



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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Season of Advent

Sunday November 19, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship *(please sign & pass the welcome pad down the pew)*

We gather today. —————> **It is time to worship!**

We listen for God. —————> **It is time to hear!**

We receive God's grace. ———> **It is time to be loved!**

We leave in peace. —————> **It is time to serve others!**

As we wait for Jesus' arrival, Emmanuel, God-with-us, is already here in this time and place.

Confession and Forgiveness

People of God, when we think that we have nowhere left to turn, we can always turn to God. Whether we feel frozen or are rushing with no time to rest, whether it feels like life is happening to us too quickly or like our lives will never change, God is with us. For God, there is always time for forgiveness.

We trust God, and we confess our sins together. *(Silence is kept for reflection)* Holy One,

We have not stayed awake. We have missed you when you appeared in our neighbors, in strangers half a world away, in the suffering planet. We have wasted the time and the skills that you gave us and assumed we were powerless to mend the breaches in our world. Sometimes, we even gave up on your mercy, justice, and love. God, is it too late for us? Speak tenderly to our anxious hearts.

Tear open the heavens and heal what we have done. Amen.

People of God, God's judgment is certain and God's forgiveness is lightning fast. Hear this good news: in the name of Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven. Forgiveness gives us the courage we need. Wherever we wait for God's time to come, we will witness wonders. **Amen.**

Opening Song

“Amazing Grace (Broken Vessels)”

All these pieces Broken and scattered In mercy gathered Mended and whole
Empty handed But not forsaken I've been set free I've been set free

(Chorus) Amazing grace How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
Oh I once was lost But now I am found Was blind but now I see Oh I can see You now
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes Laying Yourself down Raising up the broken to life

You take our failure You take our weakness You set Your treasure In jars of clay

So take this heart Lord I'll be Your vessel The world to see Your life in me (Chorus)

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Special Music

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. by Anna Laura Page

Handbell Choir- Directed by: Bev Splinter

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. **Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, “The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.” ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD’s wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Psalm

Psalm 90:1-12

¹Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. ²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born; from age to age you are God. ³You turn us back to the dust and say, “Turn back, O children of earth.” ⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night; ⁵you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass: ⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. ⁷For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath. ⁸Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. ⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. ¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone. ¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation? ¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Children's Church

Gospel Acclamation

"Out of Time"

Out of time Out of space Now we hope for better days

Keeping watch when the waiting wears us down

Drawn out thin Pulled in tight Searching for the break of day

Will we ever find you drawing near

(Chorus) You come to us from just beyond You call to us from out of time

You tear the heavens open wide Shining love across the starlit sky

Time flows fast Make it slow Give more time for all we love Time grows long

Turn our waiting to its end In our years In our days God your goodness is at work

Can it be you might be drawing near (Chorus)

When the earth yearns for peace And the people cry for bread With a hunger that you alone can fill

We will pray We will work We will all prepare the way And in time we find you drawing near (Chorus)

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

Sermon

“Time is Relative”

Pastor Overbo

Hymn of the Day

“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

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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

“Lord Have Mercy”

Jesus I've forgotten The words that You have spoken Promises that burned within my heart
Have now grown dim With a doubting heart I follow The paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief Renew the fire again Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me Lord have mercy Christ have mercy Lord have mercy on me

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Jessica Fischer, Ashlea West, Marlys Tesch, Dave Satter, Byron Johnson, Emersyn Lambert, Nora Hopper, Kevin Stark, Ric Holmquest, Jack Pereira, Judith Glembin, Matt Schlaht- Friend of Rachel & Jesse Hauck, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler,*

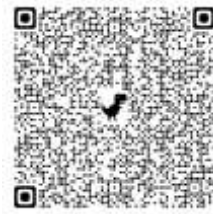
Prayer Song

“Lord Have Mercy”

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy Lord have mercy on me (Repeat)

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Temple Talk- Lutheran World Relief



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: **Fallout Shelter Ministries***

Offertory Response

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Offering Prayer

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

Amen.

Communion Special Music

“Thanksgiving Medley” Arr. by Time Doran & Betty J. Price

Cymbell Beverly Splinter

Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song

“How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice
(Chorus) How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God
And all will see how great How great is our God

And age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the End Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb (Chorus)
Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God (x2) (Chorus)

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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 This Morning

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Sound & Projection:** Kent Anderson, Pete Juba, Max Larson;

Worship Team; **Lector:** Addy Lambert; **Acolyte:** Wyatt Dahl; **Ushers:** Eric Beutler & Cal Wiesner;

Coffee Servers: Verna Olson; **Welcome Center:** Deb Ernst & Nancy Rogers; **Communion Assistants;**

Greeters;

*Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Doris Stowe's 80th Birthday
on November 26 by her family.*

THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Sounds of the Seasons
Community Concert**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023
3:00 & 7:00 P.M.

