

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 after Pentecost

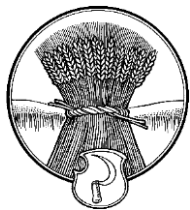
June 18, 2023

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.



TODAY IS THE 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST At this time of year, when the seed has only been planted for a few weeks and the crops are just young sprigs of green barely out of the ground, it may seem odd to hear Jesus say, *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”*

The harvest which Jesus was talking about was not the gathering of corn, beans, or wheat from the fields. On several occasions Jesus described the world as a field in which the seed of His Word is sown. Sometimes the point of his teaching was how that Word would be received. At other times the emphasis was on the difficulties that would be encountered either by those who were proclaiming that Word or by those hearing it. On still other occasions Jesus’ teaching was to promise that indeed the Word would have its way and that there would be believers who would be “harvested” into God’s eternal kingdom.

Regardless, one thing needs to be clear – *it’s the Lord’s harvest!* To bring this harvest to pass, God calls laborers who will plant, care for, and reap the crop. Jesus’ public ministry was not only His direct care for those living under the curse of the fall, but was also preparing His apostles for the work of carrying on the work of this same ministry.

Jesus urges His Church to pray for workers in the field and then immediately shows how that prayer is answered when He sends the twelve apostles out to do the exact work that He himself was doing.

Jesus had compassion on the crowds because they *“were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”* The crowds did not recognize that the Good Shepherd was in their midst. The Good Shepherd, who would lay down His life for them and for their salvation, was the one who now was *“proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and affliction.”*

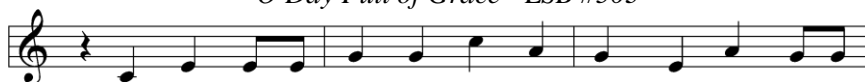
The Good Shepherd now sends out shepherds to do this same work. Because they are sent by the Good Shepherd, it is common to refer to a pastor (which means shepherd) as an “undershepherd.” As an undershepherd, your pastor has been called by Christ to do “in the stead and by the command of Jesus” His gracious work. Like Jesus, your pastor proclaims to you that *“the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

In this kingdom you now already have received the heavenly gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. It is these gifts that you are privileged to receive today from the mouth and hands of the one whom Jesus has sent as a laborer in His harvest field. From his mouth you hear that your sins are forgiven. From his mouth you hear the promise that you are a child of God and an heir of everlasting life. From his hands you receive the very flesh and blood of the Good Shepherd.

I. THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

“O Day Full of Grace” LSB #503



1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, Our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, His Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go That Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may be
earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub - lime,
cross was hang - ing; And then He a - rose and moved the stone
life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from Him be lost,
us pre - par - ing, We'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



Re - plete in His joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all
That we, un - to Him be - long - ing, Might join with an -
All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the
All joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, And walk in the



now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, All dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise Our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face And bring to us all His heal - ing.
light of God's own place, With an - gels His name a - dor - ing.

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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

Introit



Cantor: Let the peoples praise You, | O God;*
let all the peoples | praise You!

Cong: **Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,***
for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations up- | on earth.

Let the peoples praise You, | O God;*

let all the peoples | praise You!

The earth has yielded its | increase;*

God, our God, shall | bless us.

God shall | bless us;*

let all the ends of the earth | fear Him!

Cantor: Let the peoples praise You, | O God;*

let all the peoples | praise You!

(Ps. 67:4-7; antiphon: Ps. 67:3)

