

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Wheat & Weeds

8th Sunday after Pentecost | Sunday, July 19, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

Welcome

Inspired by the abundant hospitality of Jesus Christ, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer welcomes **all** of God's children into the life of the church as 'we make God known through word and deed'.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

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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. **Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Psalm

Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³ For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th Chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ” ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

Sermon

“Let Them Both Grow Together”

Pastor Dan Overbo

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.

Prayers of the Church

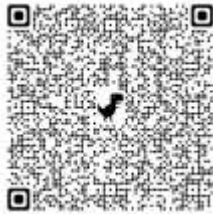
Hospitalized/Ill: **Earl Lammle, Tammy Stoltenburg, Dianna Lambert, Sophie Holida, Karla Stimson, Larry Haaland- Friend of the Congregation, Michelle LeBlanc- Granddaughter of Bev Eggen, Chad Jutting- Brother of Todd (Lesli) Jutting and Joy (Todd) Freimark**

Death: **Marcella Enstad, Barb Johnson, Justin Rook;**

Offering

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Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month:*

St. Dymas of South Dakota



Offering: July 5-11

Promised \$5,753.50

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Mission of the Month \$137.71

Offertory Response

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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Offering Prayer

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

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Call to Service

Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

Please greet one another with a word of peace as well as your name.

Serving

Preaching: Pastor Dan Overbo; **Piano:** Marsha Kurtenbach; **Lector:** Charlene Loterbauer;

Communion Assistants: Clark & Gerry Likness;

THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Cookies Needed for Watertown Sandwich Ministry

The Watertown Sandwich Ministry is in need of cookies for sack lunches. Cookie kits and baking instructions are available at the Welcome Center and in the church office, making it easy to help! Once your cookies are finished, simply bring them to the church and place them in the kitchen freezer.

Stepping Stone Project Day

Join us on **July 26 at 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall** for a special garden stepping stone project! All are invited to create and decorate a stepping stone that will become part of our church prayer garden and outdoor youth area. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center if you plan to participate. **A meal will be served.**

The Latest Word - Monthly Newsletter

Please read our monthly newsletters for important information not covered in weekly announcements.

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Volunteer at Worship

We are always seeking volunteers to assist during worship services. We encourage you to sign up!

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in South Dakota

Lutheran World Relief - School Kits

Education serves as one of the most powerful tools a community can use to break the cycle of poverty. LWR School Kits provide essential supplies to help children continue their education despite facing significant challenges. **We are gathering School Kits throughout July and August. You can find instructions and school bags at the Welcome Center or the Memorial Park worship table.** Thank you for supporting this vital ministry.

Calendar & Attendance

Sunday July 19

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Worship at LCOOR with Holy Communion

Monday July 20

August Newsletter Deadline

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday July 21

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

11:00 a.m. Text Study

Wednesday July 22

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

6:00 p.m. Fishing League

Thursday July 23

10:00 a.m. Book Club

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday July 24

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday July 25

5:30 p.m. Worship

Sunday July 26

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park

10:30 a.m. Worship at LCOOR

11:30 a.m. Garden Stepping Stone Project with Meal

Attendance

Sunday, July 5 Livestream: 80

Saturday, July 11: 52

Sunday, July 12 Town: 71

Sunday, July 12 Lake: 264

Church Staff

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Dan Overbo

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CAR QUESTION FOR THE RIDE HOME:

What did you see in church today that reminded you of God?

