

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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4th Sunday in Lent

Sunday March 19, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Welcome

The Lord is my Shepherd

I shall not want.

The Shepherd calls.

We hear the Shepherd's voice.

The Shepherd cares for our every need.

We are loved.

The Shepherd searches for us.

We are found.

The Shepherd leads us through the deepest valleys.

We will not be afraid.

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

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Confession and Forgiveness

Gracious God, we confess that we often invest our attention in misguided places and in misguided ways. We admit that where we focus our attention can prevent us from recognizing you at work right in front of us. Forgive us, and help us to center our lives in you so that cross-marked and Spirit-sealed we may join in your creative and redeeming work for all the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

God who is rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love has come to us in Jesus, who by his holy cross has redeemed the world. Buried with Christ by baptism into death, our sins are forgiven in \oplus Jesus' name. Cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, we are raised to new life. Almighty God strengthen us in faith to live each day renewed in God's call for your life. **Amen.**

Opening Song

"Open The Eyes Of My Heart, Lord"

(Chorus) Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You I want to see You (x2)

(Verse) To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy (Chorus) (Verse)

(Bridge x2) Holy holy holy Holy holy holy

Holy holy I want to see You

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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, When we are distracted by things that cause us to lose track of your call, O God, turn our attention back to you, that we might recognize you at work in our lives. Direct the ponderings of our hearts toward where you call us to pay attention. Teach us to regard your work in all creation and to be attentive to what you are doing. In the name of \oplus Jesus we pray, Amen.

Special Music

"And He Never Said a Mumblin' Word" arr. by William Gross

Handbells Boy Splinter

Directed by Bev Splinter

First Reading

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

A reading from 1 Samuel

¹The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Children's Church Char Loterbauer

Gospel Reading John 9: 1-41

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships

him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴Thev answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Sermon "Called To Attentiveness (The Man born without Sight)" Pastor Overbo

Song of the Day

"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 (x3)

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

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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

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Turn your eyes upon Jesus Look full in His wonderful face

And the things of earth Will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace

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Prayers of the Church

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

Hospitalized/III: Makenna McDonnell, Ardell Johnson, Melanie Schroeder, Carl Hohnstadt

Joan Zarro- Sister of Joyce (Marv) McGillivary, Linda Olson- Cousin of Darla (Arlyn) Adolphsen

Elmer Brinkman- Friend of the Congregation, Brian Prybl- cousin of Pam Luckhurst

Death: Joyce Green- Grandmother of Elliot (Melissa) Muller

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Offering and Announcements

Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month: ELCA World Hunger

Text to Give: 605-250-6765

Lenten Offering: Milestone Ministries

Communion

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 after Communion

Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, \oplus Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Your Grace Is Enough"

Great is Your faithfulness O God You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart

(Chorus 1) (So) remember Your people Remember Your children

Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough Your grace is enough

Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob You use the weak to lead the strong You lead us in the song of Your salvation And all Your people sing along (Chorus 1 x2)

(Chorus 2) Yeah Your grace is enough Heaven reaches out to us

Your grace is enough for me

God I sing Your grace is enough

I'm covered in Your love

Your grace is enough for me for me

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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**; **Sound & Projection:** Pete Juba and Roger Whittle; **Greeters:** Colleen and Bruce Hestad, Barb Frentz and Deb Ernst; **Ushers:** Diane and Mike Madsen, Buck Crouse; **Lector:** Chuck Langner; **Communion Assistants:** Bev Splinter, Pat Crom, Lynn and Chuck Langner, Diane and Mike Madsen; **Coffee Servers:** Steve and Nyla Bergan, Kathy Geffre;



All that we have belongs to God.

"The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it"

MARCH 19, 2023 HYMN OF THE WEEK Christ, Be Our Light



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:

- Think or talk about a time you were in a conversation and convinced you were right.
- How is faith in Jesus something different than being sure that you are right and others are wrong?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 9:1-41.

This story addresses extreme contrasts between sight and blindness, between those who see and those who do not see. Jesus heals a man born blind. The certainty of the Pharisees becomes their blindness. They try to refute the fact that the man was born blind. They despise him and drive him out for stating both the truth of the Jewish faith and saying that he was blind and now sees. Both the truth of the tradition and his experience are totally rejected. Jesus points out that it is the leaders' absolute certainty that shows how blind they are to the truth. There are times in our own lives when being absolutely certain about something and not seeking other possibilities shows our blindness. This story reminds us that faith and trust in Jesus is wiser and more honest than arrogant, self-confidence. Faith sees Jesus and his ability to create light and life. Human certainty is always in danger of being blind to who Jesus is and what he means for the world that God loves.

Discuss: How might your pride, sense of certainty, and arrogance get in the way of caring about others? Pray: God of truth, help us to let go of anything that blinds us to your love and work in the world so that we may see Jesus and follow him with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

SERVICE &



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you address others with humility and the ability to learn from them?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Lent is a period of forty days when we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare for Easter. Almsgiving is the tradition or practice of giving money or food to those in need. This week think or talk about the needs of those who are blind or cannot see well. Some are unable to pay for glasses or receive medical care. Add a donation to the Almsgiving Box placed in your home. The collected money is to be donated at the end of Lent.

