

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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2nd Sunday in Lent

Sunday February 25, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Today we remember our mission. — \longrightarrow We are making God known through word & deed. Come to this space and time of repentance. \rightarrow We gather as a people of God.

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Come to this time and space of renewal. \rightarrow We gather as a people of Christ.

Come to this space and time of grace. \longrightarrow We gather as a people of Spirit. We live as a people of hope.

Invocation

Walk with us on this journey, O God. Be present today on our paths to the cross even as you were with Jesus. May this journey have meaning for our worship together and for the lives we live daily. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection) Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ. Amen.

Opening Song

"Way Maker"

You are here moving in our midst I worship You I worship You You are here working in this place I worship You I worship You (repeat verse)

(Chorus) You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper

Light in the darkness my God that is who You are (repeat chorus)

You are here touching ev'ry heart I worship You I worship You You are here healing ev'ry heart You are here turning lives around I worship You I worship You

I worship You I worship You

You are here mending ev'ry heart I worship You I worship You (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, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." ¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

Psalm

Psalm 22:23-31

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel. ²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them. ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD. ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever! ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God. ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations. ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD. ³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come. ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be."¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5th Chapter.

Gospel Reading

Mark 5:21-43

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had: and she was no better, but rather grew worse.²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak.²⁸ for she said. "If I but touch his clothes. I will be made well."²⁹ Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?' " ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." ³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Message	"Jesus Heals A Woman and Raises Jairus' Daughter	" Pastor Paul Oman
Special Music	"Lenten Nocturne" arr. Dan R. Edwards	Handbell Choir
		Directed by: Bev Splinter
Hymn of the Day	"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"	#502 vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

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

"Here's My Heart"

Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Speak what is true 'Cause I am found I am Yours I am loved I'm made pure I have life I can breathe I am healed I am free Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Speak what is true CCLI Song # 6517898 Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram | Louie Giglio S. D. G. Publishing; Twelve Lions Music; Worship Together Music; worship together.com songs; Open Hands Music; So Essential Tunes For use solely with the SongSelect² Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 631100

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: Tori Simon, Mark Mandery, Nicole Rislov, Randy Johnson, Tammy Rohde, Teagan Benda, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler, Matt Schlaht-Friend of Rachel & Jesse Hauck,

Deaths: Kevin Pierce, Roy Keiser- Brother of Caryn Isaacson, Joyce Foster

Prayer Song

"Here's My Heart"

Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Speak what is true Here's my life Lord Here's my life Lord Here's my life Lord Speak what is true CCLI Song # 6517898 Chris Tomiin | Jason Ingram | Louie Giglio S. D. G. Publishing; Twelve Lions Music; Worship Together Music; worshiptogether.com songs; Open Hands Music; So Essential Tunes For use solely with the SongSelect² Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 631100

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: Lutherans Outdoors of South Dakota Lenten Offering: LCOOR Preschool



Offertory Response

"Create In Me A Clean Heart"

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Offering Prayer

Heavenly Father, you have given us life. What can we give in return for our lives? We return them to you. Accept these tokens. Accept our lives. 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

Blessing

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and \oplus give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song "Blessed Be Your Name" Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name (Pre-Chorus) Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will sav (Chorus) Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me When the world's all as it should be Blessed be Your name Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name (Pre-Chorus & Chorus) You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name (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

Message: Pastor Paul Oman; Presiding: Pastor Dan & Pastor Laura Overbo; Lector: Wyatt Kretzschmar; Sound & Projection: Zach Stanton; Worship Team; Greeters: Shane, Becky & Lauren Conger; Ushers: Gary Grewing & Darren Likness; Coffee Server: Verna Olson; Welcome Center: Barb Frentz;

Altar Flowers - In honor of Burdette & Janet Drake's Anniversary from their family.

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 HYMN OF THE WEEK

Come, All You People



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:

- Think or tell about a time you or someone you know felt rejected or in despair.
- Do you believe that God can help us overcome pain? Explain.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Psalm 22:23-31 and Mark 8:31-38.

Psalm 22 begins, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me" (v. 1). The psalmist, in verses

23-31, then utters praise with a new understanding of his/her life and identity in the presence of God. Jesus calls us to give up any self-identity that is not grounded in God through Jesus when he says, *"let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me"* (Mark 8:34b). Psalm 22 expresses a similar point. We, ourselves, are not defined by our hurts, suffering, or disappointments, but by God. There is a move from despair to praise after recognizing that God has not left the psalmist (or us) in pain. What defines us is the God who delivers us and frees us through Christ. In Psalm 22, God's power and glory reaches the ends of the earth, even the dead and those unborn (vv. 29-31). Like the psalmist in Psalm 22, Peter in Mark 8:33 experiences rejection, but we know that one day he will join in the praise expressed at the end of this psalm. A life of praise to God and God's ways will change Peter just as it changed the psalmist and just as it changes us.

Discuss: How does God's power lead us from rejection to praise?

Pray: Life-changing God, help us to see your glory at work in the world and to trust that in Jesus Christ your kingdom has come to put an end to all evil and suffering. 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 help someone who is going through a difficult time?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The cross is an ancient symbol of the Christian faith. It reminds us Jesus died that we may live with God forever and is a reminder of a way of life for Jesus' followers. Light two candles of the seven votive candles shaped like a cross being used for Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

Then pray: Dear God, thank you for never giving up on us as we seek to lovingly give of ourselves for the needs of others and for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. 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



February 25 - March 3

Sunday February 25

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry8:30 a.m. Church School9:30 a.m. Blended Worship6:00pm Luther League 2.0 (7-12 grade)

Monday February 26

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery 2:00 p.m. Communion at Maple Place 6:00 p.m. Rt. 56 Youth Group (5-6 Grade) 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday February 27

9:00 a.m. Sewing Ministry Group 11:00 a.m. Text Study 11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday February 28

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 10:00 a.m. Prairie Coteau WELCA Meeting 11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery 4:45 p.m. Community Meal 5:30 p.m. Church School 5:30 p.m. Google Doc Tutorial for Church Council 6:30 p.m. Worship 7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Thursday February 29

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

Friday March 1

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

Saturday March 2

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion 6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal Print too small? Large print bulletins are available at *all* worship services.

Sunday March 3

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
8:30 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship w/ Holy
Communion
2:00 p.m. Prairie Coteau Conference
Assembly in Webster, SD
6:00 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)

Attendance & Offering

February 11 Live Stream- 154 Saturday, February 17 - 65 Sunday, February 18 - 186 Wednesday, February 21 - 201 <u>Offering (2/18):</u> General Fund: \$10,011; Debt Reduction: \$25; Mission of the Month: \$63.81; Lent: \$975; <u>Simply Giving Offering (2/12-2/16):</u> General Fund: \$11,112.69; Debt Reduction: \$110; Other: \$285; Mission of the Month: \$60;

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FEBRUARY 25, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

From despair to praise, God is with us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 8:31-38	Jesus predicts his death
Monday	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Sign of the covenant
Tuesday	Romans 4:13-25	God's promise
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Bringing people to God
Thursday	Psalm 63	Comfort in God's power
Friday	Ezekiel 36:21-28	God will make God's people clean
Saturday	Psalm 22:23-31	Suffering and praise
Sunday	John 2:13-22	Jesus cleanses the temple

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

From you [God] comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. **Psalm 22:25-26a (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Eternal God, we thank you for bringing us into your kingdom that is like no other, a power and rule filled with love and hope through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we give you thanks for this food, a gift of love that gives us strength to praise you for your faithfulness to us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May your life in Christ give you hope.



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