

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 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

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.

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 Baker about Holy Communion and about becoming a communicant member of this congregation.

THOSE SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE THIS WEEK

Elder: Rod Lair **Service Assistant:** Logan Baker

Organist: Roxann List **Ushers:** Dusty Greiman, Casey Greiman

Offering Counters: Dean Fink, Dean Garms **Shut-Ins:** Jim Bunkofske



TODAY IS THE 4th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Much of Jesus' early public ministry is carried out in the area known as Galilee. This included his hometown of Nazareth, the villages of Capernaum and Bethsaida, as well as the familiar accounts which involved the Sea of Galilee such as the Sermon on the Mount, calming the storms, and many of His miracles.

But all of this activity was centered in His teaching. In Jesus' word, the will of God was being revealed. The Gospel for today states, ***“And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who***

had authority.” Jesus' word has authority for it is spoken by God Himself. He has the authority, as is evidenced today, to drive out demons.

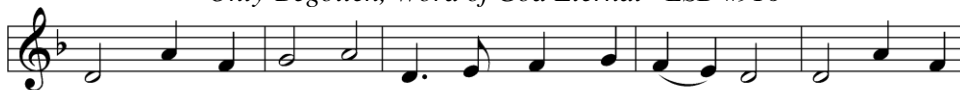
By that same authority, He deals with you. His authority calls you to repent of your sin. By that same authority, He, through His servant your Pastor, declares that your sin is forgiven.

His authority is over all His creation. So by His authority, the Church gathers in the name and remembrance of Jesus. She receives the created elements of bread and wine, but hears the authoritative voice of Jesus, ***“This is my body, this is my blood, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”*** By the same authority that drove out demons, bread and wine become the means by which Jesus cares and nourishes His beloved bride. The people of Capernaum were astonished at this authority and so are His people today..

I. THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

“Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal” LSB #916



1 On - ly - be - got - ten, Word of God e - ter - nal, Lord of cre -
2 Ho - ly this tem - ple where our Lord is dwell - ing; This is none
3 Hear us, O Fa - ther, as we thron'g Your tem - ple. By Your past
△ 4 God in three per - sons, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, Son co - e -



a - tion, mer - ci - ful and might - y: Hear us, Your ser - vants,
oth - er than the gate of heav - en. Ev - er Your chil - dren,
bless - ings, by Your pres - ent boun - ty, Smile on Your chil - dren,
ter - nal, ev - er bless - ed Spir - it: To You be prais - es,



as our tune - ful voic - es Rise in Your pres - ence.
year by year re - joic - ing, Chant in Your tem - ple.
and in grace and mer - cy Hear our pe - ti - tion.
thanks, and ad - o - ra - tion, Glo - ry for - ev - er.

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Stand/Remain Standing

Invocation

P/V: In the name of the Father and of the (✠) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

C: Amen.

The Confession of Sin

P/V: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P/V: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P/V: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

P/V: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

P/V: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to be the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

II. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit



Cantor: Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,*

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.

Cong: Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,*

whose sin is | covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,*

and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my in- | iquity,*

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

Cong: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You | may be found;* surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.

Cong: You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from | trouble;* You surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

Cantor: Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,* but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.

(Ps. 32:1-2, 5-7; antiphon: Ps.32:10)

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

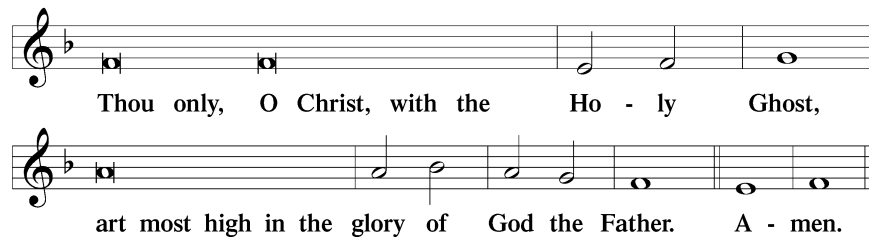
Mark 10:47

☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

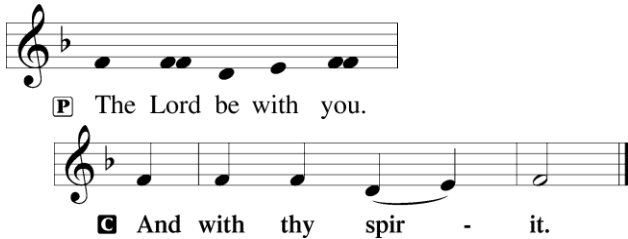
Luke 2:14; John 1:29

☐ 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

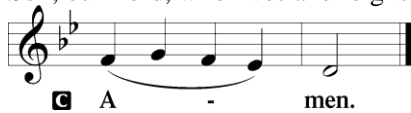


P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

II Timothy 4:22

The Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 Old Testament

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Alleluia/Verse



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

Cantor: They were astonished at His | teaching, *
for He taught them as one who had au - | thority. (*Mark 1:22*)



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

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Mark, the 1st chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C 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

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #849



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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The Sermon

Following the Sermon, please rise to sing the Offertory

The Offertory


Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

The Prayers

Various Petitions are prayed. Each petition will conclude with the response:

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

The Congregation, gathered for worship in person, will now be receiving the Sacrament of the Altar. This most significant portion of the Divine Service, when our Lord Jesus Christ draws near to His people with His flesh and blood, will not be streamed. Members desiring to receive the Sacrament who are unable to be present in the Church will be visited by one of our pastors to bring them the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Those who have joined us online for the Service of the Word are now encouraged to pray the Lord's prayer.

