

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, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**
Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

Opening Song

"Forever"

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. **O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Sermon (congregation please sing 'Jesus Loves Me' as children gather)

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they
are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on
a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them
into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land.
14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good
grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will
make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I
will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. 20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD
to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted
at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be
ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed
them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among
them; I the LORD have spoken.

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

Psalm

Psalm 95:1-7a

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
3 For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
4 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**
5 The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
7a For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks
for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of
wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the
hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable
greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ
when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and
power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all
things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all
in all.

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Gospel Acclamation

"Hosanna"

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter. ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Sermon

"When Did We See You?"

Pastor Laura Overbo

Hymn of the Day

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

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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.

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

Prayer Song

"Agnus Dei"

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: ***Bernie*** *Luoma,* ***Mary*** *Wika,* ***Sophie*** *Holida,* ***Karla*** *Stimson,* ***Larry*** *Haaland- Friend of the Congregation,* ***Michelle*** *LeBlanc- Granddaughter of Bev Eggen,* ***Terry*** *Kallenberger- Father of Christy Kallenberger,* ***Chad*** *Jutting- Brother of Todd (Lesli) Jutting and Joy (Todd) Freimark,* ***Nicole*** *(Wilkinson) Meier- Niece of Nancy & Darwin Brinkman*

Death: ***Mavis*** *(Thyen) Brink- Wife of Don Brink;* ***Helen*** *Zablotney- Mother of Tammy (Gerald) Rieber*

Prayer Song "Agnus Dei"

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:
Brothers and Sisters Behind Bars & St. Francis House

Offering: November 8-14
Promised $23,902.50
Non-Promised $5,690
Mission of the Month $149.79

Offertory Response "Alleluia"

Offering Prayer

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Announcements

Blessing Hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #884

Sending Song "How Great is Our God"

Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
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; **Worship Team; Acolyte:** James Sonne; **Greeters:** Doug & Nancy Linneman;

Salvation Army Angel Tree tags are here! If you would like to help make Christmas a little brighter for a child or family in our community, please stop by and choose a tag from the Angel Tree. Thank you for your generosity and for sharing the joy of Christmas with others! Gifts are due back on December 4, 2026.



THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Join us in making a difference for families in our community this Thanksgiving by donating food items. You can drop off your donations at the church anytime from now until Sunday, November 22, in the church office or Gathering Space. Alternatively, you can bring your contributions during worship on November 18, 21, or 22. Suggested Items to Bring:

- Canned vegetables (green beans, corn, peas)
- Boxed stuffing mix
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Gravy packets
- Canned pumpkin or pie filling
- Baking mixes (cornbread, cake)

Your generosity can help make this Thanksgiving special for those in need. Thank you for your support!

SUPPORT OUR PRESCHOOL - Advent Calendar Fundraiser

In November, the **Preschool will be selling Advent Calendars for a fundraiser.** We will have them available in the classroom, in the church office, at the Welcome Center, and we will also have some for sale at the Nativity Tour!! **They are $10 each.**



Advent Tour of Nativities

Join us for our Advent Tour of Nativities from **November 27–30, 1–5 p.m. each day!** We invite you to share your Nativity set with the community during this special (and free) event. Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center.

We're also looking for baked goods for our bake sale during the Tour of Nativities! If you'd like to contribute, please sign up on our website at: www.lcoorwatertown.org/serve.

Missions of the Month: Brothers and Sisters Behind Bars & St. Francis House

This November, LCOOR's Mission of the Month will support **Brothers and Sisters Behind Bars** and **St. Francis House,** two ministries that offer hope, support, and new beginnings to those facing challenging life circumstances. Thank you for sharing your blessings and helping LCOOR make God known through Word & Deed!

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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Christmas Bingo & Prizes Needed

All ages are invited to join us on **Sunday, December 6 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** for our Christmas Bingo! Gather your family and friends for an evening of fun and fellowship. Whether you're hoping to win a prize or simply enjoy an evening together, everyone is welcome!

Help us make the evening fun for everyone by donating prizes for children, families, and older individuals (e.g., gift cards, toys, lotion, candles, puzzles, games, candy, craft kits, etc.) **Prizes don't need to be extravagant or expensive. We do ask that the items are new.** Donations can be dropped off in the church office through Wednesday, December 2.

We're also looking for volunteers to bring baked goods to share during the evening. Whether it's cookies, bars, brownies, or another favorite treat, we'd appreciate your help! **Please sign up on our website at www.lcoorwatertown.org under the 'serve' tab.**

Calendar & Attendance



Sunday November 22
8:45 a.m. Church School with 1st Grade Milestone Class & Christmas Program Practice
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Redeemer's Kitchen
2:00 p.m. Grief Share
Monday November 23
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon
Tuesday November 24
11:00 a.m. Preschool Chapel
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
Wednesday November 25
No Worship, Activities, or Meal (Thanksgiving Break)
No Preschool (Thanksgiving Break)
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
Thursday November 26 (Thanksgiving Day)
Church Office Closed & No Preschool
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
Friday November 27
Church Office Closed
1:00-5:00 p.m. Advent Tour of Nativities
Saturday November 28
1:00-5:00 p.m. Advent Tour of Nativities
5:30 p.m. Worship
Sunday November 29
No Church School (Thanksgiving Break)
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Mobile Soup Kitchen
1:00-5:00 p.m. Advent Tour of Nativities
2:00 p.m. Grief Share
Monday November 30
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
1:00-5:00 p.m. Advent Tour of Nativities
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday December 1
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
Wednesday December 2
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
5:45 p.m. Church School (Christmas Program Practice)
6:20 p.m. 9-12 Grade Service Project at Rachel's Hope
6:30 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Attendance

Sunday, November 8 Livestream: 124
Wednesday, November 11: 175
Saturday, November 14: 56
Sunday, November 15: 301

Church Staff

Senior Pastor
Dan Overbo
Associate Pastor
Laura Overbo
Director of Faith Formation
Wendy Kruger
Faith Formation Assistant
Mallory Kohl
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Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher
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Sam Langner
Custodian
Christina Riley



CAR QUESTION FOR THE RIDE HOME:
What is one thing you hope the next generation learns about God?

faith forward
families passing faith on

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