



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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Maundy Thursday

Thursday April 6, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins, asking God to forgive us for the sake of Jesus, his Son and our Savior.

Almighty God and Father, we do not follow your commands. We sin daily against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We give in to the temptations of the devil, the world and our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

For us Jesus was betrayed into the hands of his enemies. For us he died on the cross, enduring the penalty we deserve for our sins. For Jesus' sake and by his command I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen!

Opening Hymn

“Go To Dark Gethsemane”

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Psalm

Psalm 41

My enemies say of me in malice, “When will he die, and his name perish?”

All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies.”

Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me. But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 53:1-5

A reading from Isaiah

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

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

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from 1 Corinthians

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:59-68

Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying, "Prophesy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

Sermon

"Crosshairs"

Pastor Overbo

Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service"

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Offering

Text to Give: 605-250-6765

*Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month: LCOOR Preschool
Lenten Offering: Milestone Ministries*

Offertory Prayer

"Come to the Table"

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Holy God, **gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Lamb of God, sacrificed for us,

In you we have forgiveness and life.

Lamb of God, sacrificed for us, for our sake you allowed yourself to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. You allowed yourself to be condemned to death on the cross.

In you we have forgiveness and life.

Lamb of God, sacrificed for us, on this night when you were betrayed, you gave us your body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins.

In you we have forgiveness and life.

Lamb of God, sacrificed for us, whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death until you come.

In you we have forgiveness and life.

Amen.

Hospitalized/ill:

Makenna McDonnell, Melanie Schroeder, Carl Hohnstadt, Karla Stimson, Cathy Knadle

*Darrel Hugerud, Janice Hovde, Joan Zarro- Sister of Joyce (Marv) McGillivray,
Linda Olson- Cousin of Darla (Arlyn Adolphsen), Kathy Hammond- Sister of DeLyle (Wendy) Kruger
Elmer Brinkman- Friend of the Congregation, Brian Prybl & Kyle Pribyl- Cousin of Pam Luckhurst
Don Goddard- Father of Will (Sara) Goddard*

Death: Lois Monahan, mother of Julie (Brian) Olson and Kimberly Harrington

Blessing

For this purpose Christ came and for this purpose he died: to bring salvation to all. May the Lord who brought salvation to all through the cross bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you his peace. **Amen.**

Stripping of the Altar- Read Psalm 22

Dismissal (Leave in Silence)

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Serving This Evening

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Piano:** Mary Wika; **Greeters:** Julie Rude and Pam Luckhurst; **Ushers:** Allen Rude and Darwin Brinkman; **Communion Assistants:** Chuck and Lynn Langner, Char Loterbauer, Roger and Pat Crom, Barb Dohrer; **Sound & Projection:** Roger Whittle & Cathy Zubke;



Because all that we
have belongs to God,
our goal in using that
which belongs to
Him is to glorify Him.
“So, whether you eat or
drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the
glory of God”
1 Corinthians 10:31

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HYMN FOR HOLY WEEK
They Crucified My Lord



HOLY WEEK 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 is some bad news that you have heard recently?
- What is some good news that you have heard? How is God's grace and mercy part of that good news?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9.

The words in this reading say so much about Jesus' suffering and death. Jesus fully identifies with us and experiences what we experience, yet without the sin that clouds our relationship with God. Because of what he experienced he has compassion for our frailty. Jesus suffers, prays, and cries with and for us. His obedience benefits us. His suffering is not just something Jesus must obediently endure. His suffering identifies who he is for us as the obedient Son of God and as the ultimate high priest who prays with and for us. Because of his faithful suffering, his obedience, his own testing as a human, and his intercessions on our behalf, we have the perfect Savior we can approach with confidence and even boldness. In Jesus we have the one to whom we can turn to in prayer for divine mercy again and again. It is the reason we can "*hold fast to our confession*" (4:14), the source of our hope now and forevermore.

Discuss: How does it make a difference for you to know that Jesus intercedes and suffers for us?

Pray: **Almighty God, we pray for your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ who in obedience to you suffered and died that we may live with confidence and boldness. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for these days, how might you pray with and for others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

On Good Friday, make a cross made from two sticks tied together and put it on the table where you are eating. Place a nail at each person's place as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for us. Observe a moment of silence. As you are eating, tell the story of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday in your own words or use a storybook Bible.

