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Reformation Sunday

Sunday October 29, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Today we remember our mission. —————→ **We are making God known through word & deed.**
We gather together to ask God's blessing; —————→ **Blest be the tie that binds us together.**
We gather together to lift high our voices; —————→ **Blest be the song that brings life to our spirits.**
We gather together to praise God's holy name; —————→ **Blest be the God of grace and God of glory! Amen!**

Church School Children Sing

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Time of silence for reflection)*

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your
Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with
Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God
strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Opening Song

“Way Maker”

You are here moving in our midst I worship You I worship You

You are here working in this place I worship You I worship You (repeat verse)

(Chorus) You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper

Light in the darkness my God that is who You are (repeat chorus)

You are here touching ev'ry heart I worship You I worship You

You are here healing ev'ry heart I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around I worship You I worship You

You are here mending ev'ry heart I worship You I worship You (Chorus x2)

That is who You are That is who You are That is who You are That is who You are (x2)

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. **Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

New Members Received

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea; though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day. The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth; behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. “Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.” The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Love the Lord”

Love the Lord your God with all your heart With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength (repeat)

With all your heart with all your soul With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

I will serve the Lord With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength (repeat)

With all my heart with all my soul With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

I will love You (I will love You) I will praise You (I will praise You)
I will serve You (I will serve You) I will trust You Lord (I will trust You)

With all my heart with all my soul With all my mind with all my strength (repeat)

I will love You Lord with all my heart With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength (repeat 2x)

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

Hymn of the Day

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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A mighty fortress is our God a sword and shield victorious
 He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious
 The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe
 With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight On earth he has no equal
 No strength of ours can match his might We would be lost rejected
 But now a champion come to fight whom God himself elected
 You ask who this may be The Lord of hosts is he
 Christ Jesus mighty Lord God's only Son adored He holds the field victorious
 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us
 We tremble not unmoved we stand they cannot overpow'r us
 Let this world's tyrant rage in battle we'll engage
 His might is doomed to fail God's judgement must prevail One little word subdues him
 God's Word forever shall abide no thanks to foes who fear it
 For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit
 Were they to take our house goods honor child or spouse
 Though life be wrenched away they cannot win the day The kingdom's ours forever

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

“Agnus Dei”

Alleluia alleluia For the Lord God Almighty reigns
 Alleluia alleluia For the Lord God Almighty reigns Alleluia
 Holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb
 You are holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb Amen

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill:

*Jessica Fischer, Ashlea West, Doug Schimmel, Avery West, Laura Oldre, Joan Hakeman,
 Verdelle Anderson, Hunter Riddle, Marv Stavig, Marlys Tesch, Caryn Isaacson, Roberta Hagen,
 Brian Chapman- Son of Marilyn Chapman, Kevin Stark, brother of Carol (Ron) Bergan,
 Ric Holmquest- Brother of Jack Holmquest, Jack Pereira- Friend of Jack Holmquest,
 Bonnie Weippert,*

Prayer Song

“Agnus Dei”

Holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb Amen

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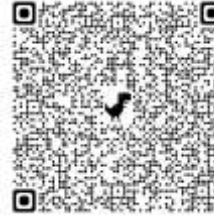
Offering

Text to Give: 605-250-6765 or Scan the QR code located in the pew

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

Special Offering

*To provide Bibles in the Shona and Ndebele languages for people in Zimbabwe
Ndebele Bible costs \$15 each & Shona Bible costs \$20 each*



Offertory Response

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me (repeat)
Cast me not away from thy presence, O Lord and take not thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (repeat)

Offering Prayer

O God, we continue in your Word.

We are truly your disciples.

We know the truth.

It makes us free.

Accept these gifts,

Freely given.

Through the same Jesus Christ our 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

The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

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 This Morning

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Sound & Projection:** Roger Whittle and Kole Muller; **Worship Team;**

Lector: Graysn McGillivray; **Acolyte:** Ainsley Falconer and Wyatt Dahl; **Greeters;**

Ushers: Darwin Brinkman, Roger & Pat Crom; **Coffee Servers;** **Welcome Center:** Barb Frentz;



Kathy Anderson



Linda Koch



Chad & Taylor, Madison, Rob & Lucas Johnson

**New Members
Welcomed**



Gene & Cindy Day



Brian, Lynne & Justin Childers



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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:

- Is it easy or difficult for you to be silent when you are with friends or family? Explain.
- Silent moments can be a time of renewal as we gain new insights and appreciation for life around us. When has silence been a renewing experience for you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Romans 3:19-28.