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from (⌘) evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

May the Lord bless and keep you.

Please call Pastor Knox (319/231-9761) if you would like to receive a Pastoral visit.

✠ OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ✠

Sun. 1/28	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School
Mon. 1/29	6:30 p.m.	Church Council
Wed. 1/31	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	5:25 p.m.	Adult Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
Sat. 2/3	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock
Sun. 2/4	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School
	2:00 p.m.	Baker Baby Shower
	4:30 p.m.	Venison Feed at St. John-Denver

HYMNS/READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

February 4, 2024 The 5th Sunday After Epiphany

Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Mark 1:29-39

Invocation: Thy Strong Word 578

Hymn of the Day: Hail to the Lord's Anointed 398

Distribution: My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker 820

Distribution: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 790

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. The class is studying Revelation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday.

WEEKLY READINGS/HYMNS STUDY This class meets each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and at 6:30 p.m. The class studies 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 meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 9:00 a.m. The class also meets at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings of the same week at Peace in Shell Rock. The class is studying "Agricultural Themes" throughout the Bible. In February the class will meet on the 12th/26th at Our Redeemer and the 13th/27th at Peace.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** The Jr. High/Sr. High Youth meet with our Vicar on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:15 and on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU CLEAN-UP CREW What could have been disaster when a pipe burst in the Education Wing, was made much less so because of the effort of several members who vacuumed up water, tore out wet insulation, set up fans, and moved items which would have been ruined by water. They saved our computers, our copier, our files, and our office/Sunday School furniture. Repair and clean-up are ongoing. We should be back to almost normal within the week.

2024 ALTAR FLOWERS – Donations for Altar Flowers for 2024 can now be given. To reserve a Sunday, please place your name on the Flower Chart in the Parish Hall and fill out a flower donation card which is under the chart. Alternatively, contact Sara Lair – (319) 830-4370 or sjlair@cfu.net. Cost is \$40.00 plus tax – Bancroft will bill you directly.

THE OUR REDEEMER BOOK CLUB is reading the book, "*The Messianic Message: Predictions, Patterns, and the Presence of Jesus in the Old Testament*," by R. Reed Lessing and Andrew E. Steinmann. The Book Club meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. prior to the weekly Pericopes study. For a book, contact Sara Lair (319) 266-1163; sjlair@cfu.net. This book will "equip you to find the message about the Messiah in each book of the Old Testament." We welcome new members!

BAKER BABY SHOWER – Join us February 4th for a baby shower honoring Pamela and Vicar Baker. The shower starts at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Suggestions for gifts include wipes, diapers, and gift cards. They are also registered on Amazon. Please check your email for more details.
Thanks Sarah Staker and Michaela Knox

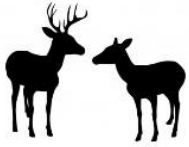


OUR REDEEMERS SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DAY is Tuesday, February 13. The cost is \$7.00 and Children under 5 years will be free. Serving time will be 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Help is needed both in the kitchen and in the dining room. A sign up sheet is on the table in the Parish Hall.

LWML LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE The Our Redeemer and Peace LWML will be hosting the Waterloo Zone LWML Prayer Service at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 17. There will a light breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m. The theme is “Grace, Mercy, and Peace.” All women are invited to attend. For those who are interested, after the Prayer Service there will be a brief business meeting of the Zone and then a Service project.



THE KANTOREI OF CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, will be singing at College Hill Lutheran Church on Monday, March 4 for an 11:30 a.m. Service. This is a part of their Lenten Tour during which they will be singing in congregations in Iowa, Illinois, and Kansas. If you are unable to attend this service they will also be at Our Redeemer in Dubuque on Sunday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. or at St. John in Hubbard on Monday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m.



WILD GAME/VENISON FEED Tickets (\$15) are available for the St. John Denver Wild Game/Venison Feed. The event will take place next Sunday, February 4. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with the meal being served around 5:00 p.m. You may call St. John’s Lutheran in Denver (319-984-5351) to make your reservations. Proceeds from the event support the Seminarian fund at St. John.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14 This marks the beginning of the season of Lent. The Divine Service, with the Imposition of Ashes, will take place at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Our Redeemer.

MIDWEEK LENTEN CATECHETICAL SERVICES will take place each week during Lent with Services at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. This year during Lent we will devote our attention to that portion of the Catechism on “The Office of the Keys and Confession.” On the foundation of God’s word, the Catechism asks and answers several questions regarding Confession and Absolution:



*Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.*

- What Is The Office of The Keys?
- What Do You Believe According To These Words?
- What Is Confession?
- What Sins Should We Confess?
- How Do I Go To Confession?

As you live the life of repentance, please set aside this “extra” time during Lent to be instructed in God’s Word and grow in your understanding, and use, of this gracious gift of God.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT PEACE-SHELL ROCK on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.