1st United Methodist Church

This is a free concert. Non-perishable food items and/or free-will donations for the Salvation Army Food Pantry will be received.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS

Bingo

2ND - 12TH GRADE

We are asking for donations of new prizes or cash of a \$5-10 value for our Youth Christmas Bingo. Donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Center.




CHRISTMAS \$20

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POINSETTIAS

ORDER A POINSETTIA IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR TO THE GLORY OF GOD TO BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE.

PARENTS OF 4-6TH GRADERS

WE NEED BLESSING ASSISTANTS & ACOLYTES TO SERVE DURING WORSHIP

4TH GRADE: BLESSING ASSISTANTS
5-6TH GRADE: ACOLYTES

TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP TO SERVE DURING WORSHIP, PLEASE SEE THE "YOUTH WORSHIP SIGN UP" POSTED AT THE INFORMATION CENTER. QUESTIONS? CONTACT PASTOR LAURA




OUT OF TIME

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

NOW AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER

ADVENT TOUR OF NATIVITIES

NOV. 24-27 | 1-5PM | GREAT HALL

DO YOU HAVE A NATIVITY SCENE THAT YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE? PICK UP A REGISTRATION FORM AT THE WELCOME CENTER! SEE THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFO.



NO CHAIR YOGA

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 & 23.



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 & drop them off at the church. Thank you!



LCOOR Preschool ADVENT CALENDARS

Support our Preschool by purchasing a Hershey's and/or Reese's Advent Calendar! **\$10 each.**



Sewing Day

NOVEMBER 28 | 9:30AM

Please bring your sewing machine & white/grey thread. Non-sewers welcome to help iron & assemble kits.



Sunday November 19*Stewardship Moment*

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan

8:30 a.m. Church School

8:30 a.m. 1st Grade Nativity Scene Milestone

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship w/ Holy
Communion

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Cake in honor of

Doris Stowe's 80th Birthday

6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group

Monday November 20*Newsletter Deadline*

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

5:30 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting

6:00 p.m. MS Merge Youth Group

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday November 21

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

2:00 p.m. Communion at Edgewood

Wednesday November 22*No Preschool- Thanksgiving Break**No Programs or Worship- Thanksgiving
Break*

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Thursday November 23*No Preschool- Thanksgiving Break**Church Office Closed*

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday November 24*Church Office Closed*

1:00-5:00 p.m. Advent Tour of Nativities

Saturday November 25

1:00-5:00 p.m. Advent Tour of Nativities

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday November 26*No Church School*

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

1:00-5:00 p.m. Advent Tour of Nativities

IN ALL
things
GIVE
thanks

Attendance & Offering

November 5 Live Stream- 116

Saturday, November 11- 67

Sunday, November 12- 261

Wednesday, November 15- 185

Offering (11/12):

General Fund: \$8,873;

Church School: \$33.80;

Debt Reduction: \$10;

Mission of the Month: \$153.10;

Simply Giving Offering (11/6-11/10):

General Fund: \$6,527.24;

Debt Reduction: \$230; Other: \$549.54;

Mission of the Month: \$54.78;

Staff

Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

Associate Pastor

Laura Overbo

Welcoming & Caring Ministries

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Megan Thyen

Preschool

Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher

Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional

Custodian

Adam Lauseng

NOVEMBER 19, 2023*Jesus calls us to action.***DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

Sunday	Matthew 25:14-30	Parable of the talents
Monday	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Judgment of Judah
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Encourage one another
Wednesday	James 1:19-27	Hearing and doing the word
Thursday	James 2:14-26	Faith without works is dead
Friday	1 John 3:18-24	Love one another
Saturday	Psalms 90:1-12	God is eternal
Sunday	Matthew 25:31-46	The sheep and the goats

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK*"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'"***Matthew 25:23 (NRSV)****CARING CONVERSATIONS**

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

- What are some thoughts, principles, and beliefs that guide your daily life?
- How does the Christian faith help guide you in your daily life?

PRAYERS AND BLESSING**A Prayer for the Week:**

Eternal God, you know our frailty and limitations. Give us faith and courage to act with boldness for the sake of your love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

For this food that nourishes us, for the people that support us, and for your goodness that renews us, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you experience the joy of your God through Christ our Lord.