

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 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 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: Stephen Hoffman **Service Assistant:** Logan Baker

Organist: Roxann List **Ushers:** Brad Bovy, Koen Bovy

Tellers: Sarah Staker, Cheryl Nissen **Shut-Ins:** Dean and Martha Garms



TODAY IS THE 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST In listening to the appointed readings for today, particularly the Gospel’s account of the parable of the Vineyard, the Church must not forget where She is in the life of Jesus as He speaks His word. He has finished the journey that was planned in eternity. According to God’s gracious will, the Son who has become one with His creation, has now entered Jerusalem to fulfill the promise that He alone was qualified to keep. He has come to Jerusalem to suffer and die.

Here in Jerusalem, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, will become the sacrifice that His own righteousness demands. The punishment upon sin is death and so Jesus dies the sinners’ death

on behalf of all of fallen mankind.

In the Parable that He sets before you today, Jesus’ passion, which is now just a few days away, is clearly described. The various servants who come to the renters of the vineyard are the prophets who foretold and preceded the coming Messiah. Jesus is the Son whom the renters of the vineyard cast out and kill.

How foolish, they kill to take possession of a vineyard that the landlord will give them freely. In a description of fallen man’s perverted reasoning they say, ***“This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.”*** Does this not illustrate what St. Paul says about man’s reason because of the Fall? ***“Natural man receiveth not the things of God for they are foolishness to him.”*** (I Cor. 2:14)

You cannot demand or take the kingdom of God from Him. The only way to possess it is for God to give it to you. He makes you sons of God, and co-heirs with Christ, through Baptism into His name. As the hymn we often sing following a Baptism states it so clearly,

*Miracle each time it happens as the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, “Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!”*

(“See This Wonder In The Making” LSB #593 v. 2)

God, in His mercy treats you like heirs today. He points you to Jesus’ cross and comforts you with the message of salvation. He calls you His children and invites you to the banquet table He has prepared, “Take and eat . . . this is my body, take and drink . . . this is my blood.” Gifts fit for a king!

I. THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” LSB #909



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they
△ 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er
to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est
With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter
Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.
in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

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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: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for | He is good;*
for His steadfast love endures for- | ever!

Cong: **The stone that the builders re- | jected***
has become the | cornerstone.

This is the Lord's | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day that the | Lord has made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Cantor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for | He is good;*
for His steadfast love endures for- | ever!

(Ps. 118:22-24; antiphon: Ps. 118:1)

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.

C And with thy spir-it.

II Timothy 4:22

The Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray: Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness 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.

Be seated

The Old Testament

Isaiah 5:1-7

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God

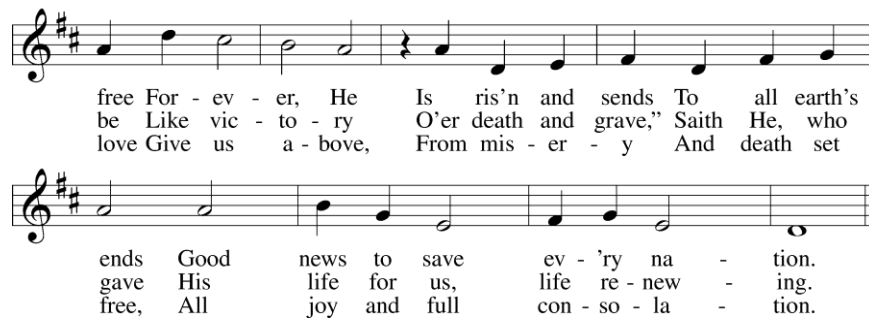
The Gradual

“With High Delight Let Us Unite” LSB #483

1 With high de-light Let us u-nite In songs of great
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in-to life,
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord

ju-bi-la-tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
all sub-du-ing. His en-e-my Doth van-quished lie;
ad-o-ra-tion. His hon-or speed By word and deed

Sing Je-sus Christ, our sal-va-tion. To set us
His death has been death's un-do-ing. “And yours shall
To ev-'ry land, ev-'ry na-tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set
ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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The Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

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: The stone that the builders rejected has become the | cornerstone;*
this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous | in our eyes?'

