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 Resurrection of Our Lord April 9, 2023

<u>A WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME</u> to all who gather in the Lord's House today, especially to our guests and visitors. You have joined with the seen and unseen host of God to be served by the Triune God through the preaching of His Word and the administration of the Holy Sacraments. Apart from these Means of Grace, there are no Christians and there is no Church! Therefore, the entire Liturgy places God at center stage as He acts towards His people through these Means to bring His gifts of life and salvation. That is why the Liturgy is called "Divine Service" - <u>it is God's Service to His people</u>! This service reaches its fulfillment in the Sacrament of the Altar.

DEAR GUESTS On this Easter morning we rejoice that there are guests and visitors with us to hear the Easter message "The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" Our Redeemer observes the practice of Closed Communion. <u>This means</u> that only communicant members of Our Redeemer, as well as members of sister congregations in the LCMS, are permitted to partake of the Sacrament of the Altar. We would graciously ask that you respect this practice. <u>An explanation of this practice may be found on the back page of this bulletin</u>.

THOSE SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE THIS WEEK

<u>Elder</u>: Tom Strub <u>Service Assistant</u>: Steven Dekutoski <u>Crucifer</u>: Kaiser Bovy <u>Ushers</u>: Blake Wayson, Harold Saathoff <u>Organist</u>: Roxann List <u>Tellers</u>: Sarah Staker, Cheryl Nissen <u>Shut-Ins</u>: Jim Bunkofske

I. THE PREPARATION

After the bell rings <u>please rise</u> and face the procession.

P: In the name of the Father and of the (\clubsuit) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And with your spirit.
- P: Let us pray. O God the Father, Merciful and Just, Holy and Righteous, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit kindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Victory which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!
- C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P: Let us go forth in peace,
- C: in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!



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- P: I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed | gloriously;* the horse and his rider He has thrown in- | to the sea.
- C: The Lord is my strength | and my song,*
 - and He has become my sal- | vation;
 - Your right hand, O Lord, glorious | in power,*
 - Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the | enemy.

You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You | have redeemed;*

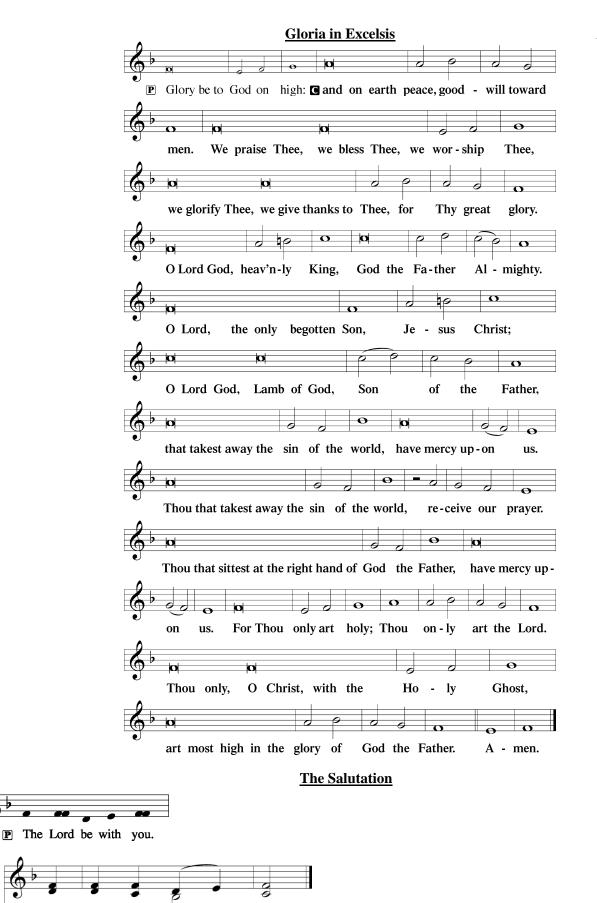
You have guided them by Your strength to Your ho- | ly abode.

- You will bring them in and plant them on Your own | mountain,*
- the place, O Lord, which You have made for | Your abode,
- the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have es- | tablished.*
 - The Lord will reign forever and | ever.
- P: I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed | gloriously;* the horse and his rider He has thrown in- | to the sea.

(Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: Exodus 15:1b)



Mark 10:47



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II Timothy 4:22

The Collect of the Day

P: Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated

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The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles



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



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The Epistle Colossians 3:1-4

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

(Stand)

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

As the organ introduces the Verse, please stand and direct your attention to the cross and the Holy Scriptures as they are carried into the midst of the Congregation. Throughout the Easter Season the Gospel will be read from the center of the Nave, a reminder that following Jesus' resurrection He appeared bodily among His disciples.



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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

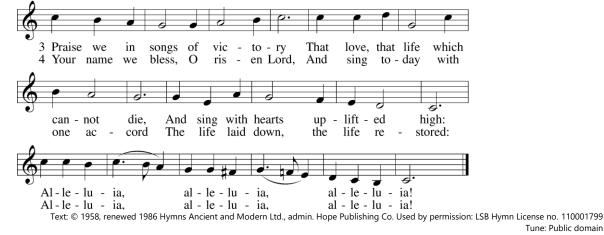
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.



P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



As the procession returns to the chancel, the remaining verses will be sung:



The Nicene Creed

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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

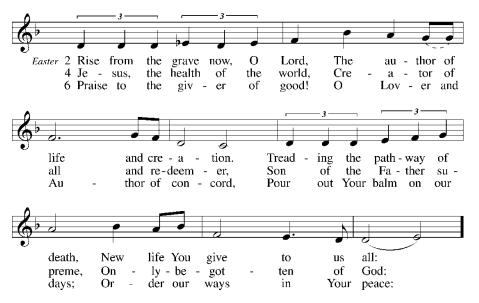
and the life $({\bf { \bf H }})$ of the world to come. Amen

Be Seated

The Hymn of The Day



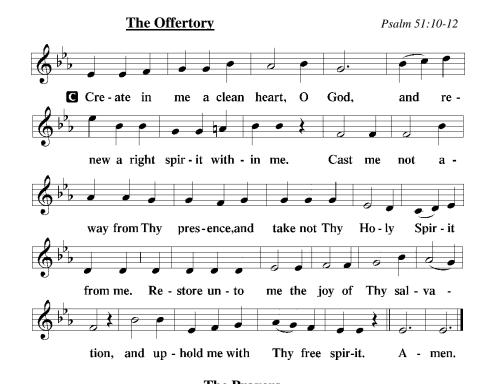
Day when our Lord was raised, Break-ing the king - dom of death.



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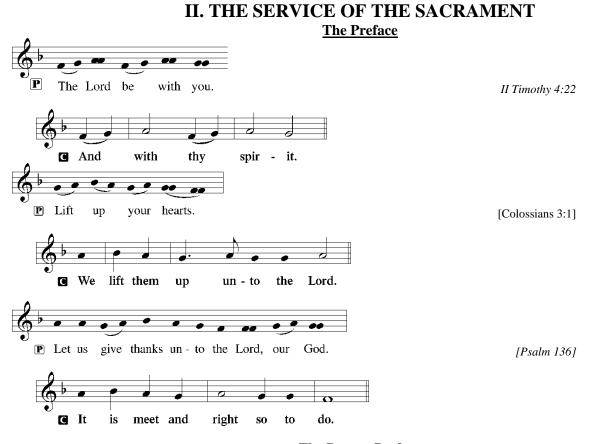
<u>The Sermon</u> Following the Sermon, please rise to sing the Offertory



<u>The Prayers</u> Various Petitions are prayed. Each petition will conclude with the response:

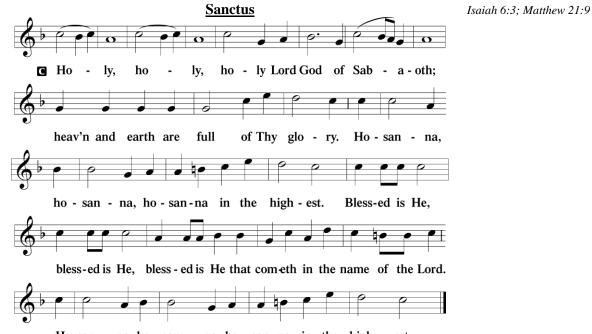
- P: Lord, in Your mercy.
- C: Hear our prayer.

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<u>The Proper Preface</u>

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . we laud and magnify Your glorious name, ever more praising You and singing:



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Our Father who art in heaven, ...



The Consecration

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed . . .



