

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 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 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 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.
- ✘ 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: Tom Strub **Service Assistant:** Brody Irwin

Organist: Roxann List **Ushers:** Brad Bovy, Koen Bovy

Tellers: Dean Fink, Dean Garms **Shut-Ins:** Roxann List

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Attendance: 106



TODAY IS THE 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER This morning you join two disciples of Jesus as they walk to the town of Emmaus on the evening of our Lord’s resurrection. In the writings of St. Luke the Evangelist, which includes both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, the term “The Way” is very prominent. Followers of Jesus are called “followers of The Way.” (Acts 9:2; Acts 19:23; Acts 24:14)

In the Gospel today, the disciples who have walked with Jesus, and to whom Jesus has revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread, return to Jerusalem and Luke informs us, “*Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.*”

As disciples of Jesus, you, too, are met by Jesus “on the way.” He has come to you in Holy Baptism.

Like He did with these two disciples, He “opens” the Scriptures so that in them you may see Him. Once again today, He sits at table with His disciples and He reveals Himself to you as He breaks the bread and gives you His body to eat and His blood to drink.

Where Jesus makes His gracious presence known by giving His blood-bought forgiveness, the recipients of this forgiveness cannot but help to be filled with joy and gladness.

I. THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen” LSB #480



1 He’s ris - en, He’s ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
△ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death’s pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den’s door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan’s do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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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. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit



Cantor: Behold, how good and pleas | ant it is*
when brothers dwell in | unity!

Cong: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of | Aaron,*
running down on the collar | of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of | Zion!*

For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for | evermore.

Cantor: Behold, how good and pleas | ant it is*
when brothers dwell in | unity!

(Psalm 133; antiphon, Psalm 133:1)

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 God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Be seated

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

The Gradual

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word” LSB #488

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

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The Epistle

I Peter 1:17-25

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.

The Verse

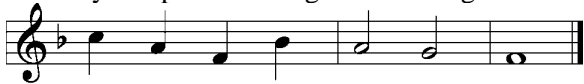
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice And Sing” LSB #475

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Luke, the 24th chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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



3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



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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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

“Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow” LSB #476



1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'
 2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us
 3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing
 4 Who are we who trav - el with You On our way through
 5 “Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!” Is the Eas - ter



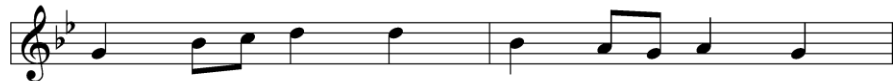
bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,
 stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om
 of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor
 life to death? Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing,
 hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship



Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,
 Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!
 Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion
 Wak - ened by the Spir - it's breath! At the font You
 As the gift of love we bring. You have formed us



we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;
 When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,
 on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!
 claim and name us, Born of wa - ter and the Word;
 all one peo - ple Called from ev - 'ry land and race.



We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,
 Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures
 Make each day a new Em - ma - us;
 At the ta - ble still You feed us,
 Make the Church Your ser - vant bod - y,



Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.
 Till our hearts with - in us burned.
 On our hearts Your im - age trace!
 Host us as our ris - en Lord!
 Sent to share Your heal - ing grace!

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The Sermon

Following the Sermon, please rise to sing the Offertory

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.

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. 4/24	9:00 a.m.	Vicar's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School Meeting
Tue. 4/25	6:00 p.m.	Vicar's Bible Study at Peace-Shell Rock
Wed. 4/26	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. 4/27	4:00 p.m.	Youth Catechesis
Sat. 4/29	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock
Sun. 4/30	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School and Bible Class

Readings and Hymns for Sunday, April 30, 2023 – The 4th Sunday of Easter

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BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. We are studying the topic 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. 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 April on the 24th and 25th.

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. In May the class will meet on the 3rd and 17th.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A RECEPTION WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL following the service this morning for our recent confirmand Kennedy Lewis. Kennedy confessed the faith during the Easter Vigil on April 8. Please join us in welcoming Kennedy as the newest communicant member of our congregation.

OUR REDEEMER'S BOOK CLUB is studying the book, "THE NICENE CREED: An Introduction." Please join the ORLC Book Club in reading and discussing this book by Phillip Cary. The Book Club meets each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.. 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.

CHURCH CLEANING Volunteers have now been cleaning the church for almost 4 months. The experiment seems to be 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING The Board of Education is happy to announce plans for Vacation Bible School to be held June 14-17. Tentative plans are to hold VBS for pre-Confirmation aged children from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on Wednesday-Friday, June 14-16, with a short program and fun activities planned for Saturday morning, April 17. 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.

REMINDER: PHIL'S FRIENDS provides faith-based hope to those with cancer. The Christian Care board is sponsoring a care package needs drive: Lotion (fragrance-free; 5 oz. or smaller); Biotene (6 oz. or smaller); decks of playing cards; and single toothbrushes and toothpaste (5 oz. or less). The deadline for donating items for PHIL'S FRIENDS is May 1. Thank you for your support!



VICARAGE ASSIGNMENT We have been informed that a Vicar for 2023/24 has been assigned to us from the Ft. Wayne Seminary. We will find out who our next Vicar is at the Vicarage Placement Service on Monday, April 24, at 7 p.m.

FORMER VICAR MARK ZIEROTH will find out where he will be serving as Pastor during the Call Service at the Ft. Wayne Seminary on Tuesday, April 25, at 7 p.m. I will email links to the congregation if they would like to watch either of these services online.