

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 13, 2022



**TODAY IS THE 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** It is also the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last Sunday in the Church Year. The road which Jesus sets before you in the Gospel appointed for this Sunday is one which would frighten even the strongest, bravest soul. Jesus, in clear and certain words, describes the events which will occur before His glorious appearing and especially what will befall those who bear His name. Why does Jesus do this? Is He trying to scare His Church or manipulate His people through fear, doubt, or despair? Of course not! God does not need to, nor would He, use the tricks which sinful humanity or the devil would use to achieve an objective. God does not operate by the rule, "The end justifies the means."

Jesus speaks the truth. What He describes is not a mere possibility. Neither are the events He describes the fabricated lies and deception of a novelist trying to sensationalize the future. Jesus speaks the truth so that you know what is coming. Jesus speaks the truth so that you will realize that you are helpless if you try to pass through these things alone or by depending upon your own strength, resolve, and determination.

Jesus also speaks the truth so that you are not afraid when these events occur. As Jesus speaks the truth concerning the turmoil in society, the signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth, and the persecution of those who bear the name of Christ, He also declares to you that you will pass through these things with Him! ***"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."*** Of this Jesus says there should be no doubt!

Jesus knows the way will be difficult. It will be fraught with danger and temptation. Knowing this He warns, ***"But watch yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life."*** How easy it is to neglect the very things that Christ has given to His Church, whereby He promises to be with Her and protect her in the face of such peril. Like blind beggars or isolated lepers, the Church can only cry out, "Lord, have mercy!"

Mercy is what you need and mercy is what God shows! The promise of the Baptismal font, the comfort of His voice, the strength of His forgiveness, the peace of His supper. For those who rely on these things, the future is real and certain. With the Psalmist the Church declares, ***"The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."***

#### ***THOSE SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE THIS WEEK***

**Elder:** Jason Knox **Elder Assistant:** Jonah Bolin **Organist:** Roxann List

**Service Assistant:** Colton Bovy **Ushers:** Greg Gerjerts, David Kmoch

**Tellers:** Cheryl Nissen, Sarah Staker **Shut-Ins:** Sara Lair

# THE PREPARATION

## Hymn of Invocation

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” LSB #515



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.  
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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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. SERVICE OF THE WORD

### The Introit



Cantor: Heaven and earth will | pass away,\*  
but My words will not | pass away.

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.**

The Lord is your | keeper;\*  
the Lord is your shade on your | right hand.  
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: Heaven and earth will | pass away,\*  
but My words will not | pass away.

(Ps. 121:1-2, 5, 7-8; antiphon: Luke 21:33)

### Gloria Patri

**G** 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

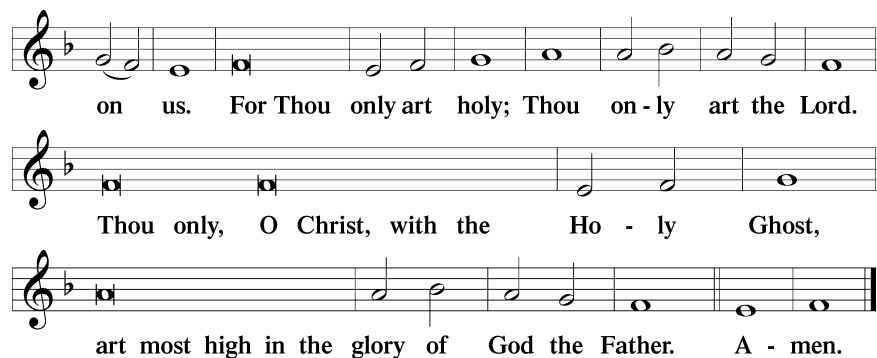
Mark 10:47

**G** 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: **G** 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*



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

**The Collect of the Day**

**P:** Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Be seated*

**The Old Testament**

Malachi 4:1-6

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**The Gradual**

*"Psalm 98 (antiphon v. 2)*

**Cantor:** The LORD has made known His sal- | vation;\*

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

**C:** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done | marvelous things!\*

His right hand and His holy arm have worked salva- | tion for Him.