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

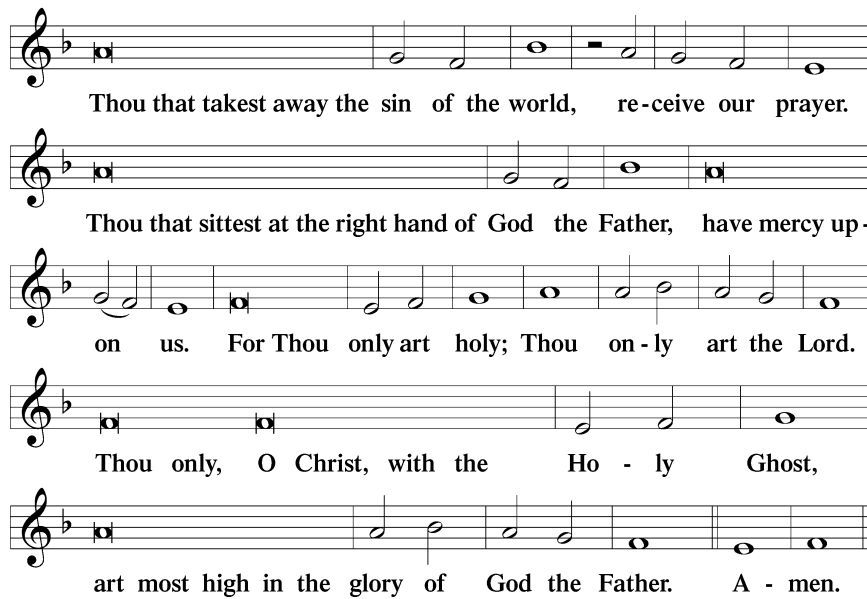
Mark 10:47

☐ 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 upon 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: Let us pray: Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; 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 Old Testament

Exodus 19:2-8

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

The Gradual

Psalm 100 (*antiphon: v. 5*)

Cantor: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures for- | ever,*
and His faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

Cong.: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth!*

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with | singing!

Know that the Lord, | He is God!*

It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His | pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His | courts with praise!*

Give thanks to Him; | bless His name!

For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures for- | ever,*

and His faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

*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: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures for- | ever,*
and His faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

Epistle
Romans 5:6-15

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

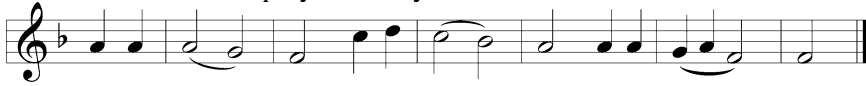
The Alleluia/Verse



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

Cantor: The harvest is plentiful, but the labor-| ers are few; *

therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His | harvest. (*Matthew 9:38*)



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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:20

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Matthew, the 9th 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
“Preach You the Word” #586

1 Preach you the Word and plant it home To men who
 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your ser - vant
 3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love Scat - ters a -
 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be

like or like it not, The Word that shall en -
 bade us un - der - take: To preach Your Word and
 broad the good - ly seed, In - tent a - lone that
 choked and mat - ted flat, The sow - er sows; his

ture and stand When flow'rs and men shall be for - got.
 nev - er ask What pride - ful prof - it it may make.
 all may have The whole - some loaves that all men need.
 heart cries out, “Oh, what of that, and what of that?”

5. Of all his scattered plenteousness
 One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,
 And bears a harvest hundredfold:
 “Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!”
6. Preach you the Word and plant it home
 And never faint; the Harvest Lord
 Who gave the sower seed to sow
 Will watch and tend His planted Word.

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The Sermon

Following the Sermon, please rise to sing the Offertory

Stand

The Offertory

Psalms 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 ✕

Wed. 6/21	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
Sat. 6/24	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock
Sun. 6/25	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Class

HYMNS/READINGS

Sunday, June 25, 2023 The 4th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 6)

Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

Psalmody: Psalm 91

Invocation: Father Most Holy.....504

Hymn of the Day: Lord Of Our Life659

Distribution: Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad And Sing.....737

Distribution: From God Can Nothing Move Me713

Distribution: O Little Flock, Fear Not The Foe.....66

THOSE SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE THIS WEEK

Elder: Rod Lair **Service Assistant:** Bo Wayson

Organist: Roxann List **Ushers:** Jason Knox, Jim Bunkofske

Tellers: Stephen Hoffman, Tom Strub **Shut-Ins:** Dean Fink

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Attendance: 80

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. Vicar Goodroad is leading the Sunday morning class in a study of I & II Thessalonians. This will continue until the end of his Vicarage. Later this summer we will complete the study of burial practices and cremation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. The Sunday School will meet throughout the summer.

WEEKLY READINGS/HYMNS STUDY This class meets each Wednesday 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. This class will continue to meet throughout the summer.

THE VICAR'S BIBLE STUDY with Vicar Goodroad has ended. This Fall Vicar Baker will begin a study of the use of agricultural images and themes in the Bible.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY During the School Year the Jr. High/Sr. High Youth meet for Bible Study with our Vicar on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. This class will resume in the Fall with Vicar Baker.

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES

In an effort to keep the members of Our Redeemer aware of our financial condition as a congregation, the following is provided by the Board of Stewardship and the Financial Secretary.

