



GROUNDED FIRE

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | 8th Sunday after Pentecost | Sunday, August 3, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

Prelude

“Break Thou the Bread of Life” arr. Jordan & Parks

“O Bread of Life from Heaven” arr. Leupold & Cassler

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the tree of life that brings healing for the nations, our nourishment and our care, our connection and salvation. **Amen.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

God’s steadfast love surrounds us now, in earth, air, and fire; in water, flora, and fauna.

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

Let us confess our disconnection, brokenness, and sin as one people. *(Silence for reflection)*

God of love, We confess that we have not treated your creation as something to be valued. You ask us to receive, and yet we extract; you ask us to live in peace, and yet we seek to control. Forgive us in our disconnection from creation, known and unknown to us. Give us hearts to seek the thriving of all. Through your goodness, transform our hubris into humility, and our death into life.

Beloved people of God’s creation: God has declared you “good,” along with the fish of the sea and the sun that warms us.

In the name of Christ, ☩ you are forgiven, washed in the earth’s abundant water, and given new life. Our God calls us out of disconnection to be rooted and grounded in love, caring for one another and for all of creation. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” alternate tune

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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. **God of justice, kindle in us the fire of your hope. Lead us with the flame of clarity, love, and compassion. Fill us with your warmth, that we may go into the world burning with zeal for your gentleness and care. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-7

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, **Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 49:1-12

¹Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
²**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**
³My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
⁴**I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?**
⁷One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;
⁸**for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**
⁹in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.
¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.
¹²**Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-6; 11-12

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."
*The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon

"Grounded in Creation: Fire"

Pastor Overbo

Hymn of the Day

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

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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: *Betsy Spartz- Daughter of Denise Schmahl and Sister of Alissa (Mark) Iverson; Katie Stavig, Dottie Ball, Carter Silvernail- Son-in-law of Ron & Carol Bergan, Bud Webb, Don Scharn, Darline Morrow-Mother of Ann (Gregg) DeSpiegler, Milton Storm- Father of Kevin (Angie) Storm*

Death: *Wayne Meester*

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 needed each week to make budget.

Pledged: \$13,360

Non-Pledged: \$6,734

Offering 7/20-7/26

	<u>Received</u>
Pledged	\$11,410.00
Non-Pledged	\$3,044.25
Mission of the Month	\$282.54

Offertory Response

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Offering Prayer

God of abundance, we give you thanks for the gifts of the earth and the gifts of your people. Knit us together as one in you that we may know connection, joy, and peace with all of creation. **Amen.**

Communion

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

Gracious God, We give you thanks for the abundance of your created world. As we receive your gifts, send us into your creation to echo back your joy and mercy. In the name of Christ, the holy one, we pray. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

May the God who holds creation tenderly bless you, keep you, and fill you with life, in the name of Christ, ✠ who grounds us, loves us, and draws us into joy. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Care for creation.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing” arr. Johnson

Serving

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Organist:** AJ Sherrill;

THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

AUGUST BOOK CLUB

The LCOOR Book Club will meet **Thursday, August 28 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. The book for August is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.



JUNCTION & ROUTE 56 YOUTH GROUP

Junction (1-4 grade) & Route 56 (5-6 grade) will meet **Thursday, Aug. 7 from 6 to 7 p.m.** Join us for a bible verse, games, crafts, snacks and fellowship.



**CHURCH SCHOOL (AGE 3 - GRADE 6)
& CONFIRMATION (7 & 8TH GRADE)**

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!



CHURCH SCHOOL



CONFIRMATION

Scan the QR codes to register your child for church school or confirmation.

**Church School & Confirmation begin on
Sunday, Sept. 7th & Wednesday, Sept. 10th**

NEW 2025-26

CHURCH SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION SCHEDULES

Church School & Confirmation begin on Sunday, Sept. 7 & Wednesday, Sept. 10.

SUNDAY MORNING:

- **Confirmation:** 8:30 to 9:25 a.m.
- **Church School (Begin in Classrooms):** 8:45 a.m.
- **Transition from Classrooms to Sanctuary:** 9:10 a.m.
- **Closing & Music with Praise Band:** 9:10-9:20 a.m.
- **Dismissal/Pick-up (In Sanctuary):** 9:20 a.m.

Parents and children, please join us in the sanctuary for **worship beginning at 9:30 a.m.**

WEDNESDAY MORNING:

- **Community Meal:** 5:00-5:45 p.m.
- **Confirmation:** 5:30-6:25 p.m.
- **Church School (Begin in Classrooms):** 5:45 p.m.
- **Transition from Classrooms to Sanctuary:** 6:10 p.m.
- **Closing & Music with Praise Band:** 6:10-6:20 p.m.
- **Dismissal/Pick-up (In Sanctuary):** 6:20 p.m.

Parents and children, please join us in the sanctuary for **worship beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

Calendar & Attendance

Sunday August 3

9:00 a.m. Worship at LCOOR with Holy Communion

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

Monday August 4

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

5:30 p.m. Mom & Me Bible Study

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday August 5

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

2:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting

Wednesday August 6

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Thursday August 7

9:00 a.m. Quilting

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

6:00-7:00 p.m. Junction & Route 56 Youth Groups

Friday August 8

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday August 9

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday August 10

9:00 a.m. Worship at LCOOR

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park

Attendance

- **Sunday, July 20 Livestream:** 96
- **Saturday, July 26:** 55
- **Sunday, July 27 (Town):** 72
- **Sunday, July 27 (Lake):** 168

Church Staff

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What is one of the things you treasure about your life? Why?

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