

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 21st Sunday after Pentecost October 22, 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.

OUR REDEEMER PRACTICES CLOSED COMMUNION



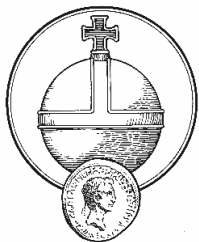
The Sacrament of the Altar is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink, instituted by Christ Himself. As we receive this Sacrament, the oneness of fellowship at the Altar (I Corinthians 10:17) presupposes a oneness in doctrine with the Apostles (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:** Jim Niebergall, Chris Fink

Tellers: Dean Fink, Dean Garms **Shut-Ins:** Jim Bunkofske



TODAY IS THE 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST In the Gospel appointed for this Sunday the Pharisees set out to trap Jesus in His Words. Their purpose was to discredit Jesus and cause His followers to turn away from Him. They raised a controversial question about paying taxes to Caesar. Jesus responds by asking to see one of the Roman coins and asks whose inscription is on it. Noting that the Roman coin bore the image of Caesar, Jesus says ***“Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's.”*** It is that second phrase that is most important for your hearing today. ***“Render . . . unto God the things that are God's.”***

What belongs to God? In the Baptismal Liturgy, the candidate for Baptism is marked, or “inscribed,” with the sign of the Cross with these words, “Receive the sign of the Holy Cross upon the forehead (✠) and upon the heart (✠) signifying that you are one who has been redeemed by Christ the Crucified.”

St. Paul states the obvious in this simple way, ***“You are not your own; you were bought with a price.”*** (1 Cor. 6:19). The Apostle Peter states in this fashion, ***“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”*** (I Peter 1:18, 19) Martin Luther puts it this way in the explanation of the 2nd Article of the Creed, ***“Who has redeemed me a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil. . . . That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom.”***

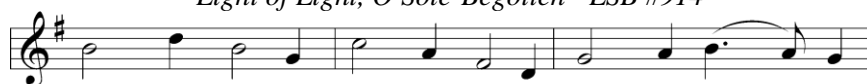
So what belongs to God? Not only your money, your time, your talents, or anything else to which you may lay claim. You, and everything you are belong to God! He bought you at the price of the death of Jesus and has laid claim to you in the waters of Holy Baptism.

You belong to God and so with the Psalmist you can ask, and then answer, ***“What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.”*** That cup, like the Baptismal candidate, is marked by the cross of Christ. It is Jesus, who was crucified, but who now lives, that comes to you in flesh and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. Therefore, those who belong to God through Baptismal regeneration may render unto God the things that are God's.

I. THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

“Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten” LSB #914



1 Light of Light, O Sole - Be - got - ten Ra - diance of the
2 Word e - ter - nal, through Your be - ing God cre - at - ed
3 Still Your brood - ing Spir - it hov - ers O - ver cha - os,
4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



Fa - ther's face, Word made flesh, who lived a - mong us
all we see, When the emp - ty spac - es ech - oed
dark and deep, Call - ing out with in - vi - ta - tion:
work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion



Full of truth and full of grace, Shine up - on our
With the Fa - ther's “Let there be . . .” Light and life burst
“Rise, a - wak - en from your sleep; Christ the Lord will
Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness



hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.
from the glo - rious Pow - er of Your maj - es - ty!
shine up - on you And from death your soul shall keep.”
all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

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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.**

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 Lord is your | keeper;*
the Lord is your shade on your | right hand.

Cong: **I lift up my eyes | to the hills.***

**From where does my | help come?
My help comes | from the Lord,*
who made | heaven and earth.**

**He will not let your | foot be moved;*
He who keeps you will not | slumber.**

**Behold, He who keeps | Israel*
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.**

**The Lord will keep you from all | evil;*
He will | keep your life.**

**The Lord will keep your going out and your | coming in*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.**

Cantor: The Lord is your | keeper;*
the Lord is your shade on your | right hand.

(Ps. 121:1-4, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 121:5)

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

C 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

P Glory be to God on high: **C** 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: O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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

Isaiah 45:1-7

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

The Gradual

"Venite"

sung by Sunday School Children

*O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.*

*For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.*

*The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.*

*For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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: You have been filled | in Him
who is the head of all rule and | authority.



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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Matthew, the 22nd 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

Colossians 2:10

The Hymn of The Day

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” #683



1 Je - sus, Thybound - less love to me No thought can reach, no
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul Maydwell, but Thy pure
3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to
4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy



tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,
love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,
Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,
love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -
My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my
Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be
O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and



lone I am; Be Thou a - lone my con - stant flame.
heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.
all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.
staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!

