



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | 1st Sunday in Lent | Sunday, March 9, 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

"Come and See"

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 Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Psalm

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—
² **you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."**
⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,
¹⁰ **no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**
¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.
¹² **Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
¹⁴ **I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**
¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

Second Reading

Romans 10: 8b-13

^{8b} "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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Gospel Acclamation

"You Are My All in All"

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 8th Chapter.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹ and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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Sermon

"Into the Wilderness"

Pastor Laura Overbo

Hymn of the Day

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

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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

"Here's My Heart"

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Joyce Kraai, Pastor Sam Hatlestad, Jim Wollan,
Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Gregg) DeSpiegler,*

Prayer Song

"Here's My Heart"

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*



Offertory Response

"Create In Me a Clean Heart"

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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

"Your Grace is Enough"

Call to Service and Car Question

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

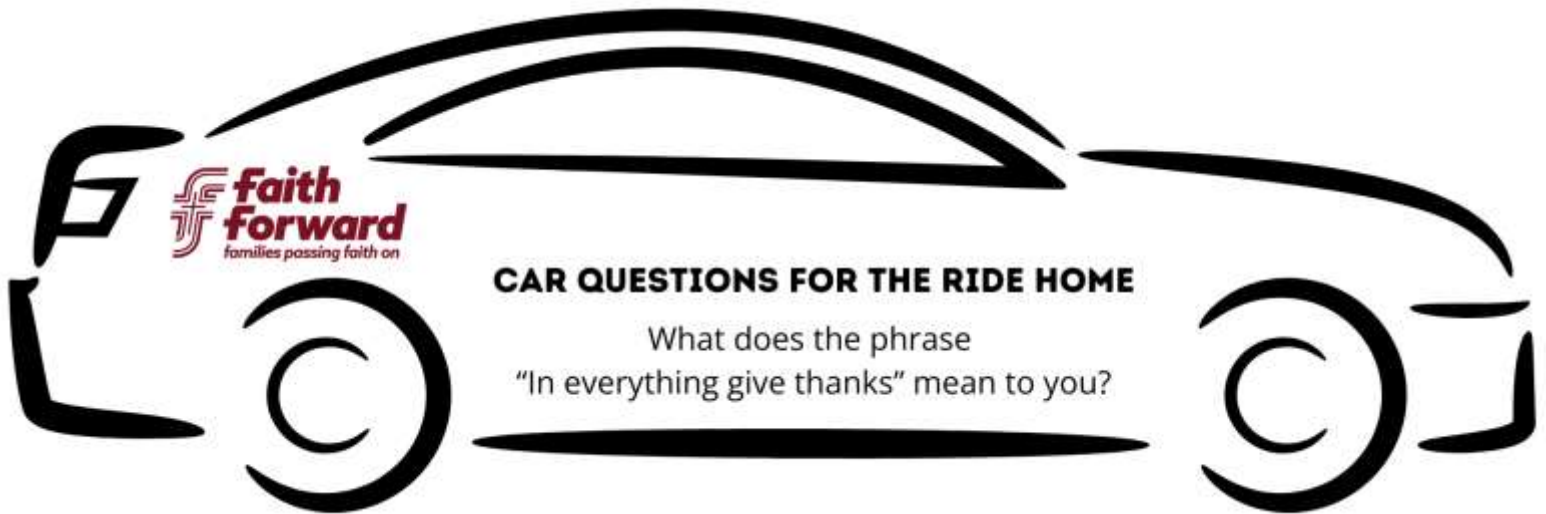
Thanks be to God.

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

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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Laura Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Lector:** Beverly Splinter, **Coffee Servers:** Kevin & Bernie Luoma; **Ushers:** Linda Koch, Kevin Luoma, Curt Friedrichsen, Allen & Julie Rude, Rich, Melanie & Dillon Schroeder; **Welcome Center:** Linda Koch & Pam Luckhurst;



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



THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH

LCOOR Preschool

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



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

We will be selling Rada Cutlery again this year. You will find catalogs/order forms at the Welcome Center.

Please help us raise funds for this WONDERFUL program and THANK YOU for all you do to help us spread God's word and his love to these children.



1ST - 4TH GRADE JUNCTION

MARCH 13

Join us from 6-7:00 p.m. for a bible verse, games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!



1st-4th Grade

5TH & 6TH GRADE ROUTE 56

Join us from 6-7:00 p.m. for a bible verse, games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!



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CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

MARTHA CIRCLE WILL MEET AT 2 P.M. MONDAY, MARCH 17, IN THE GATHERING SPACE

PRISCILLA CIRCLE WILL MEET AT 9:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, IN THE GATHERING SPACE.



Global Health Ministries



We are collecting hospice kits in March.

Instructions can be found at the Welcome Center or in the church office.

9-12 GRADE

Luther League

How can students stay informed about youth related events?

To receive updates, please scan the QR code for your grade to enroll in the "Remind" app for notifications.

March Dates:

March 5: Youth Music Team Practice
March 12: Bible Talk
March 19: Off (Spring Break)
March 26: Service Project

Luther League | 9-12 Grade

Never miss a Luther League gathering by signing up for the REMIND App. Students & parents are encouraged to sign up.



Freshman



Junior



Sophomore



Senior



Timmerman Scholarships

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

Deadline: March 31, 2025

Easter Plants

APRIL

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ORDER DEADLINE

HELP BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARY

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ORDER FORMS AT THE WELCOME CENTER



Calendar: March 9-19

Sunday March 9

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

Monday March 10

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

Tuesday March 11

11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. Quilting Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday March 12

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. Bible Talk (9-12 Grade)
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday March 13

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Junction Youth Group (1-4 Grade)
6:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study

Friday March 14

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

Saturday March 15

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

Sunday March 16

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

Monday March 17

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

Tuesday March 18

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

Wednesday March 19

No Church School or Confirmation (Spring Break)
No Preschool (Spring Break)
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle
6:30 p.m. Worship

Attendance & Offering

February 23 Live Stream- 116
Saturday, March 1- 79
Sunday, March 2- 288
Wednesday, February 26- 110

Offering (2/24-3/2):

General Fund: \$7,713;
Mission of the Month: \$64;
Other: \$20; Church School: \$35.59;
Debt Reduction: \$215; Ash Wednesday: \$20;

Simply Giving Offering (2/24-2/28):

General Fund: \$4,621.45;
Debt Reduction: \$250;
Mission of the Month: \$45;

Staff

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