



# Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Sunday May 14, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

**Welcome** Today we remember our mission. **We are making God known through word & deed.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## Opening Song

“What A Beautiful Name”

Death could not hold You The veil tore before You You silence the boast of sin and grave

The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again

You have no rival You have no equal Now and forever God You reign

Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory Yours is the Name above all names

(Chorus) What a powerful Name it is What a powerful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful Name it is Nothing can stand against

What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus

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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.

**Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Special Music

Church School Children Sing

## First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

New Testament (Page 105) in Pew Bible

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

## Psalm

Psalm 66:8-20

Old Testament (Page 411) in Pew Bible

## Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

New Testament (Page 183) in Pew Bible

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

## Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia, I Am the Light of the World”

Alleluia Alleluia I am the light of the world (x2)

Those who follow me will not walk in darkness    Those who follow me will have the light of life

(Chorus) Alleluia Alleluia I am the light of the world (x2)

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

New Testament (Page 83) in Pew Bible

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

## Sermon

## Song of the Day

“Holy Spirit”

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close  
No thing can compare You're our living hope Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves

Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone In Your Presence Lord

(Chorus) Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere

Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

(Your Presence Lord) (Your Presence) (Oh God how we love Your Presence Lord)

Let us become more aware of Your Presence Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere

Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

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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

“Christ In Us”

Christ in us Christ in us Christ in us the hope of glory

Christ in us There is just one confession Christ in us

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## Prayers of the Church

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

*Hospitalized/ill: Karla Stimson, Ken Ackley, Mara Lukonen, Ardy Gackstetter,*

*Death: Dawn Hewlett, Millie Re, Travis Hakeman*

## Prayer Song

“Christ In Us”

God with us God with us Who could ever be against us

God with us There is just one confession God with us

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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:  
**Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center***



### Offertory Response

“Create In Me”

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings.  
As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise  
you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

### 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.**

## First Communion Class 1<sup>st</sup> Table

### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

### 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 "Cornerstone"

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

(Chorus) Christ alone cornerstone Weak made strong in the Savior's love

Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace

In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil My anchor holds within the veil (Chorus)

When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless stand before the throne? (Chorus x2)

Lord of all

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## Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**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;** **Lector:** Jan Johnson;

**Sound & Projection:** Pete Juba and Evan Rieber; **Greeters:** Pam Luckhurst and Darlene Bailey;

**Ushers:** David Johnson, Darwin Brinkman, Al and Pam Raeder; **Communion Assistants:** Tamy Davis,

Codi Martin, Ryan Nuttall, Jenni Nuttall, Renae Madison, Ken Madison; **Coffee Servers:** Kevin and

Bernie Luoma;



Money is a neutral commodity,  
a means of exchange.  
It is neither inherently good nor  
evil.

“But strive first for the kingdom  
of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things will be  
given to you as well”.

Matthew 6:33



**MAY 14, 2023**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Thy Holy Wings*



**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 action do you take when you are angry at or disagree with someone?
- How do you think Jesus would respond if he had a strong difference of opinion with someone?

**DEVOTIONS**

*Read:* 1 Peter 3:13-22.

Suffering happens. Life is sometimes painful. Followers of Jesus Christ can suffer *“for doing what is right”* (v. 14). Unfortunately, there are those who claim to follow Jesus and think that inflicting suffering is being a hero for *“the truth.”* That’s not the case for biblical truth and the way of Christ Jesus who *“suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous”*

(v. 18). In being faithful to Christ and Christ’s way of life, we are to be bold (a hero, one might say) and give *“an accounting for the hope that is in you”* (v. 15). However, this description that gives a defense of what a Christian may think and believe is not to be done with anger, threats, unkind acts, or any act of violence. A courageous disciple makes their defense *“with gentleness and reverence”* (v. 16). Christ’s reign, unlike the powers of the present age, is built upon the power of self-giving love and service to others. It’s the way of Jesus Christ, and it’s the freeing power of the followers of Jesus Christ.

*Discuss:* How can being gentle and reverent show more courage than an act of violence?

*Pray:* **Almighty God, help us to see in Jesus Christ not only the way of salvation but the way of life that witnesses to Christ with gentleness and reverence. Amen.**

**SERVICE**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you reach out to and serve alongside others who think differently than you?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships—often in our own homes. In John 14:15-21, Jesus gives us the promise of the Holy Spirit. As you continue reading the Gospel of John during the Easter season, highlight this reading. Then take time to write a list of people with whom you have a personal, trusted relationship.

*Pray:* **Lord Jesus, send the Holy Spirit upon me so that I may grow in my faith and form life-giving relationships. Alleluia! Christ is risen. Alleluia! Amen.**

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



THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Now Enrolling!**  
**PRE-KINDERGARTEN**  
 2023-2024 School Year  
 Monday - Thursday  
 Afternoon Class  
*(Must be 4 by September 1, 2023)*

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2023  
**TIMMERMAN SCHOLARSHIP**  
 Watertown High School Graduates that will be entering their 1st or 2nd year of education at a SD supported institution are eligible to apply for one of three \$500 scholarships.  
 Info & applications available in the church office, at the Welcome Center or on our website under RESOURCES.

