



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER | FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026, 9:30AM

## 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'.

## Call to Worship

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters.

**I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey ..."**

Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,'

**And they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"**

God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am."

**And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'"**

## Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Together we confess:

**Almighty God, we claim to be free people, but so often we return to the slavery of sin. We turn away from your will to follow our own sinful desires. Instead of listening to your Word we listen to the tempting voices of the world around us. We do not love others as we should. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus our Savior.**

God leads us from slavery into freedom through the gift of his Son. Jesus suffered and died on the cross and rose to life on the third day to set us free from our slavery to sin. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Opening Song

"What a Beautiful Name"

## 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 God, when the time came to set your people free from slavery in Egypt, you spoke to Moses through a burning bush and called him into your service. You proclaimed to him your name, "I Am." When the time came to set us free from our slavery to sin, you took on human flesh in the Person of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is "I Am," the God who saves us and sets us free from. Hear our prayer and accept our praise in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

## Special Music

"The Road to Jerusalem" William Gross

Handbell Choir

Directed by Bev Splinter

## Children's Sermon

(congregation please sing 'Jesus Loves Me' as children gather)

## First Reading

Exodus 3:13-15

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

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

## Psalm 32 (sung)

## Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

## **Gospel Reading**

John 8:48-59

The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

*The gospel of the Lord.*

## **Sermon**

"I Am"

Pastor Dan 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**

"Leaning"

## **Prayers of the Church**

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"Leaning"

## **Offering & Announcements**

*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**



*Altar flowers are given in honor of Burdette & Janet Drake's  
66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from their children & families.*

**Offering Prayer**

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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.**

**Benediction**

God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

**Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

"Jesus Messiah"

**Call to Service**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Serving**

**Preaching:** Pastor Dan Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Lector:** Robbyn Givens;

# THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

## Join the LCOOR Team! Now Hiring Faith Formation Assistant

The Faith Formation Assistant plays an important role in supporting middle school and high school ministries, including weekly faith experiences, service opportunities, confirmation support, and special events throughout the year. This is a part-time position of 15-20 hours per week.

Job description and application are available on our website at [www.lcoorwatertown.org](http://www.lcoorwatertown.org), in the church office, or at the Welcome Center. **Applications must be submitted by Thursday, March 5.**

## February Mission of the Month

LCOOR Preschool nurtures young children through Christ-centered learning while welcoming families into our church community. You are invited to support this ministry through special gifts and our Noisy Can Offering.

## 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 continually seeking volunteers to assist during worship services. We encourage you to sign up!

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## Inspirational Speaker at LCOOR on February 26!

Calling all women, men, and interested teens! We are thrilled to welcome Melanie A. Brown, a dynamic, faith-based keynote speaker, to Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer on **Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 PM for a 90 minute presentation. Tickets are available for \$5 in the church office.**

## New Member Orientation

New Member Orientation will take place on **Sunday, March 1 immediately following 9:30 a.m. worship service.** We will meet in the church office conference room for about an hour to answer any questions, discuss ministries and volunteering opportunities, and take a tour of our beautiful facility. **Contact Karri Willhite in the church office if you are interested in attending.**

## Upcoming Milestones

Looking ahead the **First Communion class for second grade students will be held Sunday, March 8 immediately following the 9:30 a.m. church service.** This is a class for students and parents to attend together. Students will receive their First Communion, Sunday, April 12. The **three-year-old prayer pillow milestone classes will be held Wednesday, March 11 and Sunday, March 15 during church school.**

## We are Collecting LWR Fabric Kits

Sewing is a life-changing skill that empowers men and women around the world to earn a reliable income. Your time and generosity truly make a difference. Thank you for helping us share God's love in such a tangible and practical way. **Fabric Kit Instructions can be picked up at the Welcome Center & in the church office.**

## Timmerman Scholarships

Are you a member of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and a graduate of Watertown High School? If you're entering your first or second year of education or technical training at a South Dakota state-supported institution, you may be eligible for the Timmerman Scholarship! **Each recipient will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to help with educational expenses.** Applications and more information are available: in the church office, at the Welcome Center or online at [lcoorwatertown.org](http://lcoorwatertown.org) under the RESOURCES tab.

**Deadline to Apply: March 31, 2026**

# Calendar & Attendance

## Sunday February 22

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop  
8:45 a.m. Church School  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. LCOOR Mobile Soup Kitchen

## Monday February 23

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

## Tuesday February 24

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sewing Ministry Group  
11:00 a.m. Text Study  
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

## Wednesday February 25

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
5:00 p.m. Community Meal  
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 February 26

10:00 a.m. Book Club  
11:00 a.m. Preschool Chapel  
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon  
6:00 p.m. Melanie Brown - Inspirational Speaker Event

## Friday February 27

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

## Saturday February 28

5:30 p.m. Worship  
**Sunday March 1**  
8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop  
8:45 a.m. Church School  
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

## Monday March 2

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

## Tuesday March 3

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

## Wednesday March 4

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
5:00 p.m. Community Meal  
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)

## 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:

Tell about an experience when you felt forgiven.



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