



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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Epiphany of Our Lord

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

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation. **Amen.**

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin. God of life,
you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace.
We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security.

We nurture conflict and build barriers.

We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us.

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage.

Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In ✝ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.

Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth
shall know the salvation of God.

Amen.

Opening Song

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

I'm forgiven Because You were forsaken

I'm accepted You were condemned

I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me

Because You died And rose again

(Chorus) Amazing love How can it be

That You my King Would die for me

Amazing love I know it's true

It's my joy to honor You In all I do I honor You (To Beginning)

You are my King You are my King

Jesus You are my King Jesus You are my King (Chorus)

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.

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. **Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 60: 1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Church

Char Loterbauer

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2: 1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring

me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“A Light to the Nations”

Pastor Dave Nerdig

Song of the Day

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

(Chorus) Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a king on Bethlehem’s plain,
gold I bring to crown him again;
king forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. (Chorus)

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light! (Chorus)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light! (Chorus)

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light! (Chorus)

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

Welcoming of New Members

Prayer Song

“Here’s My Heart, Lord” (Chorus)

Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord

Here's my heart Lord Speak what is true

Prayers of Intercession

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

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: *Mara Lukonen, Marlowe Ronke, Ardell Johnson, Howard Schneekloth,*

Greg Hammerstrom, Brother-in-Law to Dave and Marvey Satter

Death: *Larry Stahl, Brother of Leanne (Randy) Johnson*

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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.

Invitation to Communion

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

Blessing

God bless you and keep you, ☩ Jesus grant you grace and truth,
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song “Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

Joy to the world the Lord is come

Let earth receive her King

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room

And heaven and nature sing And heaven and nature sing

And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns

Let all their songs employ

While fields and floods rocks hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat repeat the sounding joy

(Chorus) Joy unspeakable joy An overflowing well No tongue can tell

Joy unspeakable joy It rises in my soul Never lets me go

He rules the world with truth and grace

And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness

And wonders of His love

And wonders of His love

And wonders wonders of His love (Chorus)

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Call to Service

Christ the Savior is born!
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

Thanks be to God.

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Serving This Weekend

Preaching: Pastor Dave Nerdig; **Worship Team;** **Sound & Projection:** Kent Anderson and Pete Juba; **Ushers:** Darwin Brinkman; **Lector:** Peg Juba; **Communion Assistants:** Sheila and Ron Moehring, Lynn Langner, Codi Martin, Chris Chandler, Bob and Dawn Johnson; **Coffee Servers:** Kevin and Bernie Luoma

Warmest of Welcomes to our January 2023 New Members!

Steven Ays
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Watertown, SD 57201

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Watertown, SD 57201

Darrel & Ruth Haugerud
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Watertown, SD 57201

Todd & Chelsea Hodenfield
Hattie & Sean
311 18th St. NE
Watertown, SD 57201

Amanda Kienow
1825 Washington Dr NE
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Shawn & Tera McDonnell
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315 8th St. NW
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**"Making Jesus Christ
Known Through
Word and Deed..."**





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Youth Director

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Jodi Spilde

Business Administrative Assistant

Megan Thyen

Preschool

Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher

Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional

Custodian

Adam Lauseng

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

****Committee Reports are due** into Megan (megan@lcoorwatertown.org) by Monday, January 9th. Thank You.

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!

THIS WEEK: *Jan 8 to Jan. 15*

SUNDAY *Jan. 8*

New Members Welcomed

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

9:30 a.m. Church School

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

5:00 p.m. HS Youth Group

MONDAY *Jan. 9*

Annual Reports due into Megan

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

2:00 p.m. Martha Circle

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

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

TUESDAY *Jan. 10*

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Executive Committee

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY *Jan. 11*

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle

12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch

2:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee

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. Handbell Rehearsal

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

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

THURSDAY *Jan. 12*

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

FRIDAY *Jan. 13*

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Church Office Closes at Noon

SATURDAY *Jan. 14*

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

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

Attendance & Offering

Dec. 25 Live Stream –62

Saturday, Dec. 31 – 35

Sunday, Jan. 1– (10:30) 95

Wednesday, Jan. 4 – 132

Offering (1/1):

General Fund: \$4,773; **Debt Reduction:** \$155;

Simply Giving Offering (12/26-12/30)

General Fund: \$3,831.20; **Mission of the Month:** \$30;

Other: \$89.49;

BeFriends Are Available

Have you (or someone you know) gone through some major life changes? Do you have a great deal on your mind? Just need someone to listen?

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer has a wonderful group of trained BeFriends who are here to help! Call Twila at the church office (605-886-2696) for more information.

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 Preschool classroom, or online. Your child must be 4 by September 1, 2023.

Circle Bible Study

Priscilla and Martha Circles will meet in January, focusing on the bible study in the January Gather magazine. Copies of the study can be found in the Church Office. All are invited to attend! Martha Circle will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, in the Gathering Space. Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, in the Gathering Space.

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. Thanks so much!

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.

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. 9, 16, 23 & 30.

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.