



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 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 words and deeds'.

We Approach God

Call to Worship

Today we remember our mission. —————→ **We are making God known through word & deed.**

Come, gather together, disciples, and meet Jesus, —————→ **who comes to us, risen and whole!**

Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the Christ —————→ **who brings to us peace and new life!**

Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the future: **the future calling us to be a resurrection people!**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

We are baptized in water. **The water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's flourishing rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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The water of life! Alleluia!

Opening Song

"You Are My All in All"

You are my strength When I am weak You are the treasure That I seek You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jew'l Lord to give up I'd be a fool You are my all in all

(Chorus) Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin My cross my shame Rising again I bless Your name You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up When I am dry You fill my cup You are my all in all (Chorus x2)

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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. **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Senior Recognition & Teacher Recognition

Children's Church

Special Music

"Just As I Am" arr. Joel Raney

Handbell Choir; Directed by Bev Splinter
Praise & Rejoice Choir; Directed by Tera McDonnell

We Proclaim the Story

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Pete said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm

Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Jesus We Love You”

Old things have passed away Your love has stayed the same
Your constant grace remains the cornerstone Things that we thought were dead
Are breathing in life again You cause your Son to shine on darkest nights
For all that You've done we will pour out our love This will be our anthem song
(Chorus) (Jesus) we love You Oh how we love You You are the one our hearts adore

The hopeless have found their hope The orphans now have a home
All that was lost has found its place in You You lift our weary head
You make us strong instead You took these rags and made us beautiful
For all that You've done we will pour out our love This will be our anthem song (Chorus x2)

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

Sermon

“Ta-Da!!!”

Jack Holmquest

Hymn of the Day

“Beautiful Savior”

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We Confess & Pray for Others

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

“Lord I Need You”

Lord I come I confess Bowing here I find my rest And without You I fall apart

You're the one that guides my heart Lord I need You oh I need You

Ev'ry hour I need You My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Vivian Westgard, Marlowe Ronke, De Ann Fyelling- Niece of Deanna & Dan Hickel,
Tom DeVine- Brother of Michele (Monte) Hopper, Geno Brink- Father of Tammy Rohde,
Evelyn DeVine- Mother of Michele (Monte) Hopper, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of
Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler, Tori Simon*

Death: *Wanda Dahl*

Prayer Song

“Lord I Need You”

Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You My one defense my righteousness

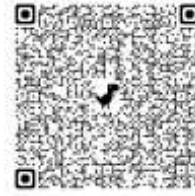
Oh God how I need You My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

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We Offer Ourselves

Offering

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:
Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center



Offertory Response

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me

Offering Prayer

You have sent your Son into our world, O God.

You have sent your Spirit into our hearts.

Accept these gifts,

They are the prayers of your people.

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.

Announcements

We Go Out with Gratitude

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Song

“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

(Chorus) You are the everlasting God The everlasting God You do not faint

You won't grow weary You're the defender of the weak

You comfort those in need You lift us up on wings like eagles (from beginning of song)

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Call to Service

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: Jack Holmquest; **Presiding:** Cathy Zubke; **Worship Team;** **Greeters:** Lois Harrington;

Sound & Projection: Zach Stanton & Roger Whittle; **Lector:** Linda Koch; **Ushers:** Cal Wiesner, Chuck Langner, Allen Rude, Mark & Nancy Reishus; **Coffee Servers:** Doug & Shelly Alvine;

Welcome Center: Pam Luckhurst & Lynn Langner;

*This worship service may be livestreamed on YouTube and the LCOOR Facebook page.

MAY 5, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Give Thanks for Saints

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:

- Tell or think about a memorable time when you have been a guest in someone else's home.
- In what ways do you show God's love when visiting others in their home?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Acts 10:44-48.

