



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter | Sunday, April 12, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

## 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'.

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Opening Song

"Awake My Soul"

## 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. **Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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)**First Reading**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup> "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' <sup>29</sup> "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' <sup>32</sup> "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

**Psalm**

Psalm 16

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Second Reading**

1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

"Come and See"

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

## **Gospel Reading**

John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

## **Sermon**

"Held Fast"

Pastor Laura Overbo

## **Hymn of the Day**

"We Walk by Faith"

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## **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**Gavin Ray Marquardt**

*Son of Kelsey & Robin Marquardt*

*Sponsors: Katie & Jake Berg, Kyle Marquardt*

### **Profession of Faith**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*(Congregation may be seated.)*

### **Welcome**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.**

## **Prayer Song**

"Holy Spirit"

## Prayers of the Church

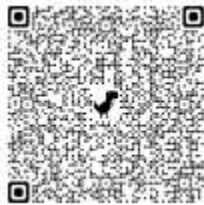
Hospitalized/Ill: *Betsy Spartz- Daughter of Denise Schmahl and Sister of Alissa (Mark) Iverson, Katie Stavig, Bud Webb, Dave Wicks, Earl Lammler, Buck Schaack- Brother of Joyce (Marvin) McGillivray, Tammy Stoltenburg, Liz Ewald- Friend of Lesa Franken, Vince Brueggeman- Father of Karla Christensen, Karla Stimson, Brad Bergh- Son of Margaret Bergh, Robin Faulstich- Sister-in-law of Phyllis Bowersox, Lynn Bromley, Karen Larsen- Sister-in-law of Darlene Bailey, Michelle LeBlanc- Granddaughter of Bev Eggen, Shannon Tesch- Sister-in-law of Joe (Marlys) Tesch*

## Prayer Song

“Holy Spirit”

## 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:*  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin)**



### **Offering Received (March 23 – April 5)**

**Promised: \$28,488.66**

**Non-Promised: \$16,583.00**

**Mission of the Month: \$526.06**

## Offertory Response

“Only By Grace”

## Offering Prayer

You have given us so much more than our lives and our possessions, O God. You have given us a new birth. You have given us a living hope. What can we give in response to such a gift? We give our new lives to you. Alleluia! Christ is risen and so are we. Through the same 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.**

## Announcements and Kathy McHenry Video

## Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace  
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending Song

“Jesus Messiah”

## Call to Service

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Serving

**Preaching:** Pastor Laura Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Lector:** Marian Neshiem; **Greeters:** Grant & Deb Titze;

**Welcome Center:** Deb Ernst, Nancy Rogers; **Ushers:** Kevin Luoma; **Coffee Servers:** Kevin & Bernie Luoma;

# THE WEEKLY WORD

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## April Book Club

The LCOOR Book Club will meet on **Thursday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room.** The book for April is *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.

## Senior Recognition & Teacher Appreciation

High School Senior Recognition and Teacher Appreciation will be held **Sunday, May 3 at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m.** This is also the last day for church school for the school year.

## The Latest Word - Monthly Newsletter

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

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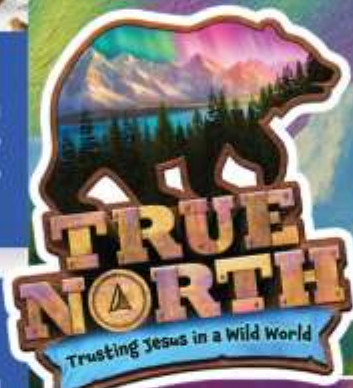
## Volunteer at Worship

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

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# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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PRE-K  
THRU  
4TH GRADE

MAY 26-28, 2026  
5-8PM  
MEALS SERVED

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OUR WEBSITE  
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## Luther League (9-12 Grade)

Luther League is for 9-12 grade students and meets every Wednesday after worship. Join us for a great mix of Bible study, treats, games, service projects, and fellowship as we grow in faith and build lasting friendships. It's a welcoming place to connect, have fun, and deepen your relationship with Christ each week!

## April Mission of the Month: Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin)

Our April Mission of the Month supports Lutheran Campus Ministry, a ministry that walks alongside young adults as they navigate life on college campuses. Campus Ministry creates space for meaningful conversations, supportive relationships, and opportunities to grow in faith. Please consider giving above and beyond your regular offering to support (LuMin) Lutheran Campus Ministry of South Dakota. **Be sure to clearly mark your donation as "Mission of the Month".**

# Calendar & Attendance

## Sunday April 12

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir

## Monday April 13

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

2:00 p.m. Martha Circle Meeting

2:00 p.m. Quilting Bible Study

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

## Tuesday April 14

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

5:15 p.m. Mission & Endowment Committee Meeting

6:00 p.m. Executive Committee

6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

## Wednesday April 15

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch

5:00 p.m. Community Meal (suggested donation \$3/person; \$10/family)

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop

5:45 p.m. Church School

6:30 p.m. Worship

7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

7:15 p.m. Luther League (9-12 Grade)

## Thursday April 16

9:00 a.m. Quilting

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

6:00 p.m. Kathy McHenry with Lutheran Planned Generosity

## Friday April 17

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

9:00 a.m. Quilting

## Saturday April 18

Worship with Holy Communion

## Sunday April 19

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop

8:45 a.m. Church School

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

## Monday April 20

May Newsletter Deadline

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

## Tuesday April 21

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

11:00 a.m. Text Study

## Wednesday April 22

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch

5:00 p.m. Community Meal (suggested donation \$3/person; \$10/family)

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop

5:45 p.m. Church School

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

7:15 p.m. Luther League (9-12 Grade)

## Attendance

**Maundy Thursday, April 2:** 338

**Good Friday, April 3:** 112

**Easter Sunday, April 5: (8:00)** 402; **(9:30)** 712;

## Church Staff

### Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

### Associate Pastor

Laura Overbo

### Director of Faith Formation

Wendy Kruger

### Welcoming & Caring Ministries

Karri Willhite

### Business Manager

Jodi Spilde

### Business Administrative Assistant

Megan Thyen

### Preschool

Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher

Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional

### Sound & Technology

Sam Langner

### Custodian

Roman Gainor



## CAR QUESTION FOR THE RIDE HOME:

What does your faith look like? Paint a word picture.