Pray: Loving God, help us to care for those in need of good eyesight. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.



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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sundays in Lent

Unfinished: Discovering God's call in the not yet Overview: We are not left alone to navigate this unfinished life by ourselves. God is here - present-tense, each and every day - calling to us, accompanying us, renewing and recreating us - over and over again. Lent 4 Called to Attentiveness (The Man born without Sight) Lent 5 Called to Regret (Lazarus)

Wednesday Lenten Services

Lenten services will be held at 6:30pm each Wednesday throughout Lent. The Lenten Youth Music Team will lead these services. Wednesday Lenten offering will go towards Milestone Ministries at LCOOR.

Week 4: Cross Word Week 5: Cross Reference

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (4/2):

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday (4/6): 6:30 p.m. Worship Service

Good Friday (4/7):

6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Worship Service

Easter Sunday (4/9):

7:00 a.m. Easter Worship w/ Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/ Holy Communion

Salvation Army Needs

Our friends at the Salvation Army need canned fruit to help feed our neighbors this month. Please consider picking up a couple extra cans while you are shopping. Drop these items off in Kathy's Kart at LCOOR -- and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thanks so much!

Spring Plants for Easter

Help beautify our sanctuary by purchasing an Easter plant in memory or honor of a loved one or to the Glory of God. Cost of each plant is \$20. Complete an Easter Plant order form (found at the Welcome Center). Order deadline is April 2nd. Please contact the church office if you have questions.

March Mission of the Month

ELCA World Hunger- More than 820 million people in our world today are hungry. ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy and beyond. All Mission of the Month donations are intended to be above and beyond your regular giving. Clearly mark your offering "Mission of the Month."

Job Opportunity

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Watertown is accepting applications for the full-time position of Worship and Music Coordinator, LCOOR has worship on Wednesday and 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 Icoorwatertown.org. Any questions, please call the church office: (605)886-2696. Salary is based on experience and qualifications.

Craft Night-Spring Gumball Machine

Join us at LCOOR Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. for a fun seasonal craft! \$15 covers all supplies. Sign-up at the Welcome Center or church office. See Facebook for more info. Sign-up deadline is March 24th. Prepayment is required.

A NEW Look- HS Youth Group

Instead of our weekly Sunday night gatherings, we will now have Wednesday night High School hang-out time from 7:15-9:00 pm. The youth room will be available to hang out, watch some TV or to even have a study group. The Great Hall will also be available for games and activities. Drinks and snacks will always be available (for a small cost). HS Hang-out will take place on March 22 &

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. Enrollment forms are at the Welcome Center, the classroom, or online.

March 19 - March 26

Sunday March 19

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion

Monday March 20

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 4:00 p.m. HS Coffee & Conversations @ LCOOR 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon (Grace Alone)

Tuesday March 21

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group 11:00 a.m. Text Study 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday March 22

April Newsletter Deadline

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

4:45 p.m. Community Meal

5:30 p.m. Church School

6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

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 March 23

Preschool Devotions 9:45 a.m. Book Club

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon (Grace Alone)

Friday March 24

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry Church Office Closes at Noon

Saturday March 25

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

Sunday March 26

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 3:00 p.m. MS Merge/Route 56

Attendance & Offering

March 5 Live Stream- 116 Saturday, March 11 - 42 Sunday, March 12- (8:30) 188; (10:30) 58 Wednesday, March 8- 252

Offering (3/12):

General Fund: \$12,077; Church School: \$10.35; Mission of the Month: \$238.44; Debt

Reduction: \$25; Lent: \$999;

Simply Giving Offering (3/6-3/10):

General Fund: \$5,213.22; Debt Reduction: \$130; Mission of the Month: \$34.78; Other:

\$134.14;

Serve

There are many ways to serve your congregation each month including volunteering before, during and after worship services. During the month of February, we had 154 slots to fill including greeters, ushers, lectors, communion assistants and coffee servers. We were able to fill 54.9% (84) 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 March.

Staff

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Faith sees while absolute certainty blinds.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 9:1-41	The man born blind
Monday	1 Samuel 16:1-13	David is anointed king
Tuesday	Ephesians 5:8-14	Living as people of light
Wednesday	Jeremiah 1:4-19	Jeremiah's call
Thursday	Proverbs 15:1-5	The Lord sees everything
Friday	Luke 19:1-10	Jesus and Zacchaeus
Saturday	Psalm 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	John 11:1-45	The raising of Lazarus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." John 9:39 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of justice and mercy, heal us of our blindness that keeps us from loving you and our neighbor through Jesus Christ, the one who came that we may see. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food that reminds us of your overflowing goodness and mercy through Christ Jesus, our shepherd. Amen. (Psalm 23)

A Blessing to Give:

May Christ's love shine on you with all that is good and right and true. (Ephesians 5)



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