



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Prelude

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" (arr. Taylor & Hopson)

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin. Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.

We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

#815

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.

Lord God, **your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into
your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 9: 1-4

A reading from Isaiah.

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”**

Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4: 12-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two

brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon “The Light of the World” Jack Holmquest

Hymn of the Day “Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons” #798 vs. 1, 2 & 5

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.

Offering and Announcements Text to Give: 605-250-6765

Offertory Response “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring” #691

Prayers of Intercession

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

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill; *Mara Lukonen, Marlowe Ronke, Jerome Radtke- Father of Jessica (Craig) Kruse*

Death: *Irv Hinderaker, Charles Struck- Father of JoAnn (Mike) Butts,*

Doug Lukonen, Father of Grant (Baylee) Lukonen

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.

Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod

✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#661

Call to Service

Go in Peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" (arr. Reinbrecht)

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Serving This Evening

Preaching: Jack Holmquest; **Presiding:** Cathy Zubke **Organist:** AJ Sherrill; **Sound & Projection:** Sam Langner;



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The **Annual Congregation Meeting** has been set for Sunday, January 29th, 2023 at 11:30am.

Salvation Army Needs

Our friends at The Salvation Army Food Pantry would appreciate **cans of cream soup and canned tuna**. As you go grocery shopping, please consider picking up a couple extras to donate. Drop these items off at LCOOR and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thank you!

Picking Up a Caring Casserole

Our "Caring Casseroles" ministry provides delicious casseroles for you to deliver to friends and neighbors. Know someone who just got home from a hospital stay? What about bringing a meal to a friend whose life is so hectic that he or she simply has no energy to cook? The freezer filled with meals is located in Twila's office. Please feel free to stop by any time, pick up a casserole and share in this caring ministry.

THIS WEEK: Jan. 22 to Jan. 29

SUNDAY Jan. 22

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion

2-4 p.m. Pastor Dave Farewell & Appreciation Event

5:00 p.m. HS Youth Music Team Practice

6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group

MONDAY Jan. 23

February Newsletter Deadline

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

4:00 p.m. HS Coffee & Conversations @ Scooters w/Philip

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon (Assembly B)

TUESDAY Jan. 24

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY Jan. 25

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

10:30 a.m. Irving Hinderaker Funeral

4:45 p.m. Wednesday Meal

5:30 p.m. Church School

6:30 p.m. WOW Worship w/ Holy Communion

7:15 p.m. 7/8 Confirmation Workshop

7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY Jan. 26

9:00 a.m. Preschool Chapel Time

10:00 a.m. Book Club

2:45 p.m. Preschool Chapel Time

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon (Assembly B)

FRIDAY Jan. 27

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Church Office Closes at Noon

SATURDAY Jan. 28

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship (Lay Led)

SUNDAY Jan. 29

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

5:00 p.m. HS Youth Music Team Practice

6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group

Attendance & Offering

Jan. 8 Live Stream –166

Saturday, Jan. 14 – 40

Sunday, Jan. 15– (8:30) 160; (10:30) 85

Wednesday, Jan. 11 – 159

Offering (1/15):

General Fund: \$18,925; **Mission of the Month:** \$30.79; **Church School:** \$22; **Other:** \$200;

Simply Giving Offering (1/9-1/13)

General Fund: \$4,258.06; **Mission of the Month:** \$30; **Other:** \$104.49; **Debt Reduction:** \$30

Pre-Kindergarten Enrolling Now!

Now enrolling for the 2023-2024 School Year. Our preschool offers a Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 Pre-Kindergarten (4/5 year old) program, which is open to anyone not just church members. We will fill the morning class first and if there's an interest, we will open an afternoon class. You can find an enrollment form at the Welcome Center, the Pre-K classroom, or online. Your child must be 4 by 9/1/2023.

HS Coffee & Conversation

Every Monday afternoon at 4:00 pm, come to **Scooters Coffee** & join other HS youth for lively conversation while enjoying your favorite drink! This is a time for us to touch base with one another as we share in our joys & concerns & navigate our ups & downs as a community of faith. This month we will gather on Jan. 23 & 30.

Altar Committee

This ministry provides an opportunity for nearly everyone to serve through preparing the elements for the sacrament of Holy Communion. For more info or to volunteer please contact please contact Pam Luckhurst at (605) 881-7196 or Pam Raeder at (605) 553-6784 or call Robbyn in the church office.

High School Music Team

The Music Team will practice for Lenten Worship Services on Sunday Nights! We will practice in the Sanctuary from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. (HS Youth Group will follow Music Team practice). Practice dates will be on Sunday, January 22, 29 and February 5, 12 & 26.

January Mission Project- LWR Baby Care Kits

Bringing a baby into the world can be a difficult & scary thing for a mother living in poverty. Keeping a new baby healthy, clean & comfortable takes a lot of resources. The items included in a Baby Care Kit provide the basics a family needs to care for their new members in the way they hope! Worry will always be present for all parents, but having some essentials allows them to enjoy & get to know their little ones & introduce them with pride to the world. Baby Care Kit Instructions can be picked up at the Welcome Center & church office or you can go to <https://lwr.org/kits/baby-care-kits/instructions> for the instruction sheet.

Choirs Back in Action!

Singing and ringing are back in action after the holiday break! The Praise & Rejoice Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m. and the Handbell Choir rehearses at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday evening. Teens and adults are welcome to join these choirs. For more information see Robbyn in the church office.

Mission of the Month- Nicaragua Partner Ministry & Nicaragua Youth Retreat

Pastor Soliette is our South Dakota Synod missionary to the Faith and Hope Lutheran Church of Nicaragua. She hosts travelers from SD and assists them while they meet church members and look at various projects. She helps with the youth and health ministry of the church. The SD Synod's costs for her salary and her travel within Nicaragua and visits to SD are about \$9500 US/yr.

Early In January during the school vacation each year from 40 to 80 youth from the city of Managua and many other small cities and villages travel to Managua to take part in the Lutheran Youth Camp. The cost of transport, housing, and food averages about \$80 per participant. This camp is an excellent outreach to the young people. Our synod budgets a goal of \$10,000 US each year to support the Iglesia Luterana Fe e Esperanza at this Camp. Please consider supporting us in this important work. Gifts to the Mission of the Month are intended to go beyond your regular giving. Be sure to clearly mark "Mission of the Month" on your offering envelope so that it can be credited properly. Thank you for your commitment to ministry.