

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 Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 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: Stephen Hoffman **Service Assistant:** Logan Baker

Organist: Roxann List **Offering Counters:** Dean Fink, Dean Garms

Ushers: Harold Saathoff, Eber White **Shut-Ins:** Becca Barber

TODAY IS THE 2nd SUNDAY IN LENT Sin is serious business! Do you ever feel ashamed because of the sins that you commit? During this Lenten season you will be reminded again and again that you should be ashamed. God, who is holy and just, is grieved by your sin and has warned that His righteous anger will be revealed against all sin and workers of iniquity.

Being ashamed is a very good thing when it comes to your sin, because God uses it to remind you how much you need the redemption found only in Jesus Christ. God causes you to feel your shame, not so that you will perish, but rather so that you will seek His mercy and find His gifts of forgiveness in His Word and His Holy Sacraments.

There is another kind of shame. This is the shame that the deceiver of this world wants to make you feel. Are you ashamed to tell your neighbor about Jesus? Are you ashamed to tell your son or daughter that what they are doing is in conflict with the will of God? Do you feel ashamed to pray in a crowded restaurant? Listen to Jesus as He speaks to you in the Gospel for today; ***“For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”*** (Matthew 8:38)

During these forty days of Lent, consider Jesus’ last forty days. He thought of nothing else than the seriousness of your sin. Jesus spent these forty days with only one objective, and that objective was to complete His journey to Jerusalem and there give Himself into death. Jesus died because He took your sin seriously and He takes you seriously. Listen to Jesus and He will show you the shame of your sin. Do not listen to Satan because he wants you to be ashamed of Jesus. Today, against the attacks of the devil, Jesus arms you with His Word and His own Body and Blood so that, when He comes in His Father’s glory, He will not be ashamed of you, but will safely bring you home to be with Him forever!



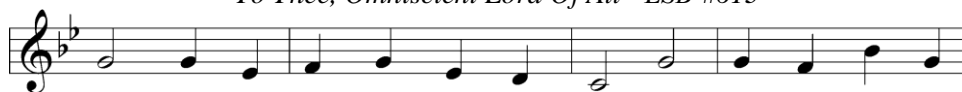
****Liturgical Change For Lent***

- The “Gloria In Excelsis” is omitted.
- Lenten “Gradual” will be sung by the Cantor
- The “ Alleluia” is omitted. In place of the Alleluia the Cantor will sing the Lenten “Verse.”

I. THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

“To Thee, Omniscient Lord Of All” LSB #613



1 To Thee, om - ni - scient Lord of all, In grief and shame I
2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in
3 O Je - sus, let Thy pre - cious blood Be to my soul a



hum - bly call; I see my sins a - gainst Thee, Lord,
wrath a - way! Let Thy good Spir - it ne'er de - part,
cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest a - way,



The sins of thought and deed and word. They press me
But let Him draw to Thee my heart That tru - ly
But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my



sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
house at peace with Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

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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: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

Cong: You who fear the Lord, trust | in the Lord!*

He is their help | and their shield.

The Lord has remembered us; He will | bless us;*

**He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house
of | Aaron;**

He will bless those who | fear the Lord,*

both the small | and the great.

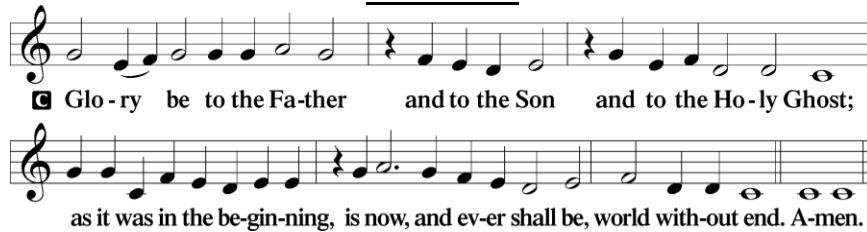
We will | bless the Lord*

from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the Lord!

Cantor: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

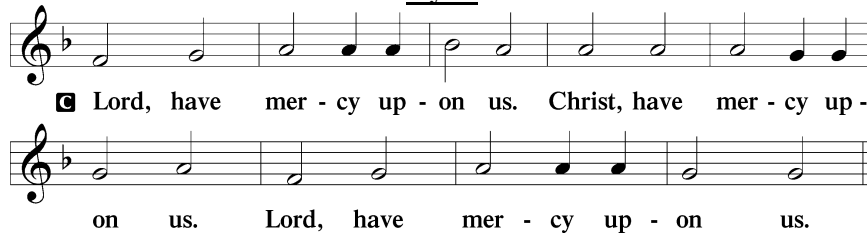
(Ps. 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Ps. 25:6)

Gloria Patri



Kyrie

Mark 10:47



Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Omitted during Lent

The Salutation



P The Lord be with you.

II Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

The Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

The Gradual

Cantor: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the Author and Perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God. *Hebrews 12:1-2*

The Epistle

Romans 5:1–11

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Alleluia

*The Alleluia is omitted during Lent.
In its place the Cantor will sing the Verse*

The Verse

Cantor: Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. *Joel 2:13*

The Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27–38

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Mark, the 8th 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

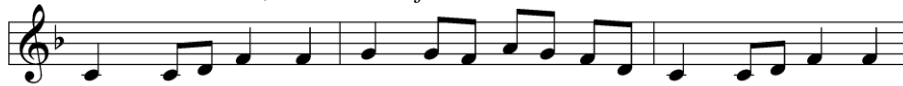
I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

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

"Christ, The Word of God Incarnate" LSB #540



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es,
lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5. Christ, the way that leads unfailing To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, there to share Your wedding feast.

- △ 6. Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration and unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit and to You eternally.

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The Sermon

Following the Sermon, please rise to sing 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.

Reception of New Members

Matthew and Janey Hundley
Steve and Lorraine Burkey

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Today Our Redeemer welcomes 4 new members.

- Matthew and Janey Hundley moved back to Iowa after several years in St. Louis, MO. They recently completed a time of Catechesis with Pastor Knox and Vicar Baker and will be received by Profession of Faith.
- Steve and Lorraine Burkey recently moved back to Iowa after many years in Springfield, MO. They reside in the CedarStone Senior Living Center here in Cedar Falls. They will be received as members by transfer from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Springfield.

IN OUR PRAYERS We pray for Sandy Stone and her family as they experienced both the joy of birth, and the sadness of death, in recent weeks. Twin great-granddaughters of Sandy, Lilly Jane and Rose Helen Orozco, were born on February 1. Lilly and Rose were baptized into Christ shortly after birth because of their fragile health. Lilly died in Christ on February 13 while Rose is growing stronger each day. The Christian funeral for Lilly took place at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Corpus Christi Texas on Saturday, February 24.

MIDWEEK LENTEN CATECHETICAL SERVICES will take place each week during Lent with Services at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. (Peace on Tuesdays at 7:00 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:



- What Is Confession? (2/28)
- What Sins Should We Confess? (3/5)
- What Do You Believe According To These Words? (3/12)
- How do I use this forgiveness in a God pleasing way? (3/19)

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.

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK

What is Confession?

Confession embraces two parts. One is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution, or forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, and in no wise doubt, but firmly believe, that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

IOWA THEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM “*Church and Ministry: Then and Now*” A theological conference for Pastors and Laity will be held at Camp IoDisECa May 22-24. There are posters about the conference on the bulletin boards in the Church building. There is online information at the Camp’s Website and Facebook pages. Presenters include: Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, Rev. Michael Holmen, Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders, Rev. Dr. John Stephenson, Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford.

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. 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. If you would like to attend either of the Services on Sunday evening or Monday evening, Pastor Knox is planning to drive to both.

✠ OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ✠

Sun. 2/25	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School
Mon 2/26	9:00 a.m.	Vicar's Bible Study (Postponed)
	6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Tues. 2/27	6:00 p.m.	Vicar's Bible Study at Peace-Shell Rock (Postponed)
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service at Peace-Shell Rock
Wed. 2/28	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	12:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service
	5:25 p.m.	Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service
	7:15 p.m.	Midweek Bible Class after Lenten Service (Weekly Readings)
Sat. 3/2	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock

HYMNS FOR MIDWEEK SERVICE AND 2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, February 28 Midweek Lenten Service

The Reading: Luke 7:36–50

Psalmody: Psalm 32:1–7 (antiphon: v. 10)

Office Hymn: Jesus Sinners Doth Receive 609

Closing Hymn: When in the Hour of Deepest Need..... 615

Sunday, March 3, 2024 3rd Sunday In Lent

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-25

Invocation: Go to Dark Gethsemane 436

Hymn of the Day: Salvation unto Us Has Come555 (st. 1-5)

Distribution: Salvation unto Us Has Come555 (st. 6-10)

Distribution: By Grace I'm Saved..... 566

Distribution: The Law of God Is Good and Wise..... 579

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 after the Midweek Service on Wednesday, approximately 7:15. 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 is being postponed this week. It normally 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. The class will resume in March on the 11th at Our Redeemer.

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. During Lent, the Youth will not meet on Wednesdays.