



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday May 7, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Welcome Today we remember our mission. Making God Known Through Word & Deed.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

“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.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

New Members Received

Special Music

setting by Cathy Moklebust, arrng. By David Moklebust

“This Is My Father’s World” Traditional English melody adapt. By Franklin L Sheppard,

Handbell Choir and Praise & Rejoice Choir
Directed by: Bev Splinter and Tera McDonnell

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

New Testament (Page 96) in Pew Bible

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

Psalm

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

Old Testament (Page 393) in Pew Bible

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

New Testament (Page 182) in Pew Bible

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Children’s Church

Char Loterbauer

Gospel Acclamation

“Prepare the Way”

Prepare the way Prepare the way

Prepare the way of the Lord

The grass it withers And the flowers fall

But the word of our Lord stands forever

Prepare the way Prepare the way

Prepare the way of the Lord

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Gospel Reading

John 14:1-17

New Testament (Page 83) in Pew Bible

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

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

Sermon

Song of the Day

“I Will Follow”

Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay

When You move I'll move I will follow

All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone

Higher than my sight High above my life I will trust in You alone

(Chorus) Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay

When You move I'll move I will follow You

Whom You love I'll love How You serve I'll serve

If this life I lose I will follow (You)

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Light into the world light into my life I will live for You alone

You're the One I seek knowing I will find All I need in You alone In You alone (Chorus)

In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul

In You there's joy unending joy and I will follow (Chorus)

Yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah (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

“Lord, Be Glorified”

In my life Lord Be glorified be glorified In my life Lord Be Glorified Today

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/III: Karla Stimson, Darrel Haugerud, Millie Re, Ken Ackley, Dawn Hewlett,

Joan Zarro- Sister of Joy (Marv) McGillivary,

Death: Karin Aman- Mother of Dawn (Brad) Elshere, Tom Lohr- Father of Chad (Kari) Lohr

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In Your church Lord Be Glorified be glorified In Your church Lord Be glorified today

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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 “Jesus, We Love You”

(Chorus) (Jesus) we love You Oh how we love You

You are the one our hearts adore (x2)

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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.

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

“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord (Repeat from beginning)

(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 (Verse) (Chorus x2)

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the good news.

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 ; Greeters:** Lynn Langner, Darlene Bailey;

Sound & Projection: Kent Anderson and Darian Givens; **Ushers:** Chuck Langner; **Lector:** Eric

Rice; **Communion Assistants:** Allan, Jodi, Shelby Spilde and Char Loterbauer; **Coffee Servers:**

Doug and Shelly Alvine;



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

Welcome

MAY 2023

OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jeanine Eide

324 2nd St. NE

Ryan & Donna Ellefson

766 N Lake Dr.

Lois Harrington

1020 E Kemp Ave.

Julie Hauger

1023 1st Ave. SE #21

Helga Myers

15 1st Ave. SW #310

Dan, Laura, Kyan, Easton & Micah Overbo

1304 20th St. NE

Chase Peterson & Jessica Jaeger

1006 438th Ave., Wallace, SD 57272

Heath & DeeAnna Peterson

546 S. Lake Dr.

Chad Twiss, Cecelia Santos & Amelia Twiss

44714 173rd St.



MAY 7, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*I Received the
Living God*

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:

- How would you describe God to someone?
- Where does your understanding of God come from?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 14:1-14.

John 1:18 states, *"No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known."* This foundational theme in the Gospel of John is reintroduced in John 14:9: *"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."* Society describes God in categories like all powerful and all wise. In Jesus we see a God who deeply wants a relationship with us and therefore Jesus has prepared an eternal dwelling place for us. In Jesus we see the God who brings joy to a wedding, heals the sick, and gives sight to the blind. We also see the one who is the Good Shepherd, bends over to clean dirty feet, and goes to the cross to die for us. Like Philip, we will never fully grasp who Jesus is for us, but in Jesus we see the God who never gives up on us, even when we deny our Lord out of ignorance or fear. Jesus is *"the way, and the truth, and the life"* (v. 6). He takes truth to be more than facts but a relationship to God filled with love and mercy. That's the path to real life now and always. *Discuss:* What does the life of Jesus tell you about God?

Pray: **Almighty and living God, may our lives point to your way, your truth and your life filled with grace and mercy through Jesus, your Son and our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others that they may know the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

1 Peter 2:4-5 describes Jesus as *"a living stone"* and Jesus' followers *"like living stones"* to be *"built into a spiritual house."* Gather some smooth stones. Paint a cross on a large one and names of family and friends on smaller ones. Place the smaller stones around the large one in a visible place in your home. As you continue reading the Gospel of John during the Easter season, think about what it means to be a *"spiritual house"* where God dwells. After reading, look at the stones and say: **Alleluia! Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

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

www.milestonesministry.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Opportunity

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

Road Ditch Cleanup

It's time to clean our two miles of road ditch along Hwy 20. We are looking for 6 families or groups to clean in the month of May. Any questions call Pam at 553-6784 or Al at 553-6791. Thank you.

