



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

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 Song

"Here I Am to Worship"

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that made This heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You

(Chorus) So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

And You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days Oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came To the earth You created All for love's sake became poor (Chorus)

(Bridge) And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross (Chorus)

Here I am to worship

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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.

Holy God, **our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

“I Will Sing Praise” Joseph M. Martin

Praise and Rejoice Choir
Directed by Tera McDonnell
Accompanied by Jackie Stacey

First Reading

Isaiah 49: 1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Psalm

Psalm 40: 1-11

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**
³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.
⁴**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!**

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!

But they are more than I can count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;**

you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸**'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'**"

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;**

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Children's Sermon

Gospel Reading

John 1: 29-42

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him." ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

Song of the Day

“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) Name above all names
 Worthy of all praise
 My heart will sing
 How great is our God **x2** (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.

Offering and Announcements

Text to Give: 605-250-6765

Prayer Song

“Lord Have Mercy”

(Chorus) Lord have mercy Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on me **x2**

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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: *Bobby Gasper, Greg Hammerstrom-Brother-in-Law to Dave and Marvey Satter*

Doug Lukonen, Father of Grant (Baylee) Lukonen

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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 Song

“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord **x2**

(Chorus) Our God You reign forever Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God

The everlasting God You do not faint

You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak

You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles (From Beginning) (Chorus)

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Call to Service

Go in Peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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Serving This Weekend

Preaching: Cathy Zubke; **Presiding:** Pastor Dave Nerdig; **Worship Team;** **Sound & Projection:** Darian Givens and Roger Whittle; **Greeters:** Barb Frentz, Nancy Rogers, Pearson Family; **Ushers:** Al and Pam Raeder, Buck Crouse; **Lector:** Pam Raeder; **Coffee Servers:** Adam Lauseng;



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

Farewell Event for Pastor Dave Nerdig

Our congregation is so grateful for Pastor Dave Nerdig's amazing leadership over the past 16 months – and we hope you'll stop by to show your appreciation from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 22. Refreshments will be served in the Great Hall during this Open House Farewell Appreciation Event. We wish all the best to Pastor Dave and Linda as he resumes his retirement on Feb. 1, 2023!

Scouting Religious Classes

Sign up by January 20th at the Welcome Center or call Jodi in the church office (605-886-2696). Instruction classes for Kindergarten through Grade 12 will be held in early February with dates/times to be determined. Cost is \$25 per student per class and \$40 if they are a 4Star recipient. **Payment is due at the time of sign-up (payable to LCOOR).** If you have any questions, please call Kjersten Fisk (605-881-6086).

THIS WEEK: Jan. 15 to Jan. 22

SUNDAY Jan. 15

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

5:00 p.m. HS Youth Group

MONDAY Jan. 16

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

6:30 p.m. Rt 56 & MS Merge

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

TUESDAY Jan. 17

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY Jan. 18

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch

4:45 p.m. Wednesday Meal

5:30 p.m. Church School

6:30 p.m. WOW Worship

7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

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

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

THURSDAY Jan. 19

9:00 a.m. Quilting

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

FRIDAY Jan. 20

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

9:00 a.m. Quilting

Church Office Closes at Noon

SATURDAY Jan. 21

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

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

Attendance & Offering

Jan. 1 Live Stream –86

Saturday, Jan. 7 – 58

Sunday, Jan. 8 – (8:30) 164; (10:30) 64

Wednesday, Jan. 4 – 132

Offering (1/8):

General Fund: \$13,550; **Debt Reduction:** \$120;

Mission of the Month: \$336.62; **Church School:**

\$16.75; **Sandwich Ministry:** \$1,650

Simply Giving Offering (1/2-1/6)

General Fund: \$11,292.17; **Mission of the Month:**

\$135.30; **Other:** \$192.70; **Debt Reduction:** \$103

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!

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. 16, 23 & 30.

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

Check out the January Newsletter for more information on these ministries.

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/instructionsfor> the instruction sheet.

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? Or a family who recently had a baby? 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 (or two) and share in this caring ministry.

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.