

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Hope, Disappointment and a Donkey

6th Sunday after Pentecost | Sunday, July 5, 2026, 10:30 A.M.



Prelude

A Patriotic Medley (Hustad & Lowe)

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, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"This Is My Song"

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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. **You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Psalm

Psalm 145:8-14

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

Sermon

“Hope, Disappointment and a Donkey”

Pastor Laura Overbo

Hymn of the Day

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

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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.

Prayers of the Church

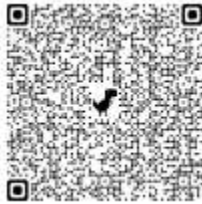
Hospitalized/Ill: **Earl Lammle, Tammy Stoltenburg, Dianna Lambert, Sophie Holida, Karla Stimson, Larry Haaland- Friend of the Congregation, Michelle LeBlanc- Granddaughter of Bev Eggen, Chad Jutting- Brother of Todd (Lesli) Jutting and Joy (Todd) Freimark**

Death: **Danny Sumner, Jean Lenning- Sister of Janice Christensen**

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:

St. Dymas of South Dakota



Offering: June 14-20

Promised \$10,463.50

Non-Promised \$17,074.00

Mission of the Month \$164.39

Offering: June 21-27

Promised \$10,928.50

Non-Promised \$3,099.00

Mission of the Month \$199.08

Offertory Response

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Offering Prayer

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Communion Hymn

"Lamb of God"

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Post Communion Prayer

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

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Call to Service

Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

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

Postlude

Sortie on *National Hymn* (Smith)

Serving

Preaching: Pastor Laura Overbo; **Organist:** AJ Sherrill; **Lector:** Krisma DeWitt;

THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

NOW HIRING: Part-Time Youth Ministry Position

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer is seeking an enthusiastic and faith-filled individual to lead our Middle School Youth Ministry Programs.

Details:

Part-time position 10 - 15 hours per month
Wednesday Afternoon/Evening Programs
Build relationships with youth and families
Work with Middle School & High School
Work alongside church staff and volunteers

Qualifications:

Passion for sharing God's love with youth
Strong communications & leadership
Ability to create an inclusive environment
Experience working with youth is preferred

If you have a heart for helping young people growing in their faith and want to make a difference in their lives, **we would love to hear from you.**

The Latest Word - Monthly Newsletter

Please read our monthly newsletters for important information not covered in weekly announcements.

SCAN HERE



Volunteer at Worship

We are always seeking volunteers to assist during worship services. We encourage you to sign up!

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July Mission of the Month: St. Dysmas of South Dakota

Our Mission of the Month for July is St. Dysmas of South Dakota. This ministry shares the love, hope, and forgiveness of Christ with incarcerated individual. Through worship services, Bible studies, mentoring, and compassionate support, St. Dysmas helps bring encouragement and spiritual guidance to those who are often forgotten.

Special offerings designated for Mission of the Month will help support the ongoing work and outreach of St. Dysmas of South Dakota. Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to sharing Christ's love with others.

Stepping Stone Project Day

Join us on **July 26 at 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall** for a special garden stepping stone project! Please sign-up at the Welcome Center if you plan to participate.

Individuals, children, grandparents, and families are all invited to create and decorate a stepping stone that will become part of our church prayer garden and outdoor youth area. This is a wonderful opportunity to add to our prayer garden and outdoor activity areas.

No artistic experience is needed – just come ready to create and enjoy time together. **A meal will be served, and all are welcome!**

Lutheran World Relief - School Kits

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. LWR School Kits contain essential supplies to help children continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. We are collecting School Kits in July & August. Instructions and school bags can be found at the Welcome Center or Memorial Park worship table. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

LCOOR Book Club

For the month of July, the **LCOOR Book Club will meet on Thursday, July 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room.** The book for July is *The Last Bookshop in London* by Madeline Martin.



Calendar & Attendance

Sunday July 5

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Worship at LCOOR with Holy Communion

Monday July 6

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

Tuesday July 7

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study

Wednesday July 8

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:00 p.m. LCOOR Fishing League

Thursday July 9

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday July 10

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

Saturday July 11

5:30 p.m. Worship
6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal

Sunday July 12

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park
10:30 a.m. Worship at LCOOR

Attendance

Sunday, June 14 Livestream: 82
Saturday, June 20: 41
Sunday, June 21 Town: 85
Sunday, June 21 Lake: 124

Sunday, June 21 Livestream: 78
Saturday, June 27: 51
Sunday, June 28 Town: 114
Sunday, June 28 Lake: 131

Church Staff

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CAR QUESTION FOR THE RIDE HOME:

What did the pastor talk about in the sermon?

