

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

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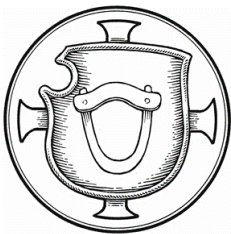
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The 6th Sunday after Pentecost July 9, 2023

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.*

✦ *Following the Service, a member of the Board of Communication and Outreach has a small gift for you.*



TODAY IS THE 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Gospel readings thus far in the Pentecost season have drawn your attention to how Jesus was preparing the twelve Apostles for the work of the Ministry. They, and the ministers who have followed them, are the instruments through whom Jesus’ work of forgiveness continues.

Jesus did not leave His ministers empty handed. He has given them tools to carry on His gracious, life giving work. These are His Word, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, and the gracious meal we call the Lord’s Supper or Sacrament of the Altar. In the Large Catechism, Martin Luther references today’s Gospel as he speaks about the Sacrament of the Altar.

“Of the Sacrament of the Altar”

For here He offers to us the entire treasure which He has brought for us from heaven, and to which He invites us also in other places with the greatest kindness, as when He says in St. Matthew 11:28, ***“Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”***

Now it is surely a sin and a shame that He so cordially and faithfully summons and exhorts us to our highest and greatest good, and we act so distantly with regard to it, and permit so long a time to pass [without partaking of the Sacrament] that we grow quite cold and hardened, so that we have no inclination or love for it. We must never regard the Sacrament as something injurious from which we had better flee, but as a pure, wholesome, comforting remedy imparting salvation and comfort, which will cure you and give you life both in soul and body. For where the soul has recovered, the body also is relieved.

Why, then, is it that we act as if it were a poison, the eating of which would bring death? To be sure, it is true that those who despise it and live in an unchristian manner receive it to their hurt and damnation; for nothing shall be good or wholesome to them, just as with a sick person who from caprice eats and drinks what is forbidden him by the physician.

But those who are sensible of their weakness, desire to be rid of it, and long for help, should regard and use it only as a precious antidote against the poison which they have in them. For here in the Sacrament you are to receive from the lips of Christ forgiveness of sin, which contains and brings with it the grace of God and the Spirit with all His gifts, protection, shelter, and power against death and the devil and all misfortune.

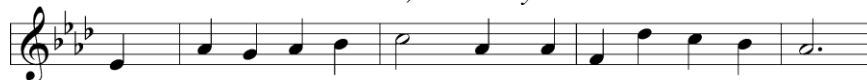
Thus you have, on the part of God, both the command and the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ. Besides this, on your part, your own distress which is about your neck, and because of which this command, invitation, and promise are given, ought to impel you. For He Himself says: They that be whole, need not a physician, but they that be sick; that is, those who are weary and heavy-laden with their sins, with the fear of death, temptations of the flesh and of the devil.

If, therefore, you are heavy-laden and feel your weakness, then go joyfully to this Sacrament and obtain refreshment, consolation, and strength. For if you would wait until you are rid of such burdens, that you might come to the Sacrament pure and worthy, you must forever stay away. For in that case He pronounces sentence and says: If you are pure and godly, you have no need of Me, and I, in turn, none of thee. Therefore those alone are called unworthy who neither feel their infirmities nor wish to be considered sinners.

The Large Catechism of Martin Luther

Hymn of Invocation

“Come Unto Me, Ye Weary” LSB #684



1 “Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest.”
2 “Come un - to Me, ye wan - d’rers, And I will give you light.”
3 “Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life.”
4 “And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out.”



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!
O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par - don, grace, and peace,
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;
The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;
Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.
But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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Stand

VERSICLES

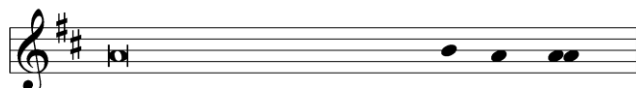


L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

Psalm 51:15



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.

Psalm 70:1



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

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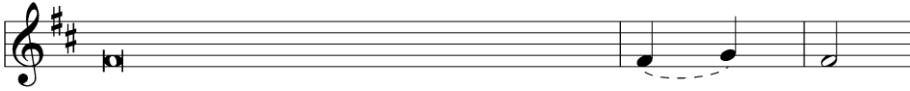


L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir - it.



