

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 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: Matt Kenitzer **Service Assistant:** Steven Dekutoski

Organist: Roxann List **Ushers:** Dean Fink, Dusty Greiman

Tellers: Dean Fink, Dean Garms **Shut-Ins:** Sara Lair

Sunday, March 19, 2022

Attendance: 98 Communion: 84

Wednesday, March 22

Noon - 22, Evening - 38



TODAY IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT The Gospel readings throughout Lent have drawn you closer and closer to Jerusalem as Jesus makes His way to the place of your salvation. As the time of Jesus' public ministry passed, His words became increasingly clear. St. Matthew puts it this way, "***From that time on Jesus began to explain to His disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests, and teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.***" (Matt. 16:21)

In the Gospel for today, Jesus makes it obvious that the time for His passion was drawing near. Following the miraculous raising of Lazarus, Jesus immediately is plotted against by the chief priests and the Pharisees.

St. John tells the Church, "***So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.***"

In the next few weeks, you will again hear, in the gracious words of the Scriptures, the growing opposition to Jesus and finally the fulfillment of His prophecy that He would, indeed, suffer and die. You, like Peter and others who knew and loved Jesus, may be tempted to say, "***May this never be!***" How foolish they were and how foolish it would be for you to think in this same fashion. Just as Jesus told John the Baptist at the beginning of the Epiphany season, "***It is necessary to fulfill all righteousness***" so, too, must Jesus endure what this prophecy foretells. Make no mistake about it, the death of Jesus was necessary for your salvation! Through Holy Baptism, you have been united to the death of Jesus. Each of you who bear the holy name of God, through the gracious water of baptismal regeneration, now share in the forgiveness and life which Jesus earned for all. Living in Christ, you now continue to draw your life from Him as you listen to His word, receive His absolution, and feast at the table He has prepared for you. With His resurrected body and blood Jesus pledges you anew that His death was for you and for your salvation.

I. THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense” LSB #741



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior, now is
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; Like - wise I to life shall
3 No, too close - ly I am bound By my hope to Christ for -
4 I am flesh and must re - turn To the dust, whence I am



liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
wak - en. He will bring me where He is;
ev - er; Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,
tak - en; But by faith I now dis - cern



Rests up - on the hope here giv - en, Though the
Shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I
Grasped it, and will leave it nev - er; E - ven
That from death I shall a - wak - en With my



night of death be fraught Still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His mem - bers dead?
death now can - not part From its Lord the trust - ing heart.
Sav - ior to a - bide In His glo - ry, at His side.

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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.**

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

The Introit



Cantor: Precious in the sight | of the Lord*
is the death | of his saints.

Cong.: **I love the Lord, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.**

**Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.**

**The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*
I suffered distress and | anguish.**

Then I called on the name | of the Lord:*

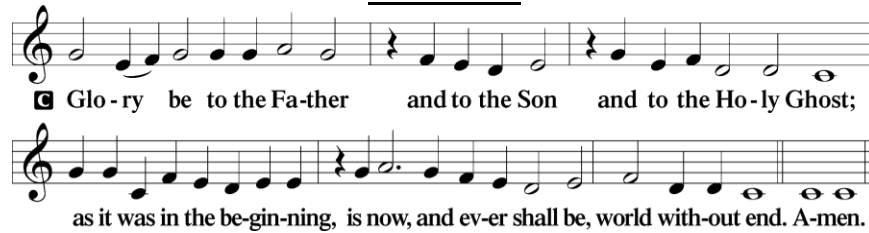
“O Lord, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

**For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.**

Cantor: Precious in the sight | of the Lord*
is the death | of his saints.

(Ps. 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: Ps. 116:15)

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.

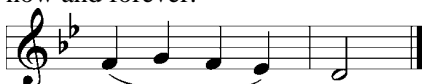
II Timothy 4:22



G And with thy spir - it.

