

# 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 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 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:** Steven Dekutoski

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

**Ushers:** Blake Wayson, Brady Wayson **Shut-Ins:** Jake Jackson

**TODAY IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.** God’s people, the sheep of His pasture, are cared for by the Good Shepherd who “*laid down His life for the sheep.*” By nature, Peter declares, “*you were like sheep going astray.*” But the Shepherd has sought His wandering sheep out and “*called them by name.*”

In the weekly Liturgy, the sheep hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and they follow Him. He leads them beside the still waters of Holy Baptism and feeds them in the green pastures with His body and blood. The Hymn of the Day, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is,” describes the work of the Good Shepherd in this way:

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!**

Today the Good Shepherd again spreads His table in Your sight and His voice beckons you to come and eat. You know His voice and you listen to Him. From the chalice, you receive of His grace as you drink of His blood. And so, in the oneness of the communion table, there is “*one flock, one shepherd.*”



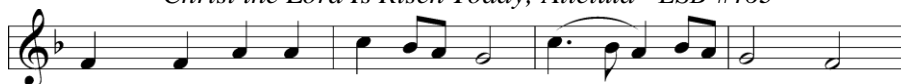
**PASCHAL CANDLE** A prominent symbol in the celebration of Easter is the Paschal Candle. This Candle, which represents the resurrection of Jesus, was lit at the Easter Vigil. The Candle will be lit throughout the Easter Season and sit at the “Gospel Horn” of the Altar, until the day of the Ascension. It is a visible reminder of the 40 days during which our risen savior showed himself to be alive and triumphant over death and the grave. Throughout the rest of the year, it stands by the Baptismal font.



# I. THE PREPARATION

## Hymn of Invocation

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia” LSB #463



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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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: I am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my own know Me, and I lay down My life | for the sheep.

Cong: **The Lord is my | shepherd;\***

**I | shall not want.**

**He makes me lie down in green | pastures.\***

**He leads me beside still | waters.**

**He re- | stores my soul.\***

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for His | name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are | with me;\***

**Your rod and Your staff, they | comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;\***

**You anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\***

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for- | ever.**

Cantor: I am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my own know Me, and I lay down My life | for the sheep.

*Ps. 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

### 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: Let us pray: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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 Reading from Acts**

Acts 4:1-12

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## The Gradual

**Cantor:** Christ is risen from the dead.  
[God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor.  
He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;  
He has put ev'rything under His feet.

**Congregation:**

Christ is ris - en from the dead. God the  
Fa - ther has crowned Him with glo - ry and hon - or.  
He has giv - en Him do - min - ion o - ver the works of His  
hands; He has put ev - 'ry - thing un - der His feet.

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

## The Epistle

I John 3:16-24

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Stand**

### **THE GOSPEL PROCESSION**

*As the music 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. Several of these stanzas have been specifically written for that Sunday by Vicar Baker.*

### The Verse

*Refrain*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**Congregation:** O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!

*(LSB #470, v. 1)*

**I know my own, my own know me.  
From danger I shall never flee.  
I lay my life down willingly. Alleluia!**

*(M. Baker, 2024)*

*Refrain*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## The Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist John, the 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” LSB #709

Cong. 1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 Vocalist 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 Cong. 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 Vocalist 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight  
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days  
 Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
 Within Thy house forever!

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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 ☒**

<b>Sun. 4/28</b>	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School
<b>Mon. 4/29</b>		Pastor and Vicar gone to Spring Pastors' Conference
<b>Tue. 4/30</b>		Pastor and Vicar gone to Spring Pastors' Conference
<b>Wed. 5/1</b>	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	5:25 p.m.	Adult Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study with Vicar
<b>Sat. 5/4</b>	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock

**HYMNS/READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**May 5, 2024 The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Readings:	Acts 10:34–48, 1 John 5:1–8, John 15:9–17	
Invocation:	I Know That My Redeemer Lives.....	461
	.....(Men's Chorus – stanzas 5 & 6)	
Gradual:	Christ Is Risen From The Dead.....	printed
Verse:	O Sons and Daughters of the King.....	471
Hymn of the Day:	Dear Christians One and All Rejoice .....	556 (1-5)
Distribution:	Dear Christians One and All Rejoice .....	556 (6-10)
Distribution:	Jesus, Thy Boundless Love To Me .....	683
Distribution:	He's Risen, He's Risen .....	480



## **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 at 6:30 p.m. 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** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** The Jr. High/Sr. High Youth meet with our Vicar on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:15 and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ASCENSION DAY DIVINE SERVICE** On Thursday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m., Our Redeemer will be observing one of the Festival Days of the Church Year. On this day, 40 days after Easter, the Church remembers the bodily Ascension of our Lord to His Father's right hand. You are invited to pause from your busy schedules to remember the Holy Day of our Lord's Ascension and be served by our Ascended Lord.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Vacation Bible School will be held Monday-Thursday, June 10-13 from 9:00 -11:30 a.m. here at Our Redeemer. We are happy to be again partnering with Faith Lutheran in Waterloo and College Hill Lutheran in Cedar Falls. The theme is, "*Teach Them to Pray.*". Registration materials are in the Parish Hall and in the Narthex. Please complete the registration by Sunday, May 19 to ensure the availability of T-Shirts for all participants.

**FORMER VICAR JOSEPH GOODROAD** has received a Call into the Office of the Holy Ministry to serve at Grace Lutheran Church in Iola, Kansas. The members of Our Redeemer and Peace rejoice with Joseph, Olivia, Sven, and their soon to be born child. Information about Joseph's Ordination and Installation is still pending.



**MEET YOUR NEXT VICAR** Our Redeemer and Peace have been assigned our next Vicar – Harvey Peters. Harvey is married to Anna and they are expecting their first child in June. There is a brief biographical sketch of Seminarian Peters and Anna posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.