Be seated

The Distribution

- The Communicants will be ushered forward to receive the Sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.
- All guests who desire to commune should have spoken with our Pastors or Vicar before the Service.
- Guests who have spoken with Pastor Knox, Pastor Saunders, or Vicar Goodroad may give their guest card to the Usher as they come forward.
- A note concerning Closed Communion is printed on the back page of this bulletin.

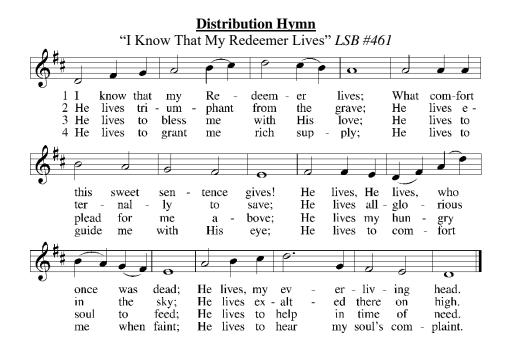
Distribution Hymn
"Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds" <i>LSB</i> #465
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
$\triangle 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And$
praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n-ly bless-ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!
He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our
clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
life And by His pres ence stills all day That by our lives we tru - ly
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly
here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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<u>Choral Music</u> Hallelujah Chorus

Distribution Hymn				
"Awake, My Heart, With Gladness" LSB #467				
1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done; 2 The foe in tri-umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb; 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im-part! 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;				
Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun. But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom. Now noth-ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with-in my heart. Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.				
My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;				
When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight. He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave. The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won. It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.				

- The world against me rages, its fury I disdain; Though bitter war it wages, its work is all in vain. My heart from care is free, no trouble troubles me. Misfortune now is play, and night is bright as day.
- Now I will cling forever to Christ, my Savior true; My Lord will leave me never, whate'er He passes through. He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain; He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.
- 7. He brings me to the portal that leads to bliss untold, Whereon this rhyme immortal is found in script of gold: "Who there My cross has shared finds here a crown prepared; Who there with Me has died shall here be glorified."

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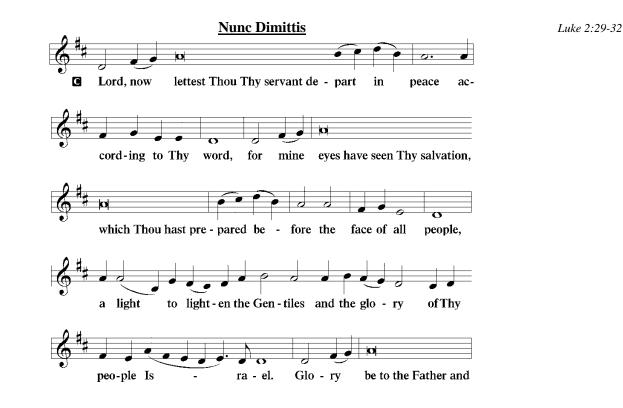
- He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

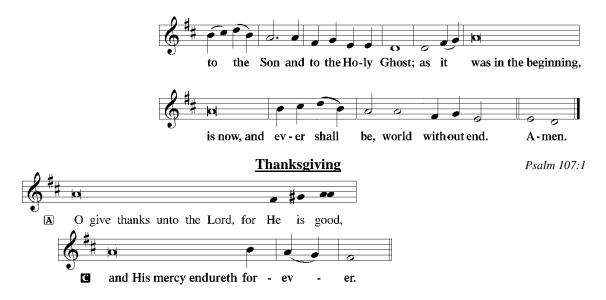
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The Dismissal

- P: The eating and drinking of your Savior's sacred body and blood, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Depart in (♣) peace.
- C: Amen.





Post Communion Collect

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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Recessional Hymn "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" *LSB* #466

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1 Christ has a - ris - en,	al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the	grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to	them, "Do not fear!
4 "Go spread the news: He's	
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5 Christ has a - ris - en;	He sets us free;
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Re - joice and praise Him,	al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by	God was dis - persed.
	who is not here.
He has a - ris - en	this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to	Him prais - es be.
For our Re - deem - er	hurst from the tomb
	burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did	death un - der - go;
See for your - selves the	tomb is all bare;
Je - sus' re - deem - ing	la - bors are done;
Je - sus is liv - ing!	Let us all sing;
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E - ven from death, dis	- pel - ling its gloom.
E - ven from death, dis And in its con - quest	- pel - ling its gloom. His might did show.
And in its con - quest On - ly the grave cloths	His might did show. are ly - ing there."
And in its con - quest On - ly the grave cloths E - ven the bat - tle	His might did show. are ly - ing there." with sin is won."
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And in its con - quest On - ly the grave cloths E - ven the bat - tle He reigns tri - um - phant, <i>Refrain</i>	His might did show. are ly - ing there." with sin is won." heav - en - ly King.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE CLASS OR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY Our regular schedule will resume next Sunday, April 16.

