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2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 7, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

We Approach God

Welcome and Call to Worship

Today we remember our mission.

We are making God known through word & deed.

Come, gather together, disciples, and meet Jesus,
who comes to us, risen and whole!

Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the Christ
who brings to us peace and new life!

Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the future:
the future calling us to be a resurrection people!

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

We are baptized in water.

The water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's flourishing rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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The water of life! Alleluia!

Opening Song

“What A Beautiful Name”

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ
What a beautiful Name it is What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus
You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now
What a wonderful Name it is What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus
Death could not hold You The veil tore before You You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again
You have no rival You have no equal Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory Yours is the Name above all names
What a powerful Name it is What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is Nothing can stand against What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus (x2)

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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.

Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

We Proclaim the Story

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Psalm

Psalm 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Second Reading

1 John 1:1--2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

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Children’s Church

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

"Is it OK to Doubt?"

Pastor Dan Overbo

Hymn of the Day

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

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We Confess & Pray for Others

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

"Holy Spirit"

Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere

Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Tori Simon, Nicole Rislov, Teagan Benda, Sharon Bevers, Terry Kallenberger, De Ann Fylling- Niece of Deanna & Dan Hickel, Kevin Stark, Miah West Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler,*

Deaths: *Claire Konold*

Prayer Song

“Holy Spirit”

Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere

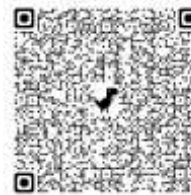
Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord Your Presence Lord

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We Offer Ourselves

Offering

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



Offertory Response

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

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Offering Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

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.

Post Communion Prayer

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Announcements

We Go Out with Gratitude

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope \mp bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Song

“Jesus Messiah”

He became sin who knew no sin That we might become His righteousness

He humbled Himself and carried the cross Love so amazing love so amazing

(Chorus) Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel

The Rescue for sinners The Ransom from heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love

The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn Love so amazing love so amazing (chorus)

All our hope is in You All our hope is in You All the glory to You God The Light of the world (chorus)

Jesus Messiah Lord of all The Lord of all The Lord of all

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please share the peace, as well as your name when you leave today.

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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Dan Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Sound & Projection:** Zach Stanton;

Ushers: Cal Wiesner, Darwin Brinkman, Bruce & Colleen Hestad; **Communion Assistants:** Clea Urevig, Heather Rasmussen, Amanda Kienow, Steven Ays, Lelan & Karin Freiwald; **Coffee Servers:** Doug & Shelly Alvine; **Welcome Center:** Pam Luckhurst & Linda Koch; **Greeters:** Schaefer Family; **Lector:** Mason Iverson;

*This worship service may be livestreamed on YouTube and the LCOOR Facebook page.

APRIL 7, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

This Little Light of Mine



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:

- Do you find it easy or difficult to forgive someone? Explain.
- Why is forgiveness important to Christian fellowship?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 John 1:1-2:2.

Linus from the Peanuts comic strip once said, "I love mankind... It's people I can't stand!" Living in community with others can be a challenge. For Christians, living together in community is God's gift for our broken and sinful lives. Sometimes, we deceive ourselves into thinking we are more deserving, better than, or more lovable than others. Confession frees us to welcome Jesus into our lives through God's power of forgiveness that is for all. This simple message of forgiveness is hard to experience, especially when there are people whom we have had a hard time loving or even accepting. God's light takes us out of our own darkness and brings us into a humble yet joyous fellowship with others. Unity and fellowship have always been at the heart of God's creative and redeeming work for all the world (Psalm 133). We are asked to be aware of our darkness and move into the light through the power of God's forgiving grace.

Discuss: How does confession and forgiveness of your own brokenness help you understand fellowship with others in a new light?

Pray: **God of light and truth, we thank you for forgiveness given to us through the suffering of Jesus Christ that we may have eternal fellowship with you and with all people. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to restore a broken relationship?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

There is a long history of Christians sharing a sign of peace with one another during worship as an expression of the peace God gives to us through Jesus. This sharing of the peace relates directly to Jesus' appearance to the disciples when he said, "Peace be with you" three times (John 20:19-31).

THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

<p>SAVE THE DATE</p> <p>First Communion For 2nd Grade & Older</p> <p>During the April 7 class, students will receive instruction, make bread & paint their own pottery. Parents attend this class.</p> <p>Class: Sunday, April 7 10:30-12:00</p> <p>Recognition: Sunday, April 21 9:30 or Wednesday, April 24 6:30</p>	<p>Luther League 7-12 Grade</p> <p>2.0</p> <p>Sunday Nights at 6pm</p>
<p>BIKER BLESSING</p> <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 14 AT 10:45 AM LCOOR SOUTH PARKING LOT</p> <p>Bring your motorcycles and bicycles to Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer on Sunday, April 14 at 10:45 a.m. (following 9:30 a.m. worship) for a biker blessing as we head into the summer!</p>	<p>1ST - 4TH GRADE JUNCTION</p> <p>Join us from 6-7:30 p.m. for games, crafts, snacks and fellowship.</p> <p>Friends are always welcome!</p> <p>MONDAY, APRIL 8</p> <p>1st-4th Grade</p>
<p>We need Communion Bread!</p> <p>Sign up at the Welcome Center. Recipe & instructions are provided.</p>	<p>TIMMERMAN SCHOLARSHIPS</p> <p>More information and applications are available in the church office, at the Welcome Center or online at lcoorwatertown.org under the resources tab.</p> <p>REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 30, 2024</p>
<p>Prairie Coteau Conference WELCA Spring Gathering</p> <p>Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Saturday, April 20, 2024 Registration: 9:00-9:30am</p> <p>If you are interested in volunteering or attending, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Contact the church office for more information.</p>	<p>COOKIES NEEDED</p> <p>Sandwich Ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the Welcome Center or church office. You can also bake your own & drop them off at the church. Thank you!</p>
<p>LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER</p> <p>Support the LCOOR Preschool during the month of April. Their "Giving Wall" will be set up at the Welcome Center and Rada Cutlery catalogs and order forms are also available. Thank you!</p>	<p>APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH LCOOR Preschool</p> <p>Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!</p>

April 7-14

Print too small? Large print bulletins are available at all worship services.

Sunday April 7

8:30 a.m. Church School
8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship w/ Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. First Communion Class (2nd Grade)
6:00 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)

Monday April 8

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Communion at Edgewood Memory Care
10:15 a.m. Communion at Edgewood Cedar View
2:00 p.m. Martha Circle
6:00 p.m. Junction Youth Group (1-4 Grade)
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday April 9

11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday April 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. Worship w/ Holy Communion
7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:15 p.m. Confirmation Pictures/Rehearsal for 9th Graders
7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Thursday April 11

No Preschool - Parent Teacher Conference
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday April 12

Church Office Closes at Noon
8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
1:00 p.m. Claire Konold Funeral

Saturday April 13

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday April 14

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
8:30 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship
10:45 a.m. Biker Blessing
6:00 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)

Attendance & Offering

March 24 Live Stream- 210
Maundy Thursday- 124
Good Friday- 116
Sunday, March 31-
(7:00) 109; (8:30) 465; (10:00) 537;
Offering (3/31):
General Fund: \$16,813;
Debt Reduction: \$25;
Mission of the Month: \$126.68;
Other: \$40; Lent & Holy Week: \$1,385
Simply Giving Offering (3/25-3/29):
General Fund: \$4,958.66;
Debt Reduction: \$115; Other: \$215;
Mission of the Month: \$100;

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APRIL 7, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Walking in the light of Jesus together.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 20:19-31	Come and see and believe
Monday	Acts 4:32-35	The sharing of goods
Tuesday	1 John 1:1-2:2	The word of life
Wednesday	Matthew 5:14-16	Let your light shine
Thursday	Psalms 27	Song of confidence
Friday	2 Corinthians 4:1-6	Light shining in the darkness
Saturday	Psalms 133	The blessing of unity
Sunday	Luke 24:36b-48	Jesus appears to the disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[I]f we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:7 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of love and mercy, we thank you for the community of faith that helps us to know and experience your light and truth through Jesus, our resurrected Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Generous God, we thank you for this meal and pray that others may have what they need to live, serve, and trust in you through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's light bless you with people filled with joy.



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