Pre-Kindergarten Enrolling Now!

Pre-Kindergarten Enrolling Now for the **Afternoon Class!** Now enrolling for the 2023-2024 School Year. Our preschool offers a Monday-Thursday 12:15-3:15 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. *Please note that we will only have an afternoon class if enough students enroll.*

High School Senior Recognition

At Worship Services on Wednesday, May 17 and Sunday, May 21 (8:30 & 10:30) we will honor our seniors as you prepare for the next adventure in your lives. Each Senior will receive a prayer shawl. Please contact Philip at the church with any questions. Thanks!

Timmerman Scholarships

Watertown High School Graduates that will be entering 1st or 2nd year of education or technical training at a South Dakota State supported institution are eligible to apply for one of three \$500 scholarships. Information and applications are available in the church office, at the Welcome Center or online at <https://lcoorwatertown.org/> under the RESOURCES tab. Registration Deadline is 5/31/2023.

Muffins for Mother's Day

Join us Sunday, May 14 for a Church School Celebration honoring all of our Moms, Grandmas, Aunts, Friends, Sisters and other "Moms"! Please join your kiddo in the Education wing at 10:05 am to enjoy juice and muffins.

May Mission of the Month

The ministry at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center seeks to foster mutual trust, respect and understanding while addressing the deep poverty that exists on the reservation. Mission of the month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month- Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center. Thank you!

Salvation Army Needs

Our friends at the Salvation Army would like to replenish their shelves with 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. Thanks so much for your ongoing generosity!

Ukrainian Families Coming to Watertown

Grace Lutheran Church currently has one family and one single adult coming over from Ukraine and have an application out for 2 more families to possibly arrive early this summer. Ways that we can help out our sister congregation with supporting these families coming to town are through monetary support, transportation and meals and/or interest in being part of the task force. Contact Jodi Spilde in the church office for more information.

First Communion

Sunday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m.

First Communion Class for any student 2nd grade and older who have not taken the class. Grown-ups, please attend with your kiddos!

Sunday, May 14 (8:30 a.m.) & Wednesday, May 17 (6:30 p.m.); First Communion during Worship



May 7-May 14
Sunday May 7 New Members Received 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. First Communion Class
Monday May 8 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 2:00 p.m. Martha Circle 4:00 p.m. HS Coffee & Conversations @ LCOOR 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon
Tuesday May 9 11:00 a.m. Text Study 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:00 p.m. Ukraine Refugee Meeting at Grace Lutheran 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
Wednesday May 10 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle 12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch 4:45 p.m. Community Meal 5:30 p.m. Church School 6:30 p.m. W.O.W Worship w/ Holy Communion 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 May 11 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
Friday May 12 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
Saturday May 13 5:30 p.m. Worship (Lay Led)
Sunday May 14 <i>Church School Children Sing (Both Services)</i> 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

Attendance & Offering
April 23 Live Stream- 154 Wednesday, April 26- 143 Saturday, April 29- 155 Sunday, April 30- (8:30) 232; (10:30) 118 Offering (4/30): General Fund: \$8,764.54; Mission of the Month: \$89.45; Church School: \$15.73; Other: \$280.63; Debt Reduction: \$30; Giving Wall Preschool Fundraiser: \$1,295; Simply Giving Offering (4/24-4/28): General Fund: \$4,521.84; Debt Reduction: \$158.48; Mission of the Month: \$30; Other: \$155;
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
Senior Pastor Dan Overbo Associate Pastor Laura Overbo Worship & Music Coordinator Robbyn Givens Welcoming & Caring Ministries Twila Schmitt Christian Education Director Rachel Clendenin Youth Director Philip Lickei Business Manager Jodi Spilde Business Administrative Assistant Megan Thyen Preschool Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional Facility Manager Adam Lauseng

MAY 7, 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Learning who God is through Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 14:1-14	Jesus is the way, truth, and life
Monday	Acts 7:55-60	The stoning of Stephen
Tuesday	1 Peter 2:2-10	God's love in Christ Jesus
Wednesday	Colossians 1:15-23	The supremacy of Christ
Thursday	Ephesians 1:15-23	Paul's prayer
Friday	John 3:16-21	God so loved the world
Saturday	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	Prayer for deliverance
Sunday	John 14:15-21	The promise of the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" **John 14:9 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, help us to see your reign of power and mercy through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, with this food we see your goodness. We thank you that you have made of us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, God's own people. Amen. (1 Peter 2:3 and 9)

A Blessing to Give:

May God's face shine on you with steadfast love. (Psalm 31:16)