The LORD has made known His sal- | vation;\*

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\*

break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

Sing praises to the LORD | with the lyre,\*

with the lyre and the sound of | melody!

With trumpets and the sound | of the horn\*

make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!

Let the sea roar, and all that | fills it;\*

the world and those who | dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together be- | fore the LORD,\*

for He comes to | judge the earth.

He will judge the world with | righteousness,\*

and the peoples with | equity.

*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: The LORD has made known His sal- | vation;\*  
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

**The Epistle**

II Thessalonians 3:1-13

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: Straighten up and | raise your heads, \*  
because your redemption is | drawing near. *Luke 21:28*



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

**The Holy Gospel**

Luke 21:5-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21<sup>st</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**

“Wide Open Stand The Gates” LSB #639



1 Wide o - pen stand the gates a - dorned with pearl, While  
2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless: “This  
3 The cher - u - bim, their fac - es veiled from light, While



round God’s gold - en throne The choirs of saints in  
is My flesh and blood!” He bids us eat and  
saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise to Him whose



end - less cir - cles curl, And joy - ous praise the Son!  
drink with thank - ful - ness This gift of ho - ly food.  
face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal.



They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait - ing earth.  
All hu - man thought must fal - ter— Our God stoops low to heal,  
This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty,



The Lord of Life un - end - ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth!  
Now pres - ent on the al - tar, For us both host and meal!  
Joins earth with heav’n be - yond us, Time with e - ter - ni - 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 ✠**

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| <b>Mon. 11/14</b>  | 9:00 a.m.  | Vicar's Bible Study at Our Redeemer                   |
|                    | 6:30 p.m.  | Church Council  |
| <b>Tues. 11/15</b> | 6:00 p.m.  | Vicar's Bible Study at Peace Shell Rock               |
| <b>Wed. 11/16</b>  | 10:00 a.m. | Our Redeemer Book Club ("Handling the Word of Truth") |
|                    | 11:00 a.m. | Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)                 |
|                    | 5:25 p.m.  | Choir   |
|                    | 6:30 p.m.  | Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)                 |
|                    | 6:30 p.m.  | Youth Bible Study                                     |
| <b>Thur. 11/17</b> | 4:00 p.m.  | Midweek Youth Catechesis                              |
| <b>Sat. 11/19</b>  | 6:00 p.m.  | Bible Class at Peace - Shell Rock                     |
|                    | 7:00 p.m.  | Divine Service at Peace - Shell Rock                  |
| <b>Sun. 11/20</b>  | 9:00 a.m.  | Divine Service at Our Redeemer                        |
|                    | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School and Bible Class                         |
|                    | 2:00 p.m.  | Voters' Meeting                                       |

**Readings and Hymns for Sunday November 20, 2022**

Readings: Malachi 3:13-18; Colossians 1:13-20; Luke 23:27-43

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| Gradual: Father, We Thank Thee.....                    | 652 |
| Hymn of the Day: Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying..... | 516 |
| Distribution: O God Of God, O Light Of Light.....      | 810 |
| Distribution: At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing.....    | 633 |
| Distribution: Jesus, Lead Thou On.....                 | 718 |
| Recessional: Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng.....            | 813 |

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. They will soon begin a study of the Christmas Gospel.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** also meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. Classes are offered for Pre-school through High School aged students. Sunday School begins in the Music Room/Chapel at 10:30 for an opening with Vicar and a time of music with Olivia Goodroad.

**WEEKLY READINGS/HYMNS STUDY** This class meets on Wednesdays 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 class meets at Our Redeemer on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 9:00 a.m. and at Peace in Shell Rock on the Tuesday of that same week at 6:00 p.m. The class is studying the words of hymns and the Scriptural texts which underlie these hymns. The class meets again in November on the 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>.

