

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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3rd Sunday in Lent

Sunday March 12, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Welcome

O come, let us sing to the Lord.

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

We were reconciled to God through the death of his Son.

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

Having been reconciled, will we be saved by Jesus' life.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Confession and Forgiveness

Gracious God, we confess that we listen to the wrong voices and that we prevent others from hearing your call. We define people by their empty water jugs, and we fail to recognize how you are at work in surprising ways. Forgive us, claim us, and call us anew so that cross-marked and Spirit-sealed our lives are transformed for the sake of the Gospel. 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 \pm 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

"How Great Is Our God"

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice (Chorus) How great is our God Sing with me

How great is our God And all will see how great How great is our God

And age to age He stands And time is in His hands

Beginning and the End Beginning and the End

The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son

The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb (Chorus)

(Bridge x2) Name above all names Worthy of all praise

My heart will sing How great is our God (Chorus)

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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. Tune our hearts to listen to your voice, O God. Help us to discern which voices to listen to in our daily lives. Meet us in our places of need and longing, and inspire us to trust in your call upon our lives. In the name of \oplus Jesus, Amen.

Special Music

"Blessed Be the Name"

(incorporating Take the Name of Jesus with You) arr. by Patti Drennan

Praise & Rejoice Choir Directed by Tera McDonnell

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

Psalm Psalm 95

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

⁸"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

⁹There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

¹⁰Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,

'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'

¹¹Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'"

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

A reading from Romans.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁵For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ¹Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ³But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ³Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹oFor if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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Children's Sermon

Pastor Dave Nerdig

Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him. "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship

him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saving holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." 40So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. 42They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Sermon

"Called by God (Woman at the Well)"

Pastor Dave Nerdig

Song of the Day

"Come and See"

Behold the Author of our salvation Behold the wonder of grace so free Behold the blessing of true forgiveness at Calvary Behold the answer for all the broken Behold the mercy that makes a way Behold the promise of perfect healing at Calvary

(Chorus) Come and see Come and see what God has done

Come and see Come and see what love has won

In this place hearts and lives waking up To the light of the world You're the light of the world

The cross is speaking Your words of freedom No condemnation shall we now fear

Our shame is silenced Your love has triumphed at Calvary (Chorus x2)

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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

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love what depths of peace

When fears are stilled when strivings cease My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand CCLI Song # 3350395 Keith Getty | Stuart Townend © 2001 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 631100

Prayers of the Church

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

Hospitalized/Ill: Melanie Schroeder, Ardell Johnson,

Joan Zarro- Sister of Joyce (Marv) McGillivary

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

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

"In Christ Alone"

Text to Give: 605-250-6765

No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand

Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Offering and Announcements

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

Blessing

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

Sending Song

"Jesus Messiah"

He became sin who knew no sin That we might become His righteousness He humbled Himself and carried the cross Love so amazing love so amazing

(Chorus) Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel

The Rescue for sinners The Ransom from heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love

The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn Love so amazing love so amazing (Chorus)

All our hope is in You All our hope is in You

All the glory to You God The Light of the world (Chorus)

Jesus Messiah Lord of all

The Lord of all The Lord of all

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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 Dave Nerdig; **Worship Team**; **Sound & Projection**: Kent Anderson and Roger Whittle; **Greeters:** Jon, Dot, Paige, Jay, Ian McAreavey; **Ushers:** Darwin Brinkman, Dan and Deb Deis, and Colleen Hestad; **Lector:** Ryan Nuttall; **Coffee Servers:** Kevin and Bernie Luoma;



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 12, 2023 HYMN OF THE WEEK

O Lord, Hear My Prayer



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:

- What characteristics do you look for in a friend? When is a time you felt you were an outsider?
- How does God's care for you feel a bit surprising, even when you know you have done something wrong?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 4:5-42.

In John 3, Jesus speaks to Nicodemus who is a male, a Pharisee, and a Jewish insider. In John 4, Jesus speaks to someone (by contrast), who is a woman, a Samaritan, and an outsider in her own community. For a Jew, a Samaritan is an enemy worthy of being excluded, but Jesus expands God's reconciling work by speaking to a Samaritan woman who is a community outsider. Jesus gives a visible example of what John 3:16 means for the church. God's love for the world brings unlikely disciples into the church who witness to Jesus. Jesus' followers are to have a real relationship to him as Savior. (The Samaritans are the only ones in John's Gospel who call Jesus "Savior.") The follower's relationship includes reaching out to others with the love of Jesus. The woman tells the people to "Come and see" Jesus (John 4:29). They do and respond that "we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world" (v. 42). The woman witnesses to Jesus so others may know him as Savior.

