



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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Lessons and Carols for Christmas: Savior, Christ, Lord

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (arr. Thompson & Jordan)

Welcome

The angel said to (the shepherds), “Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord” (*Luke 2:10-11*).

As we gather we hear again the good news the angels proclaimed: God has come for all people through the birth of the one named Jesus. Through Bethlehem’s manger God comes into the chaos, messiness, and vulnerability of the world. In all things and at all times, we rejoice that God comes to save us and reigns in love. We come to adore Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord.

Confession and Forgiveness

Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God’s forgiveness, grace, and love.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

Forgive our lack of faith and trust.

Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

Forgive our neglect of the poor.

The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

Forgive our selfishness and complacency.

With great joy the angels proclaimed, “Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy.

Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

In ☩ Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God’s forgiveness is good news of great joy!

Amen.

Gathering Carol

“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

#275 vs. 1 & 2

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who is Savior and Lord, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Canticle of Praise

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

#289

Prayer of the Day

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

"For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord"

Lesson: Isaiah 12:2-6

Response: *O come, all ye faithful* (refrain only) #283

Lesson: Matthew 1:18-21

Carol

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

#272

"For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord"

Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-3, 11

Response: *O come, all ye faithful* (refrain only) #283

Lesson: John 1:19-23, 29-34

Carol

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

#276

"For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord"

Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

Response: *O come, all ye faithful* (refrain only) #283

Lesson: Luke 1:26-35

Carol

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#279, vs. 1, 2 & 4

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

Offertory Carol

"Love Has Come"

#292 vs. 1 & 3

Prayers of Intercession

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

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill:, *Randy Johnson, Mara Lukonen, Greg Hammerstrom, Marlowe Ronke*

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

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the everlasting peace of Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Carol

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

#290

Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve our Savior, Christ, and Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Canticle of Joy" (arr. Bach)

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Serving This Weekend

Preaching: Jack Holmquest; **Organist:** AJ Sherrill; **Sound & Projection:** Roger Whittle & Robbyn Givens; **Usher:** Calvin Wiesner



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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!

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!

THIS WEEK: *Jan. 1 to Jan. 8*

SUNDAY *Jan. 1*

10:30 a.m. Service of Lessons & Carols

MONDAY *Jan. 2*

No Preschool- Christmas Break (Dec. 19-Jan. 2)

Church Office Closed

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

TUESDAY *Jan. 3*

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY *Jan. 4*

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

4:45 p.m. Wednesday Meal

5:15 p.m. New Member Orientation

5:30 p.m. Church School

6:30 p.m. Service of Lessons & Carols
(New Members Welcomed)

7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

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

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

THURSDAY *Jan. 5*

9:00 a.m. Quilting

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

FRIDAY *Jan. 6*

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Church Office Closes at Noon

SATURDAY *Jan. 7*

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion
(New Members Welcomed)

6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal

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

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.

Attendance & Offering

Dec. 18 Live Stream –114

Saturday, Dec. 24 – (1:30) 230, (3:30) 510, (5:30) 294, (10:00) 84

Sunday, Dec. 25– (10:30) 46

Wednesday, Dec. 21 –390

Offering:

General Fund: \$37,916; **Sandwich Ministry:** \$50

Mission of the Month: \$312.34; **Church School:**

\$30.75; **Roof:** \$27,804.88; **Debt Reduction:** \$70;

2023 Offering: \$2,713.37; **Other:** \$1,125; **Christmas:**

\$2,912.50; **Care Fund:** \$200

Simply Giving Offering (12/12-12/23)

General Fund: \$15,192.58; **Mission of the Month:**

\$170; **Other:** \$251.47; **Debt Reduction:** \$85;

New Members Welcome for January

While we welcome new members all year round, we “officially” receive new members twice a year. We will “Welcome New Members” during worship services on January 4 (Wednesday), January 7 (Saturday) and January 8 (Sunday). If you -- or others you know -- wish to join our LCOOR family, please contact Twila at 605-886-2696.

January Meals on Wheels

Thanks to all who helped deliver Meals on Wheels January 3-6! LCOOR volunteers deliver meals every 10 weeks – and we are always looking for additional volunteers. The next dates will be March 13-17. Please contact Twila at 605-886-2696 if you would like to be added to our list of helpers.

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.

January Mission of the Month:

Nicaragua Partner Ministry &

Nicaragua Youth Retreat

Pastor Soliette is our South Dakota Synod missionary to the Faith and Hope Lutheran Church of Nicaragua (Iglesia Luterana Fe y Esperanza – ILFE). She hosts travelers from South Dakota and assists them while they meet church members and look at various projects. She helps with the youth and health ministry of the church. Early In January during the school vacation each year from 40 to 80 youth from the city of Managua and many other small cities and villages travel to Managua to take part in the Lutheran Youth Camp. The cost of transport, housing, and food averages about \$80 per participant. Be sure to clearly mark “Mission of the Month” on your offering envelope so that it can be credited properly. Thank you for your commitment to ministry.

7th/8th Grade Confirmation

Workshop dates for the month of January are...

Jan. 4– Workshop #11

(Sacraments: Baptism #1)

Jan. 11 – Workshop #12

(Sacraments: Baptism #2)

Jan. 18– Workshop #13

(Sacraments: Holy Communion #1)

Jan. 25 – Workshop #14

(Sacraments: Holy Communion #2)