Pray: **Lord Jesus, you stretched out your arms on the cross in love for us. Open our hearts to receive your love. Amen.**

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



LCOOR

The Weekly Word

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday (4/6):
6:30 p.m. Worship Service
Good Friday (4/7):
6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Worship Service
Easter Sunday (4/9):
7:00 a.m. Easter Worship w/ Holy Communion
8:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/ Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/ Holy Communion

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.*

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.

Mission Trip Opportunity

Mission Trips registration has begun. HS youth will be attending an Urban Plunge in Kansas City, MO from June 5-9, 2023. MS youth will attend an Urban Plunge in Omaha, NE from June 26-30, 2023. Cost of each trip is \$400 (Urban Plunge fee / Transportation) plus meals during travel and spending money. LCOOR will pay \$150 of the Urban Plunge fee/transportation cost making your payment \$250 (extra scholarships are available). Please contact Philip to receive a mission trip registration form.

March Mission of the Month Results

ELCA World Hunger was the Mission lifted up in March. \$1,360.85 was brought in through offering and Noisy Can. They also received \$1,800 that was budgeted for this mission. THANK YOU for supporting this mission.

Salvation Army Needs

Our friends at the Salvation Army need peanut butter and jelly to help feed our neighbors this month. Please consider picking up some extra jars while you are shopping. Drop these items off in Kathy's Kart at LCOOR -- and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army.

April Mission of the Month

The Christian Preschool operates on tuition, special gifts (an example: Thrivent Choice Dollars) and fundraiser profits. Mission of the month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with (Mission of the Month - Preschool) during April. Thank You for Your Support!

First Communion

Sunday, May 7 and Wednesday, May 10:
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 and Wednesday, May 17:
First Communion

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.

Prayer Shawls Available

Prayer shawls created by members of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer are available to anyone to be shared with family and friends. Prayer shawls can be given as a source of comfort as well as celebration. Stop by the church office or Welcome Center for more information.

Circles & Bible Study

Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. **Wednesday, April 19** & Martha Circle will meet at 2 p.m. **Tuesday, April 11**, both in the Gathering Space.

April 9- April 16	Attendance & Offering
Sunday April 9 <i>Easter Sunday- No Church School</i> 7:00 a.m. Easter Worship w/ Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/ Holy Communion	March 26 Live Stream- 132 Saturday, April 1 - 67 Sunday, April 2- (8:30) 362; (10:30) 94 Wednesday, March 29- 465 <u>Offering (4/2):</u> General Fund: \$9,394.78; Mission of the Month: \$188.10; Debt Reduction: \$80; Lent: \$826; Church School: \$31.50; Other: \$1,500; <u>Simply Giving Offering (3/27-3/31):</u> General Fund: \$5,292.70; Debt Reduction: \$30; Mission of the Month: \$30; Other: \$185;
Monday April 10 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 5:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon	
Tuesday April 11 <i>Spring Theological Conference</i> 11:00 a.m. Text Study 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 2:00 p.m. Martha Circle	
Wednesday April 12 <i>Spring Theological Conference</i> 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 4:45 p.m. Community Meal 5:30 p.m. Church School 6:30 p.m. W.O.W Worship 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	<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px;">Serve</div> <p>There are many ways to serve your congregation each month including volunteering before, during and after worship services. During the month of March, we had 125 slots to fill including greeters, ushers, lectors, communion assistants and coffee servers. We were able to fill 60.8% (76) 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 April.</p>
Thursday April 13 <i>Spring Theological Conference</i> 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon 6:40 p.m. Executive Committee 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting	
Friday April 14 <i>Church Office Closes at Noon</i> 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry	
Saturday April 15 5:30 p.m. Worship (Lay Led)	
Sunday April 16 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion	<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px;">Staff</div> <p> 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 </p>



APRIL 6-8, 2023
MAUNDY THURSDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
HOLY SATURDAY

Jesus suffers and intercedes for us.

HOLY WEEK BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Holy Week observances.

- Thursday John 13:1-17, 31b-35** **Jesus gives a new commandment**
- Friday John 18:1-19:42** **The suffering and death of Jesus**
- Saturday Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9** **The great high priest who saves us**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR HOLY WEEK

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:15-16 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Holy Week:

Ah, holy Jesus, for your sacrifice of love that knows no end and that brings your grace, mercy, and salvation to us, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for your steadfast love and mercy that gives us Jesus, we thank you for giving us this food. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the love of God give you grace, mercy, and peace now and always.

