

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 6th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 12, 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.*

✘ *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.*

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

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

THOSE SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE THIS WEEK

Elder: Alan Czarnetzki **Service Assistant:** Brody Irwin

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

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

Sunday, February 5, 2022

Attendance: 97 Communion: 85

TODAY IS THE 6th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD As the Epiphany Season passes, you continue to listen as Jesus preaches what the Church has come to know as "The Sermon on the Mount." One of the themes found in the Sermon on the Mount is that of light. Jesus is speaking of the Church when He said, "***You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.***" He further told those who believed in Him, "***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 5:14, 16*)

This theme of light is not new in the preaching of Jesus nor did it end with Him. When the Church observed the Epiphany of our Lord back on January 6, you heard the Old Testament prophet Isaiah declare, "***Arise, shine, for your light has come!***" (*Is. 60:1*) St. Paul the Apostle echoes this same theme of light when he writes to the Ephesians, "***For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.***" (*Eph. 5:8*)

Just as the moon does not create its own light, but receives and reflects the light of the sun, so Christians are not sources of light. Christians can only receive and reflect the Light of Him whom the Prophet Malachi called "***the Sun of Righteousness***" (*Malachi 5:2*), and whom John called "***the light of men***" (*John 1:4*). Our Lord Jesus Christ said of Himself, "***I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.***" (*John 8:12*).

You have received the Light of Christ through Holy Baptism! You continue to receive Him as you gather with the Church to listen to His Word and as He feeds you with His body and blood. As you receive Him you are enabled to live as children of light.

I. THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest” LSB #498



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make
2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,
3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's
4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed



our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and
the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the
al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of
Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

5. Drive far away our wily foe,
And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.
6. Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.
- △ 7. Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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Stand

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. SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Introit



(Ps. 98:7-9; antiphon: Ps. 98:2)

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

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

Cong: 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.

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

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

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.



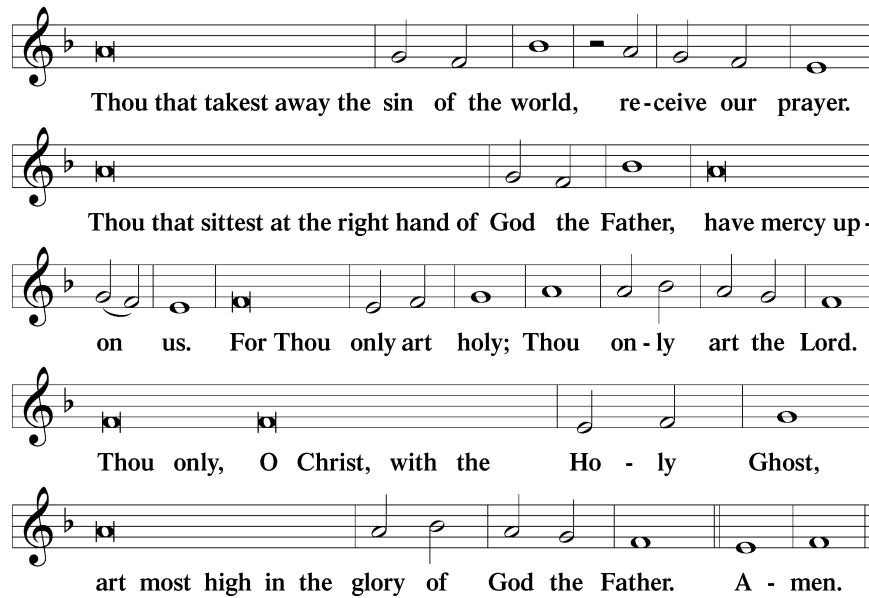
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



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.

II Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

The Collect of the Day

P: O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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 30:15-20

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

Psalm 119:1-8 (*antiphon: v. 5*)

“ALEPH“

Cantor: Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*
in keeping your | statutes!

**Cong: Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,*
who walk in the law | of the Lord!**

**Blessèd are those who keep His testi- | monies,*
who seek Him with their | whole heart,**

**who also | do no wrong,*
but walk | in His ways!**

**You have commanded Your | precepts*
to be kept dil- | igently.**

**Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*
in keeping Your | statutes!**

**Then I shall not be | put to shame,*
having my eyes fixed on all Your com- | mandments.**

**I will praise You with an | upright heart,*
when I learn Your just and righ- | teous decrees.**

**I will keep Your | statutes;*
do not utterly for- | sake me!**

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: Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*
in keeping your | statutes!

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

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: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself | up for us, *
a fragrant offering and sacri - | fice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

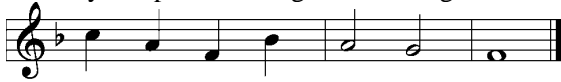


☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Matthew, the 5th 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

“These Are the Holy Ten Commands 581 (vv.1-6)

1 These are the ho - ly Ten Com-mands God gave to us by
 2 “I am a - lone your God, the Lord; No oth - er gods shall
 3 “Do not My ho - ly name dis - grace, Do not My Word of
 4 “You shall ob - serve the wor - ship day That peace may fill your

Mo - ses’ hands When high on Si - nai’s mount he stood,
 be a - dored. But you shall ful - ly trust in Me
 truth de - base. Praise on - ly that as good and true
 home, and pray, And put a - side the work you do,

Re - ceiv - ing them for our good. Have mer - cy, Lord!
 And love Me whole - heart - ed - ly.” Have mer - cy, Lord!
 Which I My - self say and do.” Have mer - cy, Lord!
 So that God may work in you.” Have mer - cy, Lord!