<u>OUR REDEEMER'S BOOK CLUB</u> will be studying the book, "THE NICENE CREED: An Introduction." Please join the ORLC Book Club in reading and discussing this book by Phillip Cary. Beginning Wednesday, April 19, at 10:00 a.m., and continuing until our summer break, this book takes us "in depth" through the words of the Church's confession for centuries. This should prove to be an exceptionally good read! Please contact Greg Gerjerts or Sara Lair for more details.

THE REGULAR VOTER'S MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, April 16th at 1:30 p.m. This meeting is an opportunity to receive reports from Boards and Committees, ask questions, and participate with the elected leaders of the congregation in administering the affairs of the congregation. An Agenda will be published soon. If you have items to be included on the Agenda, please speak with Congregational President Roger Mishler.

<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u> Volunteers have now been cleaning the church for 3 months. The experiment is working well. There are 5 teams of 3-5 people who are currently cleaning. If you would like to help on a regular basis as a member of one of those teams, or even if you would be willing to come help occasionally when a team is short, speak to Dean Fink.

THE APRIL LUTHERAN WITNESS, THE SPRING ISSUE OF THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S QUARTERLY, and the ALIVE newsletter are available in the Parish Hall and Narthex.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL The Board of Education is happy to announce plans for Vacation Bible School to be held June 14-17. Tentative plans are hold VBS for pre-Confirmation aged children from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on Wednesday-Friday, with a short program and fun activities planned for Saturday morning. Are you interested in teaching, helping with food, crafts, singing or being in charge of games? If so, there will be a Vacation Bible School meeting Monday, April 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in helping any way with VBS in June please plan to attend this informational meeting. Contact Michaela Knox with any questions.

BRUNCH BUNCH will meet on Tuesday, April 11. They will meet at the Cedar Falls Family Restaurant in the North Cedar neighborhood starting at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday April 2, 2023 Attendance: 102 Communion: 88

Readings and Hymns for Sunday, April 16, 2023 – The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Readings:	Acts 5:29-42; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31	
Invocation:	This Joyful Eastertide	
Gradual:	He Is Arisen! Glorious Word	
Verse:	Good Christian Friends Rejoice	
Hymn of the Day:	O Sons And Daughters Of The King	
Distribution:	Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong	
Distribution:	Christ The Lord Is Risen Today Alleluia	
Distribution:	The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Done	

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. Using our \$4,700.00 weekly goal, we should be at \$61,000.00 for total general giving after 13 Sundays.

March Year to Date: \$65,643.66 Budgeted Year to Date: \$61,000.00 Difference: +\$4.643.66

+ January total was \$29,399.60, which is \$5,899.60 over a five Sunday goal of \$23,500.00.

+ February total was 16,089.33 which is 2,710.67 under a four Sunday goal of 18,800.00.

+ March total was \$20,154.73 which is \$1,354.73 over a four Sunday goal of \$18,800.00.

★ <u>OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST</u> **★**

Mon. 4/10	9:00 a.m.	Vicar's Bible Study at Our Redeemer
Tues. 4/11	9:30 a.m.	Brunch Bunch
	6:00 p.m.	Vicar's Bible Study at Peace
Wed. 4/12	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. 4/13	4:00 p.m.	Youth Catechesis
Sat. 4/15	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock
Sun. 4/16	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School and Bible Class
	1:30 p.m.	Regular Voter's Meeting

CONCERNING CLOSED COMMUNION

As Lutherans, we believe that the Sacrament of the Altar "*is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink, instituted by Christ Himself.*" (Small Catechism) 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 invite you to speak with Pastor Knox, Pastor Saunders, or our Vicar about Holy Communion and becoming a communicant member of this congregation. It is the sincere prayer of this congregation that our careful practice of the administration of the Lord's Supper will not be a hindrance to our fellowship with you, but that it would lead you to appreciate the high regard we have for Christ and His Word concerning this precious gift.