



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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8th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday July 23, 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.

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

"Like a sower," your Son said, O God. "Like a sower scattering seed." That is what you are, O God.

Cast your Word into our hearts, great Sower of the seed.

"Like a sower scattering seed." So do you scatter your good and gracious Word, O God.

Let it take root. Let it bear fruit.

For the soil of our hearts can be fickle, O God-

Trampled down... filled with stones... choked with weeds.

Enrich the soil of our hearts, O God. Cast away the stones. Uproot the weeds. Till and fertilize our hearts.

Make them receptive to your Word. Let it take root.

For then we will accomplish what you purpose.

Then we will bear much grain- SEED-GRAIN to cast into this darkened world.

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

Isaiah 44:6-8

Old Testament (Page 521) in Pew Bible

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Psalm

Psalm 86:11-17

Old Testament (Page 423) in Pew Bible

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them. But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl. Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

New Testament (Page 120) in Pew Bible

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

New Testament (Page 11) in Pew Bible

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, "An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

Sermon

Notes: _____

Hymn of the Day

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

#623

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Mara Kathern Lukonen

Daughter of Grant and Baylee Lukonen

Sponsors: Medora Krause, Chris and Holly Brown

Scottlyn Ann Morrow

Daughter of Jesse and Brooke Morrow

Sponsors: Nick, Courtney and Carmen Moeller

Prayers of the Church

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

Hospitalized/ill: *Jessica Fischer, Alberta Frerichs, JoLana Ehli, Arlene Nelson- Mother of Caryn Isaacson, Julie Rude, Danny Lambert, Becca Weiss, Marcella Enstad- Mother of Dean (Lori) and Keith (Lynn) Enstad, Joyce Berg- Friend of Holly Schimmel, Doris Stowe, Don Scharn, Janet Brandsrud,*

Baptism: Scottlyn Ann Morrow, Mara Kathern Lukonen

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.

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 are the recipients of your Word, O God.

It has taken root in our hearts. It has grown, by your grace.

Accept what we offer, O God-

The first fruits of the promised harvest.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

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

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

#666

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 Evening

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Piano:** Mary Wika; **Sound & Projection:** Roger Whittle and Pete Juba;

Ushers: Kevin Luoma; **Lector:** Kevin Luoma;

*Flowers on the altar are given by Monte & Michele Hopper
in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary*



God grants to people the
ability to earn that which is His
already: money and wealth.

“Riches and honor come from
you, and you rule over all.
In your hand are power and
might, and it is in your hand to
make great and to give
strength to all”.

1 Chron. 29:12

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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:

- What is something you believe very strongly?
- What makes it hard to listen to someone with different opinions than yours?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

Matthew's Gospel addresses divisions in the church. Who has the right message? Who is being faithful? What actions do not fit the kingdom of God? Matthew's message is clearly a word we need to hear. Today people who claim the Christian faith are much divided over morality and doctrine. Matthew has the strongest note of judgment against false witnesses, but that judgment is tempered. Through the parable of the weeds, it is understood that we are called to be witnesses, not judges. To think we can uproot and expel certain groups of people is dangerous. To believe we have the ability to judge rightly will end up destroying the good and loving work of the church, the body of Christ. We are not the judge. God is the judge. Until Judgment Day comes, we are witnesses to the truth that Jesus teaches and lives. It is enough to point to Jesus and his reign of undeserved kindness and peace.

Discuss: When have you judged others? In what ways can you show undeserved kindness and love to others?

Pray: **Almighty God, give us humility to trust in you more than our own judgments so we may love and serve our neighbor through Christ Jesus, the one who judges the living and the dead. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you help and lovingly serve someone who has been judged unfairly?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships. Who has influenced your life of faith? Make a list of Christian rituals and traditions the person you named has taught you, like prayer, loving service, and scripture reading. Think or talk about how you can teach some of these rituals and traditions to someone else.

Pray: **Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name. Amen.** (Psalm 86:11)

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

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

JULY MISSIONS OF THE MONTH
Church on the Street & Pueblo de Dios
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

LET'S GET SOCIAL
FOLLOW US AT FACEBOOK.COM/LCOOR
FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @1REDEEMER

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.

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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED??
CHAIR YOGA
CONTACT MEGAN IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 886-2696 OR BY EMAIL AT MEGAN@LCOORWATERTOWN.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

July 23-July 30 Attendance & Offering

Sunday July 23
 9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Monday July 24
 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday July 25
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 11:00 a.m. Text Study

Wednesday July 26
 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Thursday July 27
 10:00 a.m. Book Club
 3:00 p.m. Communion at Stoneybrook
 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday July 28
Church Office Closes at Noon
 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday July 29
 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship (Lay Led)

Sunday July 30
 9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

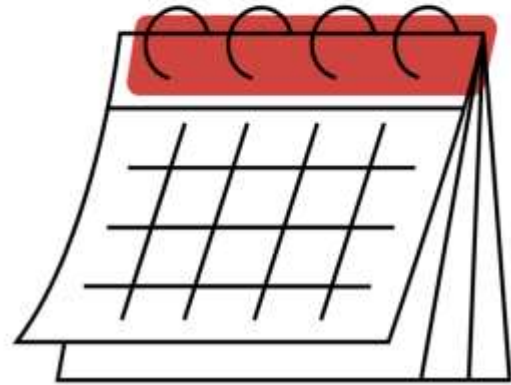
July 9 Live Stream- 76
 Saturday, July 15- 56
 Sunday, July 16- (9:00) 214; (10:30) 71
Offering (7/16):
 General Fund: \$7,171; Debt Reduction: \$165;
 Mission of the Month: \$101.63; Other: \$305;
Simply Giving Offering (7/10-7/14):
 General Fund: \$3,751.38;
 Debt Reduction: \$30;
 Mission of the Month: \$30; Other: \$210;

Serve

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 lcoorwatertown.org --> Serve --> Volunteer at Worship in July and August.

Staff

Senior Pastor
 Dan Overbo
 Associate Pastor
 Laura Overbo
 Welcoming & Caring Ministries
 Twila Schmitt
 Director of Faith Formation
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 Business Manager
 Jodi Spilde
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 Megan Thyen
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 Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher
 Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional
 Custodian
 Adam Lauseng



JULY 23, 2023 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



God is merciful and slow to anger.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Parable of the weeds
Monday	Isaiah 44:6-8	The Lord's promise to Israel
Tuesday	Romans 8:12-25	Future glory for God's people
Wednesday	Hebrews 4:14-16	Jesus the high priest
Thursday	Psalms 103:1-14	The Lord is merciful
Friday	Nehemiah 9:16-25	A merciful God ready to forgive
Saturday	Psalms 86:11-17	Save me, Lord
Sunday	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Parables of the kingdom

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Psalm 86:15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, may your grace and mercy lead me to be humble and care for others through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this gift of food, a sign of your kindness and mercy that we receive through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the mercy and loving kindness of God lead you all the days of your life.