The Collect of the Day

P: Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Be seated

The Old Testament

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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 8:1-11

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Alleluia

Is omitted during Lent.

In its place, the Cantor will sing the Lenten Verse.

The Lenten Verse

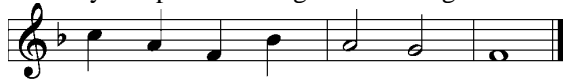
Cantor: Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Joel 2:13

The Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist John, the 11th chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G 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

"O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life" #552 (vv. 9-10)

1 O Christ, who shared our mor - tal life And
 2 Two weep - ing sis - ters, worn by grief And
 3 "I am the Lord of life and death!" You
 4 Death's pow - er holds us still in thrall And

end - ed death's long reign, Who healed the sick and
 mired in depths of gloom, Stood watch - ing where their
 an - swered Mar - tha's cry, "And all who hear and
 bears us toward the tomb. Death's dark - 'ning cloud hangs

raised the dead And bore our grief and pain: We
 broth - er lay With - in a rock - sealed tomb. When,
 trust My Word Shall live, al - though they die!" You
 like a pall That threat - ens earth with doom. But

know our years on earth are few, That death is
 Lord, You met them as they mourned, You wept com -
 walked the path to Laz - 'rus' tomb, You called him
 You have bro - ken death's em - brace And torn a -

al - ways near. Come now to us, O
 pas - sion's tear; But Mar - tha, sore with
 forth by name, And liv - ing, lov - ing
 way its sting. Re - store to life our

Lord of Life; Bring hope that con - quers fear!
 sor - row, said, "He'd lived had You been here!"
 once a - gain, From death to life he came!
 mor - tal race! Raise us, O Ris - en King!

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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. 3/27	9:00 a.m.	Vicar's Bible Study at Our Redeemer
	6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Tues. 3/28	6:00 p.m.	Vicar's Bible Study at Peace-Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service at Peace-Shell Rock
Wed. 3/29	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	12:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service at Our Redeemer
	5:25 p.m.	Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service at Our Redeemer
Thur. 3/30	4:00 p.m.	Youth Catechesis
Sat. 4/1	8:30 a.m.	LWML Spring Rally at Immanuel-Cedar Falls
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace, Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace, Shell Rock
Sun. 4/2	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 am.	Sunday School and Bible Class

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. This morning we will conclude the ACELC document entitled, “Ten Theses on God’s Arrangement of the Sexes.” On Palm Sunday, we will revisit I Timothy 2 and examine some of the more challenging texts dealing with limitations placed who may serve in the Pastoral Office. On the Sunday after Easter we will start a study of Christian Burial, with a particular focus on the practice of Cremation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday.

WEEKLY READINGS/HYMNS STUDY This class meets on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and after the Midweek Lenten Service 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 will meet again in March on the 27th and 28th.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY The Jr. High/Sr. High Youth have been meeting for Bible Study with Vicar Goodroad on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. The Youth Bible Study will not meet during Lent.

HYMNS/READINGS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 – Midweek Lenten Service

Readings: Ecclesiastes 12:9-14; Mark 12:28-34

Psalmody: Psalm 100, (*Antiphon v. 1*)

Office: Evening and Morning.....	726
Closing: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted	451

Sunday, April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:1-27:66

Processional: Blessed Is He/All Glory, Laud, And Honor Choir/442

Gradual: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna 443

Hymn of the Day: Sing, My Tongue, The Glorious Battle 454

Distribution: Lift Up Your Head, You Everlasting Doors..... 339

Distribution: Wide Open Stand the Gates 639

Distribution: My Song Is Love Unknown 430

Midweek Lenten Schedule

Noon and 6:30 p.m. at Our Redeemer

This year during Lent we have devoted our attention to that portion of the Catechism called the Table of Duties. The final midweek Lenten Service is this week. Please set aside this “extra” time during Lent to be instructed in God’s Word.

