

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

# you & me? we're neighbors!

12th Sunday after Pentecost | Sunday, August 16, 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

"Blessed Assurance"

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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. **God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

<sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. <sup>6</sup> And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant— <sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. <sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

## Psalm

Psalm 67

<sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup> **Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup> **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup> **The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup> May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

## Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup> I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup> For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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## Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.*

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:10-28

<sup>10</sup> [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup> it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup> Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup> He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup> Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup> But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup> Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup> Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup> But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." <sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup> He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

## Hymn of the Day

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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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.

## Prayers of the Church

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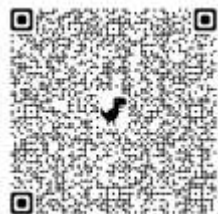
**Earl Lammle**, **Tammy Stoltenburg**, **Dianna Lambert**, **Sophie Holida**, **Karla Stimson**, **Nora Hopper**,  
**Larry Haaland**- Friend of the Congregation, **Michelle LeBlanc**- Granddaughter of Bev Eggen,  
**Chad Jutting**- Brother of Todd (Lesli) Jutting and Joy (Todd) Freimark, **Ramona Voegelé**- Friend of Phyllis Boxersox,  
**Nicole Rude**- Daughter-in-Law of Allen & Julie Rude, **David Saulstich**- Brother of Phyllis Bowersox

## Offering

Text to Give: 888-303-5012 or Scan the QR code located in the pew

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

**Companion Synods: Nicaragua & Cameroon**

**Offering: August 2-8**

Promised \$18,306.83

Non-Promised \$4,748

Mission of the Month \$122

## 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

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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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.*

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## Serving

**Preaching:** Pastor Laura Overbo; **Piano:** Marsha Kurtenbach; **Lector:** Megan Major;

# THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

## Diamond Dinner is September 5

Our annual Diamond Dinner 75+ Celebration will be held **Saturday, September 5th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** following Saturday night worship. We are looking for volunteers that are interested in serving at this event. Please contact Karri in the church office at [karri@lcoorwatertown.org](mailto:karri@lcoorwatertown.org) or (605) 886-2696 if you are interested in joining us for dinner or if you are interested in serving the meal.

## Praise in the Park at Foundation Plaza

We invite you to join us at Foundation Plaza (217 E Kemp Ave) for Praise in the Park on **Sunday, August 30 at 9:00 a.m.** **This will be our ONLY worship service for the weekend of August 29-30.** Don't forget to bring your chairs and blankets, we can't wait to see you there! In case of rain, worship will take place at LCOOR.

## 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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## Mission & Endowment Committee Opening

We will soon have an opening on our **Mission & Endowment Committee** and are looking for a member of our congregation who would be interested in serving. This committee helps oversee and support the church's mission and the responsible stewardship of our endowment resources. If you are interested in learning more or would like to be considered for this opportunity, **please contact Jodi or one of the Pastors.** We would love to hear from you!

## Thank You!

**Thank you John Moes and family** for the donation of sweet corn that netted **\$324 for Feeding South Dakota.**

## LCOOR Collecting School Kits for LWR

We are collecting **School Kits in August for Lutheran World Relief.** Instructions and school bags can be found at the Welcome Center or Lake Worship Information Table. You can also view instructions at [lwr.org/kits/school-kits](http://lwr.org/kits/school-kits).



CHURCH SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

CHURCH SCHOOL

CONFIRMATION

# Calendar & Attendance

## Sunday August 16

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

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

## Monday August 17

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

## Tuesday August 18

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

11:00 a.m. Text Study

## Wednesday August 19

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

## Thursday August 20

9:00 a.m. Quilting

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

## Friday August 21

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

9:00 a.m. Quilting

## Saturday August 22

5:30 p.m. Worship

## Sunday August 23

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park

10:30 a.m. Worship at LCOOR

## Attendance

**Sunday, August 2 Livestream:** 56

**Saturday, August 8:** 58

**Sunday, August 9 Lake:** 187; **Town:** 112

## Church Staff

### Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

### Associate Pastor

Laura Overbo

### Director of Faith Formation

Wendy Kruger

### Welcoming & Caring Ministries

Karri Willhite

### Business Manager

Jodi Spilde

### Business Administrative Assistant

Megan Thyen

### Preschool

Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher

Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional

### Sound & Technology

Sam Langner

### Custodian

Roman Gainor



## CAR QUESTION FOR THE RIDE HOME:

What is one way God helped you this week?



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WEBSITE