Paul writes to Christians in house churches in Rome. These Christians oppose one another with words and finger pointing. One group is righteous and faithful while the other is not. The church today experiences a similar polarity. Paul speaks to us now as he did then: Be silent! The law that we want to justify our own lives silences every mouth because *“all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”* (v. 23). Once Paul declares our sinfulness and judgement on one another, we are ready to hear good news. The good news is that the only thing that justifies us is God’s undeserved kindness (grace). Only God is righteous and God’s righteousness shown in Christ is more than a morality, it is an activity that brings the unholy world into God’s goodness. Through faith, we experience being reconciled to one another and to God through Christ. We are now part of God’s righteousness to heal, save the world, and trust that God’s goodness can even heal our condemnation of others through faith in Christ. *Discuss:* How is this good news for you?

Pray: **Gracious God, thank you for your goodness that acts in our lives and world to bring hope and peace to our divided relationships and world through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, through what words and actions can you show acceptance and care for others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Martin Luther wrote the words for *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* and composed the melody. This well-known hymn is based on Psalm 46. Circle or highlight words in Psalm 46 that you feel describe God as a mighty fortress. Read Psalm 46 aloud and pause for a moment when you read a word that is circled or highlighted. After reading, say, “Amen.”

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org



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THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARADE
Join us Tuesday, October 31st at 9:00 a.m. in the Great Hall to hand out candy to our LCOOR Preschoolers!
Contact the church office for more info.

"Say Cheese!"
STOP BY OUR "PHOTO STUDIO" IN THE GATHERING SPACE TO UPDATE YOUR PHOTO FOR OUR ONLINE DIRECTORY!

Adult Bible Study
Prayer- Does It Make Any Difference?
New Bible Study Begins Wednesday, October 25th.
Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in **Word Alone** classroom
Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the **Youth Room**
\$8 Study Guide

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS
Canned Soups
As the weather cools down, let's help replenish the shelves at the Salvation Army Food Pantry with canned soups. You may drop off your donations in Kathy's Karts here at the church. Thanks for your generosity!

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH
Cameroon Partner Ministry
Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!

ADVENT TOUR OF NATIVITIES
NOV. 24-27 | 1-5PM | GREAT HALL
DO YOU HAVE A NATIVITY SCENE THAT YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE? PICK UP A REGISTRATION FORM AT THE WELCOME CENTER!
SEE THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFO.

We Need Piano Players!
To play with our Worship Teams on Wednesday Evenings & Sunday Mornings.
Contact Megan in the church office at 886-2696 or megan@lcoorwatertown.org

Altar Flower Sign Up
Opportunity to help beautify our Sanctuary with flowers. Please consider choosing a weekend to provide altar flowers in celebration or memory of a loved one. Sign up is at the Welcome Center.
Cost is \$60

COOKIES NEEDED
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!

MISSION & ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS
The Mission & Endowment Committee at LCOOR is inviting groups to apply for a grant for special ministry projects. Application forms can be picked up in the church office.
DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023.

October 29- November 5

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

Sunday October 29

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Church School Kids Sing at Worship
9:30 a.m. New Members Received
9:30a.m. Blended Worship
6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group

Monday October 30

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday October 31

9:00 a.m. Preschool Halloween Parade
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday November 1

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
4:45 p.m. Community Meal- Pizza
5:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
5:30 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:15 p.m. HS Hang-out in Youth Room
7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Thursday November 2

9:00 a.m. Quilting
1:00 p.m. Chair Yoga
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday November 3

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday November 4

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion
6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal

Sunday November 5

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
8:30 a.m. Church School
8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship w/ Holy Communion
6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group



Attendance & Offering

October 15 Live Stream- 114
Saturday, October 21- 72
Sunday, October 22- 277
Wednesday, October 25- 382

Offering (10/22):

General Fund: \$6,944.50;
Church School: \$40.97;
Debt Reduction: \$90; Other: \$250;
Mission of the Month: \$96.41;

Simply Giving Offering (10/16-10/20):

General Fund: \$10,660.68;
Debt Reduction: \$85; Other: \$325;
Mission of the Month: \$170;

Staff

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OCTOBER 29, 2023 REFORMATION SUNDAY

The good news heals our divisions.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 8:31-36	The Son makes you free
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	The new covenant
Tuesday	Romans 3:19-28	True righteousness
Wednesday	Psalm 141	Prayer for preservation from evil
Thursday	1 Kings 2:1-5	David's instruction to Solomon
Friday	1 Corinthians 16:13-20	Final messages
Saturday	Psalm 46	God is your refuge
Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. Romans 3:19 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, may your grace and mercy cleanse the church and set us free to be your witnesses of hope and peace through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of power and might, thank you for the seas that roar, the mountains that tremble, and for this food that gives us strength and courage for each day. Amen. (Psalm 46:3)

A Blessing to Give:

May God free you to be blessed by our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.



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