

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | 18th Sunday after Pentecost | Sunday, September 27, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Sing me a song about Jesus But please don't sing about the poor;
It's already been a long day I really don't wanna hear anymore;
Sing me a song about Jesus That will make me feel happy inside;
Sing me a song about forgiveness That will make this lifestyle feel justified.

Sing a song about Jesus

Baxter Street

David LaMotte

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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Opening Song

"Hosanna"

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 love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die. ²⁵ Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

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

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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Special Music

"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" Arr. Valerie Stephenson

Handbell Choir
Directed by: Beverly Splinter

Gospel Acclamation

“Cornerstone”

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:23-32

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

Sermon

“Sing A Song About Jesus”

Pastor Laura Overbo

Hymn of the Day

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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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.

Prayer Song

“Awake My Soul”

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: **Dianna** Lambert, **Sophie** Holida, **Karla** Stimson, **Larry** Haaland- Friend of the Congregation, **Michelle** LeBlanc- Granddaughter of Bev Eggen, **Nicole** Rude- Daughter-in-Law of Allen & Julie Rude, **Chad** Jutting- Brother of Todd (Lesli) Jutting and Joy (Todd) Freimark, **Delana** Bleeker- Friend of Wendy Olson, **Nicole** (Wilkinson) Meier- Niece of Nancy & Darwin Brinkman, **Terry** Kallenberger- Father of Christy Kallenberger

Prayer Song

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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 Feeding Ministries



Offering: September 13-19
Promised \$10,653.50
Non-Promised \$3,667.00
Mission of the Month \$237.46

Offertory Response

“He is Exalted”

Offering Prayer

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **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 Song

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Sending Song

“How Great is Our God”

Call to Service

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Please greet one another with a word of peace as well as your name.

Serving

Preaching: Pastor Laura Overbo; **Piano:** Marian Riddle; **Lector:** Charlene Loterbauer;

Ushers: Russ & Joan Porath; Grant & Deb Titze; **Coffee Servers:** Cindy Maffei;

THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Route 56 Youth Group Update

A youth group for 5th & 6th grade. We will meet **Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 3:45-5:00 p.m.** We will now meet on Wednesday afternoons between school dismissal and church school. Hop on Bus 73 at Watertown Intermediate School and get dropped off right at church (or ride with a parent); just don't be late, because the bus fills up fast!

It's Road Ditch Time

It's time to clean our section of Highway 20! What a great family project. Bags and instructions are available at the Welcome Center. Grab bags and instructions for a section—pick up the trash—take the bags to your blue container—know you helped keep our environment clean. If you need a vest—call Al—605-553-6791. Thank you for helping with this community service project.

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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Harvest Fest is Wednesday, October 7 | 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for Harvest Fest on **Wednesday, October 7, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer! This fun-filled event has something for all ages, including **live music from Jaded**, an inflatable obstacle course, games and activities, mini golf, pumpkin bowling, face painting, cake walk, so much more! **BBQ Pitstop Food Truck** will also be available for purchase with cash or card. Remember to bring your lawn chair and come enjoy an evening of food, fun, music, and fellowship. For more information regarding Harvest Fest, please visit our Facebook page or see our newsletter at www.lcoorwatertown.org/newsletter. **Volunteers are needed to help with games, activities, and other areas throughout the evening. Sign up to volunteer by visiting our website at www.lcoorwatertown.org/serve.**

Global Health Ministries - Newborn Kits Needed

A faithful group of volunteers continues to support Global Health Ministries by sewing diapers and assembling newborn kits. These kits provide practical care and support to mothers and newborns in communities around the world. **There are several items that are always needed and appreciated (new or gently used-good shape, no stains):**

- Receiving blankets (30" x 30" or 48" x 48")
- Lightweight bath towels (approximately 50" x 26")
- Washcloths (please, no microfiber)
- Onesies (size newborn, 0-3)
- Pillowcases



Fall Market: Craft Show & Vendor Fair - Saturday, Oct. 10

Join us for our Fall Market: Craft Show and Vendor Fair at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Watertown, SD on **Saturday, October 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** This is a wonderful opportunity to shop for holiday gifts with vendors who are showcasing their handmade goods, unique products, or small business offerings.



Vendors: We still have a few spots available! Visit our website at www.lcoorwatertown.org/serve or scan the QR code to get signed up before it's too late. Questions? Contact the church office at (605) 886-2696 or via email at karri@lcoorwatertown.org.

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Calendar & Attendance

Sunday September 27

10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Redeemer's Kitchen
1:30-2:00 p.m. LWR Truck at Grace Lutheran

Monday September 28

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

Tuesday September 29

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 30

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
3:45-5:00 p.m. Route 56 Youth Group (5-6 Grade)
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
5:45 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Worship with Dedication of Prayer Labyrinth
6:30-8:00 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Luther League (9-12 Grade)

Thursday October 1

9:00 a.m. Quilting
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dan

Friday October 2

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

Saturday October 3

12:00 p.m. LCOOR at Bramble Park Zoo for Community Chili Cook-Off
5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion & Dedication of Prayer Labyrinth
6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal

Sunday October 4

8:45 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion & Dedication of Prayer Labyrinth
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. LCOOR Mobile Soup Kitchen

Monday October 5

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:00-7:30 p.m. Crossroads 78 (7-8 Grade)
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday October 6

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

Wednesday October 7

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
5:00-7:00 p.m. Harvest Fest (No Church School, Confirmation, Community Meal, or Worship)
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Attendance

Sunday, September 13 Livestream: 116

Wednesday, September 16: 276

Saturday, September 19: 61

Sunday, September 20: 255

Church Staff

Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

Associate Pastor

Laura Overbo

Director of Faith Formation

Wendy Kruger

Faith Formation Assistant

Mallory Kohl

Welcoming & Caring Ministries

Karri Willhite

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Jodi Spilde

Business Administrative Assistant

Megan Thyen

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Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher

Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional

Sound & Technology

Sam Langner

Custodian

Roman Gainor



CAR QUESTION FOR THE RIDE HOME:

What is your favorite place in nature?

