



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday April 30, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Opening Song

“I Will Follow”

Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move I will follow
All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight High above my life I will trust in You alone
(Chorus) Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose I will follow (You)
Yeah I will follow You yeah

Light into the world light into my life I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek knowing I will find All I need in You alone In You alone (Chorus)
In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy and I will follow (Chorus)
Yeah I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah (x2)

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

New Testament (Page 91) in Pew Bible

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

“The Shepherd’s Psalm” arr. by J. Wayne Kerr

Handbell Choir with Robbyn Givens (Flute)

Directed by: Bev Splinter

Narrated by: Justin Reusch

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

New Testament (Page 183) in Pew Bible

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Pastor Overbo

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

(Chorus) Alleluia Alleluia I am the light of the world

Alleluia Alleluia I am the light of the world

Those who follow me will not walk in darkness

Those who follow me will have the light of life (Chorus)

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Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

New Testament (Page 79) in Pew Bible

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Overbo

Song of the Day

“Lord, I Need You”

Lord I come I confess Bowing here I find my rest

And without You I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart

(Chorus 1) Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You

My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are

And where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me

Where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me (Chorus 1)

So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way

And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay

And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay

(Chorus 2) Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You

My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You (x2)

My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer Song

“Breathe”

This is the air I breathe This is the air I breathe

Your holy presence living in me

And I I'm desperate for You And I I'm lost without You

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer... Leader: Lord in your mercy; Congregation: Hear our prayer.

*Hospitalized/Ill: Carl Hohnstadt, Karla Stimson, Darrel Haugerud, Millie Re,
Joan Zarro- Sister of Joyce (Marv) McGillivary,*

Baptism: Carter Reece Olson

Death: Karin Aman- Mother of Dawn (Brad) Elshere

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Prayer Song

“Breathe”

This is my daily bread This is my daily bread

Your very word spoken to me

And I I'm desperate for You And I I'm lost without You

This is the air I breathe This is the air I breathe

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Offering and Announcements

*Text to Give: 605-250-6765 or Scan the QR code located in the pew
Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month: LCOOR Preschool
Lenten Offering Total: \$5,095.00*

Offertory Response

“You Are My All In All”

You are my strength When I am weak You are the treasure That I seek

You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jew'l Lord to give up I'd be a fool

You are my all in all

(Chorus) Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name (x2)

Verse 1 (Men Repeat Chorus)

Women: Taking my sin My cross my shame

Rising again I bless Your name You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up When I am dry You fill my cup

You are my all in all **(Women Repeat Chorus) Men Sing Verse 1**

Chorus (All)

Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

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Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song

“This is Amazing Grace”

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness Whose love is mighty and so much stronger

The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder

The King of Glory the King above all kings

(Chorus) (Yeah) This is amazing grace This is unfailing love

That You would take my place That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life That I would be set free

Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order Who makes the orphan a son and daughter

The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance

The King of Glory the King above all kings (Chorus)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy worthy worthy (Chorus)

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

Please share the peace, as well as your name as you leave today.

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Serving This Morning

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Worship Team Accompanied by Marian Riddle; Sound & Projection:**

Evan Rieber and Roger Whittle; **Ushers:** Darwin Brinkman, Al and Pam Raeder; **Lector:** Pam Raeder;

Coffee Servers: Terry and Brenda Rydell;

Flowers on the Altar are given in honor of Burdette Drake's birthday by his family.



Because all that we have belongs to God, our goal in using that which belongs to Him is to glorify Him. "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" 1 Corinthians 10:31

APRIL 30, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Shepherd Me, O God



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Describe what a day filled with contentment looks like.
- How does the church, the body of Christ, help you sense God's presence as your shepherd?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Acts 2:42-47.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is always the Good Shepherd Sunday. All the readings for that day except Acts 2 use the image of shepherd. However, it is in Acts 2 that the people devote themselves to shepherding one another in the Christian faith. People are brought to homes and tables for food, fellowship, and acceptance (Psalm 23:5). In this intimate fellowship people are taught the faith by hearing the message of the apostles. People learn the faith from trusted voices within the community (John 10:4). They support one another with prayer and generosity. The community serves one another by providing material needs like food, clothing, and shelter. With compassionate hearts people praise God. They gain attention and in so doing, the sheepfold grows, and *"the Lord added to their number those who were being saved"* (Acts 2:47). The life of the community looks like followers of Jesus, the one who is the *"shepherd and guardian"* of our souls (1 Peter 2:25).

Discuss: How does the image of shepherd help you understand what it means to be part of the body of Christ?

Pray: **Dear Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we thank you for the church, the body of Christ, that cares for one another that we may believe in you and serve others in love. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you serve as a shepherd to someone by showing care and attending to their needs?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Faith is caught more than it is taught. Learning the faith begins in the home. As you continue to read the Gospel of John during the Easter season, think about what would happen if you "get caught" while reading the Bible when others are present. Consider doing so. This week highlight John 10:10b, *"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."* Read it aloud for someone this week and engage in a conversation about what it means to you to believe in Jesus. Invite that person to join you in saying: **Alleluia! Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org



LCOOR

The Weekly Word

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Opportunity

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Watertown is accepting applications for the full-time position of Worship and Music Coordinator. LCOOR has worship Wednesday, Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. Applicants who are interested in more information are encouraged to look at the job description and application on the church website lcoorwatertown.org. Any questions, please call the church office: (605)886-2696. Salary is based on experience and qualifications.

Pre-Kindergarten Enrolling Now!