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** The Jr. High/Sr. High Youth meet for Bible Study with Vicar Goodroad on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. The youth of our congregation will study the Scriptures together as God leads them into lives of godliness and holiness. They will have the opportunity to discuss various topics and ask questions of Vicar. The class meets again in November on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday November 6, 2022**  
**Attendance: 94 Communion: 82**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's Altar Flowers are given by Connie and Dave Kmoch, in thankful recognition of God's guiding hand throughout their lives. "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

**REGULAR VOTERS' MEETING** The Congregation will hold a Regular Voters' Meeting on Sunday, November 20 at 2:00 p.m. Normal matters of business will be taken care of including receiving reports from Officers and Boards, Election of Officers, and establishing the Budget for 2023. We will also be nominating candidates for the Office of Synodical President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, and Regional Vice-President. Any member of the congregation may bring matters before the Voters. Please speak with Chairman Mishler to add items to the Agenda. A proposed Agenda is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

**TIME/TALENT SURVEY**-Please return your survey to the box in the Narthex. We want to match talents and abilities to needs and opportunities. If you need a survey, contact Rod Lair (319-243-0702) and we'll get one to you.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** At the November 20, 2022, Voter's meeting, we will be electing Officers of the congregation for 2023. The congregation is in need of candidates to serve as Secretary and Chair of the Board of Education. If you are willing and interested in serving as an Officer next year, please contact Rod Lair. (319/243-0702)

**THE OUR REDEEMER BOOK CLUB** meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We are discussing the book, "Strange New World," by Carl R. Trueman. This book will perhaps make readers uncomfortable as we are confronted with the current era of "expressive individualism," especially in terms of personhood, self, and morality. To quote the last chapter of the book: "The era when Christians could disagree with the broader convictions of the secular world and yet still find themselves respected as decent members of society at large is coming to an end, if indeed it has not ended already."

Please join us in the Parish Hall to read and discuss "Strange New World." For further information, please contact Sara Lair (319) 266-1163 or Greg Gerjerts (319) 961-1103.

**UPDATED PHOTO DIRECTORY** We plan to publish the updated Congregational Photo Directory early in December. Please review the copy in the Narthex or Parish Hall for accurate information. You may also update your photo. Tammy will be taking photos this week and next in the lower level of the Education Wing.

*O give thanks  
UNTO THE LORD  
FOR HE IS good:  
FOR HIS mercy  
ENDURETH forever.*  
PSALM 107:1

**A THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE** will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Our Redeemer. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Peace Lutheran on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. You are encouraged to keep the worship of God a part of your observance of our Country's National Day of Thanksgiving.

**MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES** will begin on Wednesday, November 30 with services at Noon and 6:30 p.m. Services will be held on November 30, December 7, 14, and 21. This year throughout Advent we will focus our attention on the words of the Old Testament readings for the week, all which come from Isaiah. More clearly than any of the prophets of the Old Testament, Isaiah foretold the coming of the Messiah. He prepared God's people to meet their coming King. Advent Services will also be held at Peace Lutheran on Tuesday evenings of the same week at 7:00 p.m.



**OUR REDEEMER'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER** The Our Redeemer and Peace Lutheran Annual Advent/Christmas Dinner will be Sunday December 4 with Social time beginning at 4:30 PM. Dinner and entertainment at 5:00 PM. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. Each family please bring a salad or dessert to share. The menu will include Turkey, Ham, Dressing, mashed potatoes and vegetable. A free-will donation will cover the cost of the main meal. We are excited to have the Union Carolers with us again.

Everyone is invited to attend as well as family, friends and neighbors. Volunteers are needed to help with the dinner, please contact Judy Fink (268-0346) djfink@cfu.net

**STUDY THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL** The Sunday Morning Bible Class has completed the study of "Love." This morning Pastor Knox will begin a review of Synodical President Harrison's report which was given to the District Convention this past summer. Starting on November 27<sup>th</sup>, Pastor will begin a study of the birth of Jesus in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. This will continue on the Sundays throughout Advent and Christmas. We will refamiliarize ourselves with the beloved account of Jesus' birth and perhaps remove some of the misconceptions many people about Christmas.

**FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC** On Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m. the congregation is invited to celebrate the Christmas Gospel in Word and Song. The festival will include Advent and Christmas music sung or played by instrumentalists, vocalists, the Sunday School students, the Adult Choir, and the congregation. This is an expansion of what we might normally have thought of as the Children's Christmas program. Please read all the details in the latest REPORTER on page 11.

It is important for our Sunday School students to be regular in their attendance because they have already begun working on recitations and music for this festival.