



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | 3rd Sunday in Lent | Sunday, March 23, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome (please pass the black welcome pads)

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 words and deeds'.

Call to Worship

Come to this holy space and time in humility.

We come with heads bowed and hearts open.

Center mind and heart on the journey of Jesus.

We take on the mind of Christ Jesus.

Still the voices that make noise in the head.

We turn our attention to you, O Christ. We worship with awe the one who takes us to Jerusalem.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love. *(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Compassionate One, **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering one's home. In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

Opening Song

"I Will Follow"

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. **Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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)

Lenten Service of Diminishing Lights

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Psalm

Psalm 63:1-8

¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³ For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

⁴ **So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶ **when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷ For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸ **My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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Gospel Acclamation

"Sanctuary"

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th Chapter.

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² [Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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Hymn of the Day

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

#623

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

“Jesus We Love You”

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: Joyce Kraii, Pastor Sam Hatlestad, Jim Wollan, Katie Stavig, Vaughn Neshiem, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Gregg) DeSpiegler,

Death: Dave Orthaus- Father of Jeff (Paula) Orthaus & Chad (Sarah) Orthaus

Prayer Song

“Jesus We Love You”

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:*

LCOOR Preschool



Offering needed each week to make budget.	
Pledged:	\$13,360
Non-Pledged:	\$6,734
<u>Offering 3/9 – 3/15</u>	
	<u>Received</u>
Pledged	\$8,480.00
Non-Pledged	\$2,963.00
Mission of the Month	\$179.09

Offertory Response

“Create In Me a Clean Heart”

#185

Offering Prayer

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **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

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

“Send Us Out”

Call to Service and Car Question

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

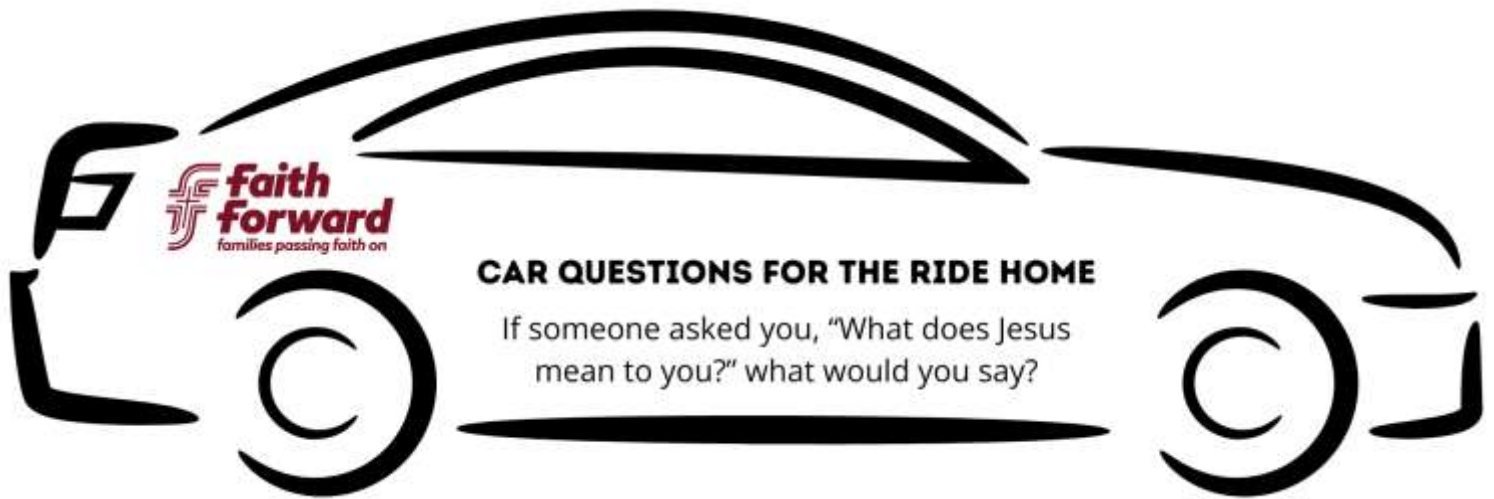
Thanks be to God.

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

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Serving

Preaching: Rev. Joel Pakan; **Worship Team;** **Ushers:** Gary Grewing, Darren Likness, Mark & Nancy Reishus; **Lector:** Gary Grewing; **Coffee Servers:** Scott & Michelle Leitheiser; **Welcome Center:** Gail Helland, Tammy Rohde;



*Copies of Taking Faith Home are available in the Gathering Space.



THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

WE ARE HIRING!

POSITION: SOUND & TECHNOLOGY

JOB DESCRIPTION & APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE, AT THE WELCOME CENTER & IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. QUESTIONS? CONTACT PASTOR DAN AT (605) 886-2696.

Join us in congratulating Zach Stanton, our Sound & Technology Team Member. Blessings to you as you graduate from LATC and step into the next exciting chapter of your journey! 🎉



Route 56 | March 27 | 6:00-7:00PM

5th & 6th graders are invited to join us for a bible verse, games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!



Luther League | Wednesdays at 7:20PM

9-12 grade parents and students are encouraged to sign up for the Remind app to receive notifications for Luther League activities. There will be no LL on March 19 due to spring break. See you March 26 for a service project!



Timmerman Scholarships | Deadline: March 31

More information and applications are available in the church office, at the Welcome Center or online at lcoorwatertown.org under the resources tab.

BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE CEREMONY

JOIN US ON APRIL 27TH, BOTH DURING AND AFTER WORSHIP, AS WE CELEBRATE THE GENEROUS DONATION THAT HAS ALLOWED US TO FULLY PAY OFF THE REMAINDER OF OUR MORTGAGE.



Mission of the Month | LCOOR Preschool

Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please mark your offering with Mission of the Month.



LCOOR Preschool Fundraiser | Rada Cutlery

Our preschool will be selling Rada Cutlery to help raise funds for the preschool program. Catalogs and order forms can be found at the Welcome Center.



LCOOR
PRESCHOOL

LCOOR Family Fun Night: Bowling at Tommy's Lanes & Lounge!

Join us **Sunday, April 27 from 3:30-5:30PM**. \$5 per person for two games with no shoe fees! Space is limited so please sign up at the Welcome Center to reserve your spot.



EASTER PLANTS



Help beautify our sanctuary for Easter. Plants cost \$20 each and order forms can be found at the Welcome Center. Order Deadline is April 13.

2ND GRADE STUDENTS & PARENTS - FIRST COMMUNION INFO

First Communion Class:

Sunday, April 6 | 10:30-12

**Parents please attend this class with your child.*

First Communion:

Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Calendar & Attendance

Sunday March 23

No Church School/Confirmation
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Monday March 24

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

Tuesday March 25

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Sewing Ministry Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday March 26

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
4:45 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Church School
5:30 p.m. Confirmation (Faith Books)
6:30 p.m. Worship with Youth Music Team
7:15 p.m. Luther League 2.0 Service Project

Thursday March 27

10:00 a.m. Book Club
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Lent Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Route 56 Youth Group (5-6 Grade)

Friday March 28

Church Office Closes at Noon
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday March 29

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday March 30

8:30 a.m. Church School
8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Monday March 31

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

Tuesday April 1

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. Quilting Bible Study

Wednesday April 2

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
4:45 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Church School
5:30 p.m. Confirmation (Faith Books)
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (9-12 Grade)

Attendance

- **Sunday, March 9 YouTube:** 112
- **Saturday, March 15:** 62
- **Sunday, March 16:** 265
- **Wednesday, March 12:** 187

Church Staff

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