



## Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday July 30, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

### Welcome and Call to Worship

Today we remember our mission. —————→ **We are making God known through word & deed.**  
We gather together to ask God's blessing; —————→ **Blest be the tie that binds us together.**  
We gather together to lift high our voices; —————→ **Blest be the song that brings life to our spirits.**  
We gather together to praise God's holy name; —————→ **Blest be the God of grace and God of glory! Amen!**

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.**  
**We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,**  
**things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your**  
**Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with  
Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God  
strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

"Gather Us In"

#532 vs. 1, 2, 4

### 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

We have seen your kingdom, O God- the kingdom revealed in your Son.

**It is a kingdom where love is the law, where mercy is multiplied.**

Teach us to desire your kingdom, O God-

**To desire it above all things.**

For, like a treasure hidden in a field...

**Like a pearl of great value...**

So is your kingdom, O God-

**A treasure to be treasured.**

Multiply your mercy, O God.

**Then we will realize the value of what you offer us.**

Guide us in your ways, O God.

**Then we will know that earthly things cannot compare to your treasures.**

Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

Old Testament (Page 238) in Pew Bible

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

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

## Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

New Testament (Page 121) in Pew Bible

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against

God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 New Testament (Page 11) in Pew Bible

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

**Sermon**

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**Hymn of the Day**

“Be Thou My Vision”

#793

**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

Following each prayer... *Leader:* Lord in your mercy; *Congregation:* **Hear our prayer.**

Hospitalized/Ill: *Jessica Fischer, JoLana Ehli, Joyce Berg- Friend of Holly Schimmel,  
Doris Stowe, Don Scharn, Janet Brandsrud,*

## Offering and Announcements

*Text to Give: 605-250-6765 or Scan the QR code located in the pew  
Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month:  
Church on the Street and Pueblo de Dios*



## Offertory Response

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

#186

## Offering Prayer

We have planted us, O God- you have given us life.

**You have transplanted us, O God- grafting your Word into our hearts.**

You have watered and fed us, strengthened and nourished us.

**We are growing, O God. We are bearing fruit.**

Accept our fruit, we pray. 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.**

## Blessing

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

#618

## Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

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## Serving This Morning

**Preaching:** Pastor Overbo; **Piano:** Mary Wika; **Sound & Projection:** Brian Bollinger and Kent Anderson;

**Lector:** Marian Neshiem; **Ushers:** Darren Likness

**JULY 30, 2023**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

**WEEKLY MILESTONES**

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When you have a conflict with someone, are you able to see the situation from the other person's perspective? Explain.
- What makes it difficult to be a fair judge of other people's thoughts and actions?

**DEVOTIONS**

*Read:* 1 Kings 3:5-12.

Humans have proven throughout the ages that they can explain away any thoughts and actions. Our own sense of truth and justice can be hurtful and unfair. We know how we can try to fool ourselves and others. Solomon also knew this, so he prayed to God for "understanding to discern what is right" (1 Kings 3:11b). The Hebrew literally says, "to hear justice." That is, to let Solomon's mind perceive and hear real justice on behalf of others. This is a daring prayer that puts others before his—and our own—interests. Our imperfect sense of justice and truth needs the humility of Solomon to recognize that God's truth stands out from our own. A good example is when the disciples heard the many parables of Jesus. Perhaps the greater wisdom would have been to acknowledge that they really did not understand them (Matthew 13:51). *Discuss:* When have you prayed for wisdom and understanding?

*Pray:* God of justice and truth, give us a humble heart that we may see and judge people with mercy and understanding that dares to love others through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SERVICE**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others humbly and with understanding from their viewpoint?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Jesus told parables to teach people. A parable is a story to explain a moral or spiritual lesson. Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 includes five different parables that Jesus told to the disciples. Each time, he begins by saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like ...". Choose to read one of the five parables and then think or talk about what Jesus is telling you about the kingdom of heaven. *Pray:* Dear God, thank you for Jesus who teaches us about the kingdom of heaven. Help us to take time to learn and to tell others about what Jesus has taught us. Amen.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)



THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SAVE THE DATE**  
 Milestone Ministries **August 7 | 7PM | LCOOR**  
**Team Planning Meeting**  
 Contact Pastor Laura for more information regarding Milestone Ministries.  
**Join Us**

**Altar Flower Sign Up**  
 Opportunity to help beautify our Sanctuary with flowers. Please consider choosing a weekend to provide altar flowers in celebration or memory of a loved one. Sign up is at the Welcome Center.  
 Cost is \$60

**AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH**  
 Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
 Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**  
**We are collecting school kits in July & August.**  
 Instructions & school bags can be found at the Welcome Center or lake worship info table.

