



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

LOST & FOUND

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025, 9:30 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 words and deeds'.

Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made. **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

God's steadfast love surrounds us now. **We rest in connection with all of God's creation.**

Christ came among us, with breath and movement and feet that touched the earth.

We yearn for connection with all of God's creation.

The Holy Spirit moves among us, as close as our very breath.

We move in connection with all of God's creation.

God of all, we seek to be one with you and all you have made. Give us open hearts, open hands, and compassion for all, as you ground us in connection with every living thing. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **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, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Sermon & Back to School Blessing (congregation please sing 'Jesus Loves Me' as children gather)

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-14

⁷ The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹ The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Psalm

Psalm 51:1-10

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

² **Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵ Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶ **Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th Chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Kyler Marie Damm
Daughter of Ryan & Haley Damm
Sponsors: Derek Bille & Kendra Damm

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?
I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

(Congregation may be seated.)

Welcome

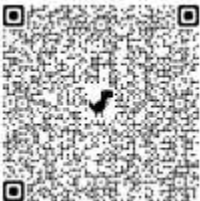
Let us welcome the newly baptized.
We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Betsy Spartz- Daughter of Denise Schmahl and Sister of Alissa (Mark) Iverson; Katie Stavig, Bud Webb, JoAnn Roti, Carter Silvernail- Son-in-law of Ron & Carol Bergan, Lyle Grove- Father of Darla (Arlyn) Adolphsen, Barb Papka, Buck Schaack- Brother of Joyce (Marvin) McGillivray, Robin Faulstich- Sister-in-law of Phyllis Bowersox, JoLana Ehli, Mike Johnson*

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 needed each week to make budget.	
Pledged: \$13,360	
Non-Pledged: \$6,734	
<u>Offering 8/31-9/6</u>	
	<u>Received</u>
Pledged	\$11,083.33
Non-Pledged	\$7,421.00
Mission of the Month	\$217.70

Offering Prayer

Father in heaven, all that we have is yours. Not because we give it to you but because you own all things. So, offering these gifts to you is not a sign of ownership, it is an act of true worship. We praise you, God. Through 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

7th Grade Lutheran Study Bible Milestone Recognition

Acolyte and Blessing Assistant Milestone Recognition

Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

"This is Amazing Grace"

Call to Service

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Dan Overbo; **Music Team;** **Ushers:** Kevin Luoma, Curt Friedrichsen, Al & Pam Raeder;

Welcome Center: Pam Luckhurst; **Acolytes:** Atwood & Graham Turbak;

Join us following worship for God's Work, Our Hands.

We're excited to join a nationwide project with Luther Seminary, exploring what makes sermons compelling in today's world. Your input is crucial. How to participate:

1. Listen to the weekly sermon at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.
2. Scan the QR code for a quick survey or by copying the link below:

https://luthersem.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6fiwTYzxUpJ2SHA



Share your thoughts anonymously. Sign up for the follow-up survey.

Your feedback won't critique the preacher but will help understand a greater sermon impact across several churches nationwide. This project aims to enhance how we engage with preaching in our changing times.

Please join us in this important initiative. Your voice matters in shaping the future of preaching and deepening our connection to scripture.

THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HARVEST FEST

We are in need of a variety of volunteers to help with our 2025 Harvest Fest on **Wednesday, October 8 from 5-8 p.m.** To sign up to volunteer, visit our website at www.lcoorwatertown.org, click the 'Serve' tab on the main menu and find the Harvest Fest Volunteer Sign-up & Harvest Fest Cake Walk Sign-up or scan the QR codes below. We ask that volunteers wear a flannel shirt or a costume so that volunteers will be easy to pick out of the crowd! Thank you!

Volunteer at Harvest Fest



Volunteer to Bake for the Cake Walk



SIGN-UP TO SERVE AT WORSHIP!



SCAN ME



Route 56 Youth Group | Thursday, Sept. 18

A youth Group for 5th & 6th grade. We will meet **Thursday, Sept. 18 from 6-7:00 p.m.** Join us for a bible verse, games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!



6-Week Bible Study with Pastor Dan

Join Pastor Dan Overbo for a six week Bible study, "*The Life of Jesus*", beginning **Thursday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m.** in Assembly C. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Participant guides are \$10 and will be collected at the first class. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan in the church office at (605) 886-2696.

PRAISE & REJOICE CHOIR

Praise and Rejoice choir will begin Sunday, September 28 after church in the chapel. We need **YOU** in the choir. The first commitment to sing is Sunday, October 5 singing "We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight", ELW#635. This will be a good time to try the choir out to see if this is for you. If at all possible please text Kristy at (605) 949-1372 with your name and what you sing so as to have music ready for you!

Scouting America Sign-Up Night

Scouting America sign up night for kids K-5th grade will be **Monday, September 15th at 6:00 pm for Lincoln & Jefferson Schools and 6:30 pm for Mellette Elementary.** There is a special membership fee of only \$35.00 for this year for any NEW kids that sign up for Cub Scouts.

Scouts BSA, which is grades 6th - 12th can sign up any time during the year to join a local Troop at the same \$35.00 fee. For more information, please go to our website, beascout.org or call Mary at 605-868-1153 to ask for the special discount code.

Calendar & Attendance

Sunday September 14

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
8:45 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Worship (7th Grade Lutheran Study Bible Milestone & Acolyte/Blessing Assistant Milestone)
10:30 a.m. God's Work, Our Hands, in the Great Hall & at Mt. Hope Cemetery

Monday September 15

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
2:00 p.m. Martha Circle
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday September 16

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawls
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday September 17

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
5:45 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Worship (7th Grade Lutheran Study Bible Milestone & Acolyte/Blessing Assistant Milestone)
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday September 18

9:00 a.m. Quilting
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dan
6:00 p.m. Route 56 Youth Group (5-6 Grade)

Friday September 19

Church Office Closes at Noon
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:00 a.m. Quilting

Saturday September 20

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday September 21

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
8:45 a.m. Church School (3rd Grade - How to Read the Bible Milestone)
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Redeemer's Kitchen

Monday September 22

October Newsletter Deadline
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
2:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday September 23

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

Wednesday September 24

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop (Service Project)
5:30 p.m. New Member Orientation
5:45 p.m. Church School (3rd Grade - How to Read the Bible Milestone)
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Attendance

- **Sunday, August 31 Livestream:** 80
- **Saturday, September 6:** 149
- **Sunday, September 7:** 284

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 living person would you like to talk to about their faith? Why?

