SERVICE AT PEACE-SHELL ROCK ON THE WEEKEND OF JULY 15/16** will take place on Sunday evening, July 16 at the normal time of 7:00 p.m. with Bible Class that evening starting at 6:00 p.m. This switch to Sunday evening that weekend is to allow Pastor Knox and members of Peace to attend Mark Zieroth's ordination in Dubuque on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO INCLUDE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN** please email it to Vicar Goodroad by the morning of Thursday, July 6. If you don't use email, a printed copy by Thursday morning will work too.