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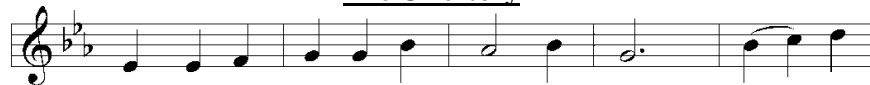
The Sermon

Following the Sermon, please rise to sing the Offertory

Stand

The Offertory

Psalms 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 ✕

- Sun. 10/22** 9:00 a.m. Divine Service at Our Redeemer
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class
- 11:30 a.m. Men’s Choir Rehearsal
- Mon. 10/23** 9:00 a.m. Vicar’s Bible Study at Our Redeemer
- 6:30 p.m. Board of Elders
- Tue. 10/24** 6:00 p.m. Vicar’s Bible Study at Peace – Shell Rock
- Wed. 10/25** 10:00 a.m. Book Club
- 11:00 a.m. Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
- 5:25 p.m. Adult Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Bible Study with Vicar Baker
- 6:30 p.m. Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
- Thur. 10/26** 11:00 a.m. Art Springer funeral
- 6:30 p.m. Mary-Martha Guild
- Sat. 10/28** 6:00 p.m. Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
- 7:00 p.m. Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock

HYMNS/READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, October 29 - The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost – Festival of the Reformation

- Readings: Revelation 14:6–7; Romans 3:19–28; John 8:31-36
- Invocation: A Mighty Fortress..... 656
- Gradual: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word..... 655
- Hymn of the Day: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice..... 556 (1-4)
- Distribution: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice..... 556 (5-10)
- Distribution: O Lord, We Praise Thee 617
- Distribution: We All Believe in One True God 954

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. They are currently studying the Book of 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 6:30 p.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 Fall Vicar Baker 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.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY The Jr. High/Sr. High Youth meet for Bible Study 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. (There will be food on Wednesdays at 6:15) On Sunday mornings the youth will be studying 1 Corinthians, comparing the experience of the Christians in largely pagan Corinth with our circumstances today. On Wednesdays the youth will choose topics to discuss with Vicar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Today the members of Our Redeemer welcome 2 new members. Eber and Sarah White transfer to Our Redeemer from St. John Lutheran Church in Garfield, MN. Both Eber and Sarah are from the area and attended High School at Valley Lutheran. Eber recently accepted a job at John Deere. The White's are anticipating the birth of their first child early in November. Welcome Eber and Sarah!

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jim and Joan Bunkofske in loving remembrance of Kenneth Bunkofske, Jim's brother. *"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."* Revelation 21:4

FLOWER CHART There are a few Sundays remaining in 2023 to sign up for Altar Flowers. The flower chart is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall – or contact Sara Lair for details (319) 266-1163; sjlair@cfu.net.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN will be singing during the Divine Service this morning. They are singing the "Venite" which many will recognize as the ordinary Psalm of Matins. You may follow along as they sing. The Venite is printed on pages 220-221 in your hymnal. Parents – the children will come and sit with you during the Hymn of the Day.

OUR REDEEMER BOOK CLUB – "Good News for Anxious Christians: 10 Practical Things You Don't Have to Do" by Phillip Cary is the book Our Redeemer's Book Club recently began to read and discuss. We meet Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. (right before the Midweek Pericopes study). Need a book? Contact Sara Lair (319-266-1163) Or, just drop in and listen to the discussion – we would love to see you!



MEN'S CHOIR It's not too late. The Men's Choir will sing next Sunday as part of the observation of the Reformation. There are short rehearsals following Bible study on Sunday mornings, and Vicar is willing to offer additional rehearsals after choir on select Wednesdays if requested. Please speak with Vicar Baker if you have questions or are interested in joining.

THE FUNERAL FOR ART SPRINGER is set for Thursday, October 26 at 11:00 a.m. The members of the congregation who are able to attend are encouraged to gather with the Springer family to comfort them in their time of grief and to confess with them the hope of the resurrection and the glory of eternal life.

THE MARY-MARTHA GUILD will meet this Thursday, October 26th at 6:30pm. We will be planning our annual Christmas dinner and the LWML Prayer Service which we will be hosting in the Spring. Ladies, please plan to attend.

VICAR BAKER AND SEVERAL OF OUR YOUTH are on a retreat this weekend. They spent yesterday at Camp IoDisECa studying the word of God and enjoying all that the Camp has to offer. This morning they are attending church at St. Paul Chapel – our Campus Ministry at the University of Iowa.

WEEKLY STUDY OF THE READINGS Reminder: The study of the weekly readings is being offered both on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. This is just one more option for the members of Our Redeemer to be those who can pray with the Psalmist, *"You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word."* (Psalm 119:114)



OUR REDEEMER WILL BE COMMEMORATING THE REFORMATION on Sunday, October 29. On this Sunday we confess the great Reformation theme – Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fide which means “Scripture Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone.”

OUR REDEEMER WILL OBSERVE THE FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS on Sunday, November 5. On this day in the Church Year, the people of God will give thanks for the salvation of those whom our gracious Lord has already delivered from this vale of tears. While we on this day remember all who have died in Christ, in particular we remember those from our congregations who died since our last observance of All Saints Day.



From Our Redeemer: Martin Baedke, Sandra Ocampo, Wayne Heins, Art Springer

From Peace: Dixie Neuhaus

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 \$177,345.88 (*through September*)
- Budget Year to Date: \$183,300
- Difference: -\$5,954.12