Wednesday, March 29 - Of Stations or Estates in life of Various Kinds
(What Every Christian owes to Everyone)

*Midweek Lenten Services will be held at Peace in Shell Rock
on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.*

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

Holy Week is April 2-9. Opportunities abound during the week to hear the Word of God and receive the blessings of the Gospel. Below are the various Service times that will be available at Our Redeemer and Peace.

Mon. – Wed., April 3-5..... 12:00 p.m. Passion Reading @ Our Redeemer

Maundy Thursday, April 6..... 12:00 p.m. Passion Reading @ Our Redeemer
6:30 p.m. Divine Service @ Our Redeemer

Good Friday, April 7..... 12:00 p.m. Readings/Devotions @ Our Redeemer
4:00 p.m. Readings/Devotions @ Peace
6:30 p.m. Divine Service @ Our Redeemer

Holy Saturday, April 8..... 6:30 p.m. Easter Vigil @ Our Redeemer

Easter Sunday, April 9..... 7:00 a.m. Divine Service @ Peace – Shell Rock
9:00 a.m. Divine Service @ Our Redeemer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU We would like to thank everyone who gave us gifts, cards, and general encouragement for Sven's birth and baptism. These have all been a huge help to us as we adjust to new parenthood, and it has been comforting to know we have such love and support from our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are truly grateful and blessed to have been placed here at Our Redeemer. Yours in Christ, Vicar and Olivia

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE SENIOR RECITAL OF JAMES MONS this Friday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. in Davis Hall. (Davis Hall is located in the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center) James is a Music Major at UNI and will be performing several trumpet pieces for his recital. If you don't know who James is, he is the young man who sits with one of our newest members, Chayla Besonen, in one of the back pews. James also serves us as Cantor on occasion and he is the son of Pastor and Christine Mons. Pastor Mons is the pastor at St. Paul Chapel in Iowa City and serves our LCMS students who attend the University of Iowa.

THE VICAR'S BIBLE STUDY will meet this week on Monday, March 27 at 9:00 a.m. at Our Redeemer and on Tuesday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m. at Peace.

OUR REDEEMER'S BOOK CLUB Please join Our Redeemer's Book Club on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. (prior to the weekly Pericopes study). We have just begun a new book, "Don't Tell Me That!". See Sara Lair or Greg Gerjerts for further information.

ISSUES, Etc... You're invited to attend the 2023 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17 at Concordia University Chicago. 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, and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. The registration fee is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

CIRCUIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWML SPRING RALLY The Immanuel Lutheran Dorcas Society invites all women to attend the Waterloo Zone Spring Rally on Saturday, April 1, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Breakfast/Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with Bible Study and Devotions beginning at 9:00 a.m. Guest Speaker will be from Orphan Grain Train. The Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that shares clothing, medical supplies, and other aid to needy people in the United States and around the world. Ingathering items for Orphan Grain Train include: Bedding; Clothing and accessories; medical supplies like crutches, canes, and walkers; toys; kitchen accessories; tools; and classroom supplies. Monetary donations will also be collected to offset shipping costs.

DISTRICT/SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNODICAL NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS The 2023 nominations process for the offices of President, First Vice-President, and regional vice-presidents of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod closed on February 28, 2023, with 1,826 congregations having participated in Internet balloting. The results for President, 1st Vice-president, and our Regional Vice-presidents are the following:

President: Matthew C. Harrison, 1,193; Patrick T. Ferry, 511; Richard L. Snow, 228; Peter K. Lange, 119; Benjamin T. Ball, 113

1st Vice-President: Peter K. Lange, 958; Richard L. Snow, 137; Scott C. Sailer, 98; Jon M. Braunersreuther, 95; Patrick T. Ferry, 72

Regional VP: John C. Wohlrabe, Jr., 196; David P. E. Maier, 64; David P. Ramirez, 39; Steven G. Kline, 10; Peter C. Bender, 5

Only the top 5 nominees are shown. Complete results are available at lcms.org