- Giving/income Year to Date (through May): \$119,648.11
- Budget Year to Date: \$103,400.00
- Difference: +\$16,248.11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given by Ryan and Jennifer Thornton, Isaac and Tucker, in thankfulness to God for the blessing of their son and brother, Remy Joseph, as they celebrate Remy's first birthday. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'" *Mark 10:14.*

THE ORDINATION INTO THE PASTORAL OFFICE OF FORMER VICAR MARK ZIEROTH will take place on Saturday, July 15 at 3:00 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dubuque, Iowa.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN Today is the last day of our Baby Bottle Campaign to support Alternatives Pregnancy Center.

Thank you all so much for monetary and material contributions! It will assist APC in providing Pregnancy Tests, STD tests, Ultrasounds, Fatherhood support and post-delivery Mom support. All Services are free. APC works with other agencies and refers clients to area health care providers, for prenatal care.

If you forgot to bring your baby bottle back today, bring it next Sunday, or as soon as you are able. Thank you for the support.



THE LATEST EDITION OF THE REPORTER AND THE JUNE/JULY LUTHERAN WITNESS are available in the Narthex and Parish Hall. The Lutheran Witness contains a preview of the upcoming Synodical Convention.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Many thanks to everyone who helped make the VBS a good and beneficial experience for the children of our congregation. It was wonderful to have children from Faith Lutheran, College Hill, Immanuel, and Pilgrim (ELS) join us to learn of God and His love. There were 32 children enrolled and 25 volunteers who helped with food, music, crafts, games, and lessons. Thank you also to the members of the congregation for the donations of food and games.

NEW CARPET INSTALLATION The work of removing and installing the carpet is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 19 and to be completed by Friday, June 23. We will look forward to seeing the new carpet when we gather for worship on June 25.

LWML CONVENTION The 40th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) will be held this coming week June 22–25 under the theme "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" at the Baird Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Opening Worship Service begins Thursday at 7 p.m. All sessions of the convention will be live streamed for those not able to attend. You can go to www.lwml.org/2023-convention to find the convention highlights, a schedule, or to livestream. The Items collected for Phils Friends will be taken to the convention. Please keep all the attendees in your prayers for safe travels and God's blessings during the convention.

**“WHY DOES PASTOR OR THE VICAR READ THE SCRIPTURES
FROM DIFFERENT PLACES?”**

During certain times of the Church Year, you’ve probably noticed that the weekly Scripture readings are read from different places in the Church.

For example, during the Easter season, the Holy Gospel, accompanied by the Processional Crucifix and singing, is read in the midst of the congregation as a symbolic reminder of Jesus’ resurrection and that He appeared bodily to His disciples between His resurrection and ascension to confirm His victory over death and the grave. During these 40 days Jesus also continued to proclaim to the disciples His Word.

Entering the Pentecost Season, you will notice a different pattern of reading the Scriptures. The Old Testament is read from the lectern, the Epistle is read from the “right” or “south” side of the Altar, and the Gospel is read from the “left” or “north” side of the Altar. Between each of these readings either a Psalm is prayed, a hymn is sung, or as we do before the Gospel, the three fold Alleluia is sung.

This movement with the reading of the Word of God, accompanied by singing, is a visible and audible reminder that Christ gave His word to the Church so that the Church could bring His word to the world. In the beginning of the Book of Acts, Luke records that Jesus said to His Apostles after His resurrection, **“and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”** (Acts 1:8) In his Gospel, Luke gives even greater detail to the task Jesus gives to the Church, **“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”** (Luke 24:46-48)

If you were to look at a map, the direction Jesus describes is toward the north. For this reason Christians have called the north the way of mission. The north end of the Altar is also called the “Gospel horn” a reminder of the horns of the Altar in the tabernacle and temple of the Old Testament. (see Exodus 27:2; Leviticus 8:15)

One writer describing the history of the Liturgy explains the movement to the north this way,

The custom of reading the Gospel from the north side of the altar is associated with medieval symbolism which regarded the warm sunny south and its rich profusion in nature as representing the higher life of grace, while the dark and frigid north represented the kingdom of the evil one to which inhabitants particularly the Gospel must be proclaimed. (Luther Reed, *The Lutheran Liturgy*, p. 300)

This little symbolic ceremony, which you will witness all throughout the Pentecost season, is a weekly reminder that the Church has been given the Word of the Lord through which she has received salvation. She is not to keep this Word of the Lord to herself but as a light unto the nations, bring the Word of the Lord to a world living in the darkness of sin and death.