Discuss: How do you reach out to others with the love of Jesus?

Pray: Lord God, help us to see Jesus as the Savior of the world and to see our neighbor as worthy of your love. Help us to show your love to our neighbors. Amen.

SERVICE &



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you reach out to someone who seems to be an outsider in the community?

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 homeless and their needs. Add a donation for the homeless to the Almsgiving Box placed in your home. The collected money is to be donated at the end of Lent. Pray: Loving God, we often forget about the needs of others. Help us to think of the homeless and how we can help fulfill their needs. 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 - presenttense, each and every day - calling to us. accompanying us, renewing and recreating us - over and over again.

Lent 3 Called by God (Woman at the Well) 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 3: Cross Walk Week 4: Cross Word Week 5: Cross Reference

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."

February Mission of the Month Results

Lutherans Outdoors of South Dakota (LOSD) was the Mission lifted up in February. \$908.23 was brought in through offering and Noisy Can. They also received \$1,000 that was budgeted for this mission. THANK YOU for supporting LOSD camping ministries.

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.

March Meals on Wheels

LCOOR volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels every 10 weeks - and we are always looking for additional volunteers. The next dates will be March 13-17. Please contact Twila at 605-886-2696 if you would like to be added to our list of helpers.

A NEW Look- HS Youth Group

Instead of our weekly Sunday night gatherings, we will now have Wednesday night High School hangout 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 15, 22 & 29.

Sound & Projection Sign-up

If you are a member of the Sound & Projection Team, please consider signing up to serve at Lenten & Holy Week services. Let Robbyn know if you are interested in serving or sign-up online at Icoorwatertown.org + Ministry + Worship & Music Opportunities + Sound & Projection Sign-up for Lent & Holy Week.

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 12 - March 19

Sunday March 12

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Monday March 13

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery

2:00 p.m. Martha Circle

4:00 p.m. HS Coffee & Conversations @ LCOOR

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

Tuesday March 14

11:00 a.m. Text Study

11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Executive Committee

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday March 15

No Preschool- Spring Break

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery

4:45 p.m. Community Meal

6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

7:15 p.m. HS Hang Out

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

Thursday March 16

No Preschool-Spring Break

9:00 a.m. Quilting

11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery

2:00 p.m. Communion at Edgewood

3:00 p.m. Communion at Stoneybrook

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

Friday March 17

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

9:00 a.m. Quilting

11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery

Church Office Closes at Noon

Saturday March 18

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

Sunday March 19

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

9:30 a.m. Church School

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

Attendance & Offering

Feb. 26 Live Stream- 142 Saturday, March 4 - 64

Sunday, March 5- (8:30) 210; (10:30) 74 Wednesday, March 1- 125 (YouTube) 👭

Offering (3/5):

General Fund: \$17,678; Church School: \$34.20; Mission of the Month: \$115.97; Debt Reduction: \$215; Lent: \$87; Other: \$90

Simply Giving Offering (2/27-3/3):

General Fund: \$12,126.07; Debt Reduction: \$81.52; Mission of the Month: \$80; Other:

\$298.61;

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 loorwatertown.org --> Serve --> Volunteer at Worship in March.

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MARCH 12, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

God changes enemies into followers.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 4:5-42	Jesus and the woman at the well
Monday	Exodus 17:1-7	The Lord gives water from a rock
Tuesday	Romans 5:1-11	Right with God
Wednesday	Matthew 5:43-48	Love for enemies
Thursday	1 Samuel 24:1-15	David spares Saul's life
Friday	Romans 12:14-21	Rules for Christian living
Saturday	Psalm 95	Call to worship
Sunday	John 9:1-41	The man born blind

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Romans 5:10 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Reconciling God, we thank you for reuniting us with you and with all the people of the world through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, give us thankful hearts for this meal. We pray for all to have enough to eat for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1

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