Pre-Kindergarten Enrolling Now for the **Afternoon Class!** Now enrolling for the 2023-2024 School Year. Our preschool offers a Monday-Thursday 12:15-3:15 Pre-Kindergarten (4/5 year old) program, which is open to anyone, not just church members. Enrollment forms are at the Welcome Center, the classroom, or online. *Please note that we will only have an afternoon class if enough students enroll.*

Mission Trip Opportunity

Mission Trips registration has begun. HS youth will be attending an Urban Plunge in Kansas City, MO from June 5 - 9, 2023. MS youth will attend an Urban Plunge in Omaha, NE from June 26 - 30, 2023. Cost of each trip is \$400 (Urban Plunge fee / Transportation) plus meals during travel and spending money. LCOOR will pay \$150 of the Urban Plunge fee/transportation cost making your payment \$250 (extra scholarships are available). Please contact Philip to receive a mission trip registration form.

Timmerman Scholarships

Watertown High School Graduates that will be entering 1st or 2nd year of education or technical training at a South Dakota State supported institution are eligible to apply for one of three \$500 scholarships. Information and applications are available in the church office, at the Welcome Center or online at <https://lcoorwatertown.org/> under the RESOURCES tab. Registration Deadline is 5/31/2023.

High School Senior Recognition

At the Worship Services on Wednesday, May 17 and Sunday, May 21 (8:30 & 10:30) we will honor our seniors as you prepare for the next adventure in your lives. Please contact Philip at the church with any questions. Thanks!

May Mission of the Month

The ministry at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center seeks to foster mutual trust, respect and understanding while addressing the deep poverty that exists on the reservation. Mission of the month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month- Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center. Thank you!

Lenten Offering Total

\$5,095.00 was brought in through Lenten offering to lift up towards Milestone Ministries. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

First Communion

Sunday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m.
First Communion Class for any student 2nd grade and older who have not taken the class. Grown-ups, please attend with your kiddos!

Sunday, May 14 (8:30 a.m.) & Wednesday, May 17 (6:30 p.m.):
First Communion Worship

Craft Night- Whimsical Wind Chime

Join us **Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m.** in making a fun seasonal craft! \$15 fee covers all supplies. Pre-registration is required by stopping at the Welcome Center. Sign up deadline is **May 19**. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

New Member Reception in May

If you haven't already visited with Twila (Welcoming & Caring Ministries Coordinator) about joining LCOOR as a member, it's not too late! We will receive new members on May 3, 6 and 7 during worship. Please stop by the Welcome Center - or call Twila at 605-886-2696 for more information!

Road Ditch Cleanup

It's time to clean our two miles of road ditch along Hwy 20. We are looking for 6 families or groups to clean in the month of May. Any questions call Pam at 553-6784 or AI at 553-6791. Thank you.

April 30- May 7	Attendance & Offering
Sunday April 30 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Monday May 1 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 4:00 p.m. HS Coffee & Conversations @ LCOOR 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon Tuesday May 2 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group 11:00 a.m. Text Study 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting Wednesday May 3 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch 4:45 p.m. Community Meal 5:15 p.m. New Member Orientation 5:30 p.m. Church School 6:30 p.m. W.O.W Worship (New Members Received) 7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 p.m. HS Hang Out 7:15 p.m. 7/8 Confirmation Workshop 7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal Thursday May 4 9:00 a.m. Quilting 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon Friday May 5 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry Saturday May 6 5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion (New Members Received) 6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal Sunday May 7 <i>New Members Received</i> 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. First Communion Class	April 16 Live Stream- 136 Wednesday, April 19- 118 Saturday, April 15- 49; Saturday, April 22- 50 Sunday, April 23- (8:30) 235; (10:30) 98 <u>Offering (4/23):</u> General Fund: \$6,265.25; Mission of the Month: \$54.31; Church School: \$23.50; Other: \$20; <u>Simply Giving Offering (4/17-4/21):</u> General Fund: \$10,329.40; Debt Reduction: \$295; Mission of the Month: \$160; Other: \$255;
	Serve
	There are many ways to serve your congregation each month including volunteering before, during and after worship services. During the month of March, we had 125 slots to fill including greeters, ushers, lectors, communion assistants and coffee servers. We were able to fill 60.8% (76) of those available slots. Please consider signing up to serve by contacting Twila in the church office or sign up online at lcoorwatertown.org --> Serve --> Volunteer at Worship in April.
	Staff
	Senior Pastor Dan Overbo Associate Pastor Laura Overbo Worship & Music Coordinator Robbyn Givens Welcoming & Caring Ministries Twila Schmitt Christian Education Director Rachel Clendenin Youth Director Phillip Lickei Business Manager Jodi Spilde Business Administrative Assistant Megan Thyen Preschool Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional Facility Manager Adam Lauseng



APRIL 30, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus the Good Shepherd restores our souls.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd
Monday	Acts 2:42-47	Life among believers
Tuesday	1 Peter 2:19-25	Example of Christ's suffering
Wednesday	Matthew 11:28-30	Come and rest
Thursday	Psalms 100	The Lord is good
Friday	Colossians 3:15-17	New life in Christ
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	John 14:1-14	Jesus is the way, truth, and life

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

Psalm 23:1-3a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, you who care for all our needs, help us to trust in your goodness and mercy all the days of our lives through Christ Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we give you thanks for this food. Help us to receive this gift of life with joy and gladness all our days through Christ Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the goodness and mercy of the Good Shepherd follow you all the days of your life.