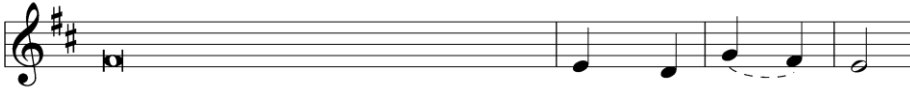
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite



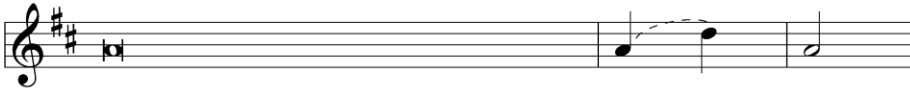
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

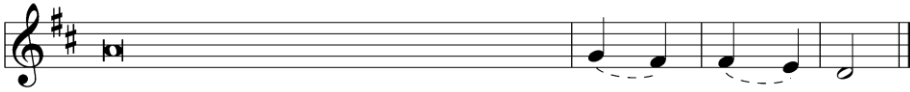


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Additional Psalm

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



- Cantor: ¹⁹*He fulfills the desire of those who | fear Him; **
He also hears their cry and | saves them.
- ¹I will extol You, my | God and King,*
And bless Your name forever and | ever.
- Cong: ²Every day I will | bless You***
and praise Your name forever and | ever.
- Cantor: ³Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and His greatness is un- | searchable.
- Cong: ⁴One generation shall commend Your works to an- | other,***
and shall declare Your | mighty acts.
- Cantor: ⁵On the glorious splendor of Your | majesty,*
and on Your wondrous works, I will | meditate.
- Cong: ⁶They shall speak of the might of Your | awesome deeds,***
and I will declare Your | greatness.
- Cantor: ⁷They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant | goodness*
and shall sing aloud of Your | righteousness.
- Cong: ⁸The LORD is gracious and | merciful,***
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
- Cantor: ⁹The LORD is | good to all,*
and His mercy is over all that | He has made.
- Cong: ¹⁰All Your works shall give thanks to You, | O LORD,***
and all Your saints shall | bless You!
- Cantor: ¹¹They shall speak of the glory of Your | kingdom*
and tell | of Your power,
- Cong: ¹²to make known to the children of man Your | mighty deeds,***
and the glorious splendor of Your | kingdom.
- Cantor: ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting | kingdom,*
and Your dominion endures throughout all gener- | ations.
- Cong: ¹⁴The LORD is faithful in | all His words***
and kind in | all His works.
- Cantor: ¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are | falling*
and raises up all who are | bowed down.
*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: ¹⁹*He fulfills the desire of those who | fear Him; **
He also hears their cry and | saves them.

Office Hymn

“O God, My Faithful God” LSB #696



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5. Let me depart this life confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul that it may live forever;
And let my body have a quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave; and let it sleep in peace.
6. And on that final day when all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand, my deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice, redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice with those who love Your name.

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READINGS

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

After each reading:

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

After the readings are finished:

Responsory

Psalm 119:89;26:8; Luke 11:28



- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

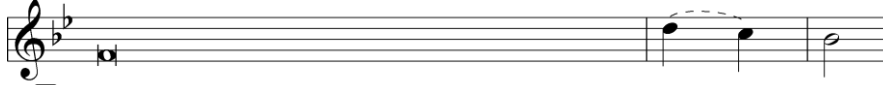
Sermon

Following the Sermon, please rise to sing the Canticle

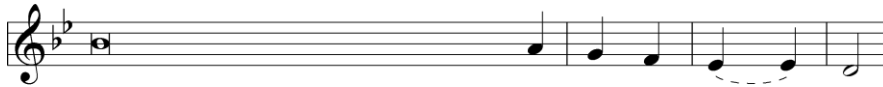
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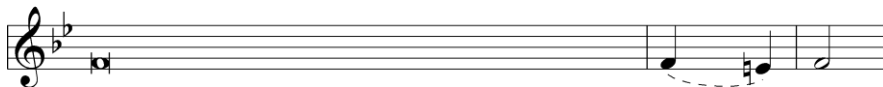
Te Deum



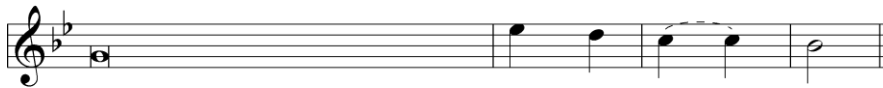
C 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