While Peter is speaking, he witnesses the work of the Holy Spirit that leads him to baptize Cornelius and his household. Then Peter accepts the hospitality of Cornelius, a Roman soldier (Acts 10:1-2). What would it have been like for Peter to receive food and lodging in the home of a Roman and a Gentile? It was most likely a dramatic change for Peter. It is one thing to be the host and invite someone to receive the hospitality, food, family and faith traditions of your own culture. It is quite another to be open to the cultural life of someone else. It can easily be disorienting. Will you like the food? Will you know or make adjustments to the appropriate manners expected? Will you pick up the right utensil? Will you embarrass your host or yourself? Being a guest is not easy and requires attentiveness, acceptance, and grace. That is what the church is asked to do, to be vulnerable and not in control. That is what Jesus and the Holy Spirit expect of us, too.

Discuss: How does your openness to someone else's hospitality show the love of God to that person?

Pray: **Gracious God, your kindness knows no end. Give us faith to be open to the lives and ways of others that together we may give praise to you through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you be open to the hospitality and cultural traditions of others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Throughout the Bible and the history of the church, singing has been a faithful way of worshiping God and expressing one's faith in God (Psalm 98). Sing or read the words of a favorite hymn. Begin your singing and reading by praying the words of Psalm 98:4: **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Amen.**

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to:

www.milestonesministry.org



THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

BARNYARD BASH

WEDNESDAY
MAY 8, 2024
5-7PM @ LCOOR

To celebrate and say thank you for an amazing church school year, we are going to have bouncy houses, live farm animals, great food and awesome fellowship. All ages are encouraged to join us & friends are always welcome! A free-will offering will be available to help cover the cost of the event.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS

"ALL ABOARD THE ARK"

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW:

PRE-K TO 4TH GRADE
MAY 29 & 30
5-8PM
MEAL SERVED

ROAD DITCH CLEANUP

It's time to clean our two miles of road ditch on Hwy 20!

We are looking for 6 families or groups to volunteer in the month of May.

Questions? Call Pam 553-6784 or Al 553-6791

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

Cereal

As you go grocery shopping, please consider picking up a couple extras to donate. Drop these items off at LCOOR and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

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 & drop them off at the church. Thank you!

MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH

Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center

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

Global Health Ministries

We are collecting newborn kits in May.

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

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.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 30, 2024

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6-9PM

FISHING LEAGUE

Info & Sign-up at the Welcome Center

Summer WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 26 - September 1

Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
5:30 p.m. IN TOWN	9:00 a.m. MEMORIAL PARK	9:30 a.m. IN TOWN

Summer Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 8:30-3:00; Friday 8:30-12

May 5-12

Print too small? Large print bulletins are available at all worship services.

Sunday May 5

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
8:30 a.m. Church School (last class until fall)
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship with Senior Recognition

Monday May 6

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday May 7

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Wednesday May 8

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery
5:00-7:00 p.m. Barnyard Bash with Community Meal (Church School)

Thursday May 9

11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday May 10

Church Office Closes at Noon
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery

Saturday May 11

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday May 12

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Don't forget to join us for Barnyard Bash on Wednesday, May 8 from 5-7pm.

Attendance & Offering

April 21 Live Stream- 96
Saturday, April 27- 566
Sunday, April 28- 683
Wednesday, April 24 - 235
Offering (4/28):
General Fund: \$7,266;
Debt Reduction: \$50;
Giving Wall: \$1,537;
Mission of the Month: \$133.41;
Other: \$150; Church School: \$40;
Simply Giving Offering (4/22-4/26):
General Fund: \$4,742.89;
Debt Reduction: \$105; Other: \$155;
Mission of the Month: \$130;

Staff

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**MAY 5, 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Disciples lovingly accept the hospitality of others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 15:9-17	Love one another
Monday	Acts 10:44-48	Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit
Tuesday	1 John 5:1-6	Faith conquers the world
Wednesday	Romans 12:14-21	Marks of the true Christian
Thursday	Luke 24:44-53	The ascension of Jesus
Friday	Leviticus 19:32-37	Living a holy life
Saturday	Psalms 98	Make a joyful noise
Sunday	John 17:6-19	Christ's prayer for his disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

So he [Peter] ordered them [Cornelius and his household] to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Acts 10:48 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, being a guest in another person's home is not always easy to do. Give us love and courage to graciously accept the hospitality of others for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, you are the host at every meal. Help me to receive your hospitality and to be open to the hospitality of others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's steadfast love and faithfulness give you joy. (Psalm 98:3-4)



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