**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
**Salvation Army**  
 Boxed Meals & Breakfast Granola Bars  
 The Salvation Army needs Hamburger Helper-type meals and breakfast (granola) bars. Please consider picking up a couple extra items while you are out shopping to help feed our neighbors who are in need.

**Martha Circle Luncheon**  
 JUNE 12TH @ 12PM  
**Wheel Inn**  
 (404 10th St NW)

**UKRAINE REFUGEES**  
 GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH HAS ONE FAMILY AND ONE SINGLE ADULT COMING TO WATERTOWN WITH APPLICATIONS OUT FOR 2 MORE FAMILIES.  
 HELP SUPPORT OUR SISTER CONGREGATION. CONTACT JODI IN THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFO.

**2023 SENIOR RECOGNITION**  
 Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, May 21 at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
 PRAYER SHAWLS WILL BE PRESENTED TO ALL SENIORS!

**CRAFT NIGHT**  
**WHIMSICAL WIND CHIME**  
 WHEN: TUESDAY, MAY 23rd @ 6:30  
 WHERE: LCOOR COST: \$15 \*all supplies provided  
 Sign-up at Welcome Center

**MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH**  
 Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center  
 Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!

**Quilts and Blankets Sent to Pine Ridge**  
 34 quilts and blankets were delivered to Pine Ridge this past week. Thank you to our wonderful quilters for their hard work on these beautiful quilts.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER  
**FIRST COMMUNION**  
 Sunday, May 14 at 8:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. (During Worship Service)



May 14-May 21
<b>Sunday May 14</b> Church School Children Sing (Both Services) 8:30 a.m. First Communion during Worship 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Muffins for Mother's Day 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion
<b>Monday May 15</b> 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 4:00 p.m. HS Coffee & Conversations @ LCOOR 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon
<b>Tuesday May 16</b> 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group 11:00 a.m. Text Study 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
<b>Wednesday May 17</b> 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 10:00 a.m. Preschool Graduation 12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch 2:00 p.m. Preschool Graduation 4:45 p.m. Community Meal 5:30 p.m. Church School (Last Day) 6:30 p.m. W.O.W Worship w/ Holy Communion Senior Recognition First Communion Church School Children Sing 7:15 p.m. HS Hang Out
<b>Thursday May 18</b> <i>Last Day of Preschool</i> 9:00 a.m. Quilting 2:00 p.m. Communion at Edgewood 3:00 p.m. Communion at Stoneybrook 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
<b>Friday May 19</b> Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:00 a.m. Quilting
<b>Saturday May 20</b> <i>Stewardship Moment</i> 5:30 p.m. Worship (Lay Led)
<b>Sunday May 21</b> <i>Stewardship Moment</i> <i>HS Senior Recognition at both services</i> 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hannah Reiner Graduation Reception

Attendance & Offering
April 30 Live Stream- 134 Wednesday, May 3- 122 Saturday, May 6- 73 Sunday, May 7- (8:30) 203; (10:30) 95 <u>Offering (5/7):</u> General Fund: \$12,679; Mission of the Month: \$89.36; Church School: \$150; Other: \$10; Debt Reduction: \$150; <u>Simply Giving Offering (5/1-5/5):</u> General Fund: \$10,463.86; Debt Reduction: \$133; Mission of the Month: \$84.78; Other: \$316.65;
Serve
There are many ways to serve your congregation each month including volunteering before, during and after worship services. During the month of April, we had 191 slots to fill including greeters, ushers, lectors, communion assistants and coffee servers. We were able to fill 71.7% (137) 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 May.
Staff
<b>Senior Pastor</b> Dan Overbo <b>Associate Pastor</b> Laura Overbo <b>Worship &amp; Music Coordinator</b> Robbyn Givens <b>Welcoming &amp; Caring Ministries</b> Twila Schmitt <b>Christian Education Director</b> Rachel Clendenin <b>Youth Director</b> Philip Lickei <b>Business Manager</b> Jodi Spilde <b>Business Administrative Assistant</b> Megan Thyen <b>Preschool</b> Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional <b>Facility Manager</b> Adam Lauseng



## MAY 14, 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Doing good through gentleness and reverence.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 14:15-21</b>	<b>The promise of the Holy Spirit</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 17:22-31</b>	<b>Paul in Athens</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Peter 3:13-22</b>	<b>Suffering for doing right</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Galatians 5:22-26</b>	<b>Fruit of the Spirit</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Acts 1:1-11</b>	<b>Jesus is taken up to heaven</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Philippians 2:1-11</b>	<b>Imitating Christ's humility</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 66:8-20</b>	<b>Shout praises to God</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 17:1-11</b>	<b>Jesus prays for his disciples</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. 1 Peter 3:15b-16a (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, help us to see the path to life and salvation in Christ's suffering and death and to see your chosen way to heal and make all things new. Amen.

#### Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, with this food that we eat and your love that we receive, give us strength to care for others with gentleness and deep respect. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the Spirit of truth guide you into all things wise and loving.