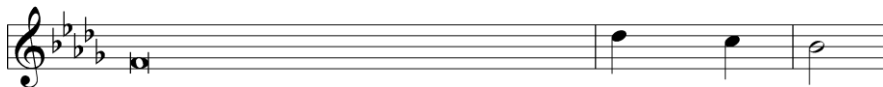
1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



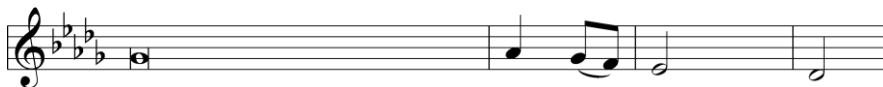
1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



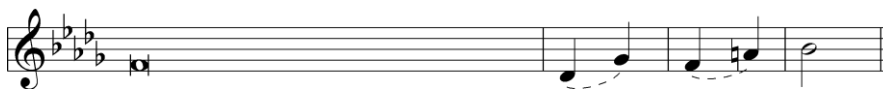
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be — our — judge.

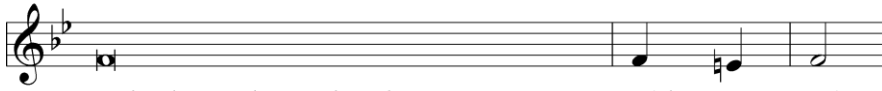
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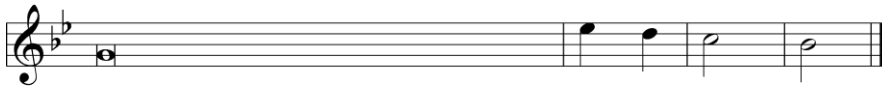
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out _____ sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
 8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on _____ us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is _____ in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be _____ con - found - ed.

PRAYER

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

**C: 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**

Collects



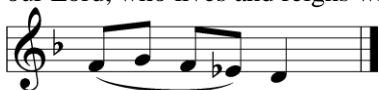
L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

The Collect of the Day

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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.

Additional Collects

Each concluding: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

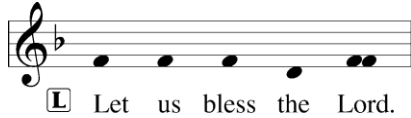


The Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benedicamus



Benediction

LSB 228



Final Hymn

“Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure” LSB #533



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,
2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!
3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.
4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;
Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.
See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!
Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,
See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!
Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,
Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.
Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:
Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.
Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!
Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!
Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!
Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!
Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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THOSE SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE THIS WEEK

Elder: Tom Strub **Service Assistant:** Brady Wayson

Organist: Roxann List **Ushers:** Kelly Barber, Tim Koch

Tellers: Sarah Staker, Cheryl Nissen **Shut-Ins:** Jake Jackson

✠ OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ✠

Mon. 7/10 6:30 p.m. Church Council
Tue. 7/11 9:30 a.m. Brunch Bunch
7:00 p.m. Cedar Valley Music Festival Concert (Violinist - Dr. Erik Rohde)
~~**Wed. 7/12** 11:00 a.m. Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)~~
Sat. 7/15 3:00 p.m. Mark Zieroth Ordination at Our Redeemer-Dubuque
Sun. 7/16 9:00 a.m. Divine Service at Our Redeemer
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class
6:00 p.m. Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock (moved to Sunday because of Ordination)
7:00 p.m. Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock

HYMNS/READINGS

Sunday, July 16, 2023 The 7th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 10)

Readings: Isaiah 55:10–13; Romans 8:12–17; Matt. 13:1–9, 18–23

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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 1st and 3rd 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 Jim and Joan Bunkofske in gratitude to God for blessings of family and friends. *"I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever."* Psalm 86:12

PASTOR AND TAMMY KNOX are on vacation. They will return this Friday, July 14. During the upcoming week, Pastor Knox can only be reached by email, as he and Tammy are across the northern border in Canada trying to see through the smoke to catch a few of Ontario's finest Walleye and Northern Pike. He will only have access to email early in the morning and late in the evening. 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.



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

THERE WILL NOT BE PERICOPE BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK Pastor Knox is still on vacation and Vicar Goodroad will be attending the ACELC Conference in Indiana this coming week.

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

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 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 15th.

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.

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 June): \$133,394.43
- Budget Year to Date: \$122,200.00
- Difference: +\$11,194.43