**JUNCTION**  
 COFFEE TRAILER  
**DON'T FORGET THE COFFEE**  
 9:00am Memorial Park Worship

**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
**Salvation Army**  
 Boxed Potatoes & Hamburger Helper  
 The Salvation Army needs boxed potatoes and hamburger helper type meals. Please consider picking up a couple extra items while you are out shopping. Thank you.

**COOKIES NEEDED**  
 Sandwich Ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the Welcome Center or church office.  
 You can also bake your own cookies and drop them off at the church. Thank you!

**BAKERS NEEDED**  
 Bakers are needed to make communion bread for worship. The sign-up sheet, recipe and instructions are available at the Welcome Center. For more information, call the church office at 886-2696 or send an e-mail to [megan@lcoorwatertown.org](mailto:megan@lcoorwatertown.org).

**PRAYER SHAWLS**  
 Available to All  
 Crafted by many talented hands here at LCOOR serve as a tangible reminder that a person is being remembered in prayer. Our prayer shawls are available at no charge for anyone to share. They can be picked up at the Welcome Center, or near the church office.

**Ladies Night Out**  
 NOVEMBER 13  
 TICKET SALES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1ST.

July 30-August 6	Attendance & Offering
<p><b>Sunday July 30</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship</p> <p><b>Monday July 31</b> 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery 2:00 p.m. Communion at Maple Place 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon</p> <p><b>Tuesday August 1</b> 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group 11:00 a.m. Text Study 11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery 6:30 p.m. Worship &amp; Music Committee Meeting</p> <p><b>Wednesday August 2</b> 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Day Camp (3rd-6th Grade) 11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels</p> <p><b>Thursday August 3</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School 11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon</p> <p><b>Friday August 4</b> <i>Church Office Closes at Noon</i> 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery</p> <p><b>Saturday August 5</b> 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion 6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal</p> <p><b>Sunday August 6</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Timmerman Scholarship Recognition 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p>July 16 Live Stream- 100 Saturday, July 22- 48 Sunday, July 23- (9:00) 227; (10:30) 111</p> <p><u>Offering (7/23):</u> General Fund: \$8,610.03; Debt Reduction: \$45; Mission of the Month: \$34.06; Other: \$140;</p> <p><u>Simply Giving Offering (7/17-7/21):</u> General Fund: \$11,323.63; Debt Reduction: \$85; Mission of the Month: \$451.29; Other: \$465;</p>
	<b>Serve</b>
	<p>There are many ways to serve your congregation each month including volunteering before, during and after worship services. During the month of June, we had 71 slots to fill including greeters, ushers, lectors, communion assistants and coffee servers. We were able to fill 74.65% (53) of those available slots. Please consider signing up to serve by contacting Twila in the church office or sign up online at <a href="http://lcoorwatertown.org">lcoorwatertown.org</a> --&gt; Serve --&gt; Volunteer at Worship in July and August.</p>
	<b>Staff</b>
	<p><b>Senior Pastor</b> Dan Overbo</p> <p><b>Associate Pastor</b> Laura Overbo</p> <p><b>Welcoming &amp; Caring Ministries</b> Twila Schmitt</p> <p><b>Director of Faith Formation</b> Philip Lickei</p> <p><b>Business Manager</b> Jodi Spilde</p> <p><b>Business Administrative Assistant</b> Megan Thyen</p> <p><b>Preschool</b> Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional</p> <p><b>Custodian</b> Adam Lauseng</p>

## JULY 30, 2023 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Solomon's prayer for justice and understanding.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52</b>	<b>Parables of the kingdom</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 Kings 3:5-12</b>	<b>Solomon's prayer for wisdom</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Romans 8:26-39</b>	<b>God's love in Christ Jesus</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Isaiah 30:18-26</b>	<b>God's promise to Zion</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Amos 5:10-15</b>	<b>Choose good instead of evil</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Luke 6:37-42</b>	<b>Judging others</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 119:129-136</b>	<b>The glories of God's law</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 14:13-21</b>	<b>Jesus feeds the five thousand</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*"Give your servant [Solomon] therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil." 1 Kings 3:9a (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Come Holy Spirit, come Lord Jesus, give us your truth that we may judge with your steadfast love and mercy for all. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for this food we thank you, and for your wisdom, understanding, and mercy we pray to you. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord's face shine on you and teach you God's ways. (Psalm 119:135)