Matthew 21:42b



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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Matthew, the 21st 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

“All Glory Be to God Alone” #948



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,
5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord
Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O
Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -
Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your
and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.
more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

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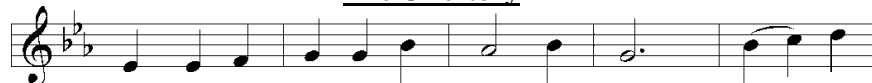
The Sermon

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 ✠

Sun. 10/8	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
	1:00 p.m.	Circuit Youth "Cornhole" Tournament (at Our Redeemer)
Mon. 10/9	9:00 a.m.	Vicar's Bible Study at Our Redeemer
	6:30 p.m.	Council Budget Meeting
Tue. 10/10	6:00 p.m.	Vicar's Bible Study at Peace
Wed. 10/11	10:00 a.m.	Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	5:25 p.m.	Adult Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study with Vicar Baker (meal at 6:15)
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
Sat. 10/14	8:30 a.m.	LWML Fall Rally at College Hill
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock
Sun. 10/15	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
	1:00 p.m.	Cedar Falls Historical Society Tour of Churches

HYMNS/READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, October 15 - The 20th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23)

Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9, Philippians 4:4-13, Matthew 22:1-14	
Invocation: Alleluia! Let Praises Ring	822
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BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday.

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. During October the class will meet on 10/9 and 10/23 at Our Redeemer; on 10/10 and 10/24 at Peace.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given in thankfulness to God for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and its work throughout our community and the world. Our Redeemer's Mary-Martha Guild serves our congregation in many ways in times of need and with monetary gifts through collection of Mites. We pray with the LWML: *"Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!"* (Psalm 24:7-10).

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LWML A table has been set up in the Parish Hall highlighting the work of the LWML. Please stop and take a look.

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 on Sunday, October 22nd. Parents – please watch for a note with details of when and where the children are to meet. Questions can be directed to Pamela Baker.

THE ADULT CHOIR meets to rehearse every Wednesday, from 5:25-6:25. Singers of all voices and abilities, anyone who loves to sing, is welcome. If you have ANY questions, talk to Roxann or Sheryl.

OUR REDEEMER BOOK CLUB – "Good News for Anxious Christians: 10 Practical Things You Don't Have to Do" by Phillip Cary is the next selection for Our Redeemer's Book Club. Discussion on this book begins October 11. 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!



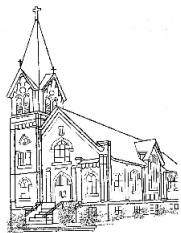
MEN'S CHOIR We're still looking for men to participate in a men's choir at Our Redeemer. There are no special skills required, and the commitment is minimal. Vicar Baker would like to have the choir sing for Reformation Sunday. There will be short 30-minute rehearsals following Bible study on Sunday 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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION The Sunday morning Bible Study has recently begun a study of the Book of Revelation. The study of Revelation will include a study of parts of the book of Daniel, a book which has similarities with Revelation. Both of these "forward-looking" books of prophecy give the believer confidence as God reveals the glory of His eternal kingdom and the final victory to be enjoyed by all who trust in Christ.

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)

YOUTH “CORNHOLE” TOURNAMENT This afternoon, Sunday, October 8th, Our Redeemer is hosting a Circuit Youth Group “Cornhole” Tournament.



CEDAR FALLS HISTORIC CHURCHES TOUR Next Sunday, October 15, Our Redeemer will be participating in the Cedar Falls Historical Society Churches Tour from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. It is an open house format. Our Redeemer is one of six churches that were asked to be a part of this event. This is an excellent opportunity to learn of the history and unique attributes of Our Redeemer, along with other Cedar Falls churches. Tickets are \$15 for adults and free for children 12 and under. There is a brief article about the tour in the most recent **REPORTER**.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LWML FALL RALLY at College Hill Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 14. A light breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m. followed by opening worship at 9:00 a.m. Daniel Sanchez from Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca will be there to share what Camp is all about: it's mission, what it has to offer, and much more. Ingathering items for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca include: paper towels, napkins, stamps: (forever and postcard), disinfecting wipes, toilet bowl cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, window cleaner, Pine-Sol, Trash bags: Only 13 Gal & 33 Gal, Batteries: AA, AAA. 9V, Kleenex, paper plates, toilet paper rolls, copy paper. ***“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven.”*** *Matthew 5:16*

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