5. “You are to honor and obey
 Your father, mother, ev’ry day,
 Serve them each way that comes to hand;
 You’ll then live long in the land.”
 Have mercy, Lord!
6. “You shall not murder, hurt, nor hate;
 Your anger dare not dominate.
 Be kind and patient; help, defend,
 And treat your foe as your friend.”
 Have mercy, Lord!

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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 ✠

Mon. 2/13	9:00 a.m.	Vicar's Bible Study at Our Redeemer
Tues. 2/14	6:00 p.m.	Vicar's Bible Study at Peace, Shell Rock
Wed. 2/15	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	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
Thur. 2/16	4:00 p.m.	Midweek Youth Catechesis
Sat. 2/18	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace, Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace, Shell Rock
Sun. 2/19	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 am.	Sunday School and Bible Class

Readings and Hymns for February 12, 2023 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

The Readings: Exodus 24:8–18; II Peter 1:16–21; Matthew 17:1–9

Psalmody: Psalm 2:6-12 (*Antiphon v. 11*)

Processional: From God The Father, Virgin-Born	401
Gradual: In Thee Is Gladness	818
Hymn of the Day: O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair	413
Distribution: Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior	640
Distribution: 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here	414
Distribution: O Splendor Of God's Glory Bright.....	874
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BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. This week we continue reviewing the ACELC document entitled, "Ten Theses on God's Arrangement of the Sexes." These theses address the unique and distinctive roles which God has established for men and women. We will also go back and dig deeper into the gender restrictions which God has placed on the pastoral office in I Timothy Chapter 2.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. The children are beginning to learn hymns for Holy Week.

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 2nd and 4th 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 will meet again in February on the 13th and 14th.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY The Jr. High/Sr. High Youth meet for Bible Study with Vicar Goodroad on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m.. In February the class will meet again on the 15th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Ryan and Jennifer Thornton as they celebrate Tucker's 3rd birthday and the anniversary of his baptism. "Jesus called them unto him and said: Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16.

FLOWER CHART: The 2023 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please consider placing flowers on the altar to commemorate a special occasion or "just because." Cost is \$40 – you will be billed directly by Bancroft's. Please fill out the Altar Flower card; we take care of the rest – please contact Sara Lair for details (319-266-1163; sjlair@cfu.net).

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: How to Save the West; Finding a Therapist; "Luther's Large Catechism with Annotations and Contemporary Applications;" 19th-Century Lutheran Theologian Wilhelm Loehe and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, and your favorite podcast provider.

PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY Start planning now to attend the 2023 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17 at Concordia University Chicago. Scheduled speakers include:

- LCMS President Matt Harrison
- Mollie Hemingway of Fox News
- Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations
- Kyle Mann of The Babylon Bee
- Pastor Peter Bender of the Concordia Catechetical Academy
- San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone
- Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever.

Early bird registration is \$140 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS IN TURKEY through the LCMS World Relief and Human Care, please visit LCMS.org. Click on the "Make A Gift" tab and look for the Mercy Work sub-category. All gifting is done online.

OUR REDEEMERS SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DAY is coming soon on Tuesday, February 21. The cost is \$7.00 and Children under 5 years will be free. Serving time will be 4:30 PM until 7 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. Will appreciate any and all help.

THE LATEST EDITION OF THE LUTHERAN WITNESS is available in the Narthex and in the Parish Hall. This month, the Witness highlights Mental Health. There are articles dealing with the spiritual aspects of Mental Health, Depression, and Alzheimer's Disease. Pick up your copy today.

LWML LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE The Women of Faith will be hosting the Waterloo Zone LWML Prayer Service at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 25 at Faith Lutheran Church, 1555 W. Ridgeway Ave., Waterloo. All women are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be provided following the service.

BOOK CLUB – Our Redeemer's Book Club has begun reading the book, A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World, by Bryan Wolfmueller, The Book Club meets each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. The book shows that martyrs such as St. Stephen, St. Perpetua, and Polycarp, among others, are not defined by their achievements, but instead they stand as bold rejection of sin and, coupled with patient endurance, they hold fast to the firm believe in the joy of the life to come. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS STUDY. To obtain a book, please contact Sara Lair (sjlair@cfu.net; 319/266-1163).

ARE YOU MISSING A BOWL, PAN OR FOOD CONTAINER? There are several containers on the Kitchen counter which are looking for their owner and need a home. Please check in the kitchen and see if one or more of them belong to you. Thanks.

IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION with the current status of Our Redeemer's finances, here is some information from the Board of Stewardship. We will continue to provide updated information throughout the year.

Offerings for January 2023 (Year to Date) = \$30,923.

Budget for Jan '23 (Year to Date) = \$23,500.

Surplus = \$7,423.