



## Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday July 9, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

### Prelude

Variations on Three Prayer Hymns:

*Sweet Hour of Prayer, What a Friend We Have in Jesus, Did You Think to Pray?*

### 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.**

### Opening Hymn

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

#533 vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5

### 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.**

## Kyrie

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

## Canticle of Praise

*"Glory to God"*

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### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

Old Testament (Page 687) in Pew Bible

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

### Psalm

Psalm 145:8-14

Old Testament (Page 451) in Pew Bible

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

## Gospel Acclamation

*"Alleluia"*

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 New Testament (Page 9) in Pew Bible

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

## **Sermon**

“The ‘Yokes’ On You!”

Cathy Zubke

## **Hymn of the Day**

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

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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.**

## **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;*

Pilgrimage: *Holy Land Pilgrimage Group*

## **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”

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### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Father in the highest heaven, all that we are, all that we have, all that we hope to be are gifts of your grace to us in Jesus Christ. We now give back to you a portion of what we have received. May these gifts and offerings bring glory to your name and extend your renown to every person, nation and tongue. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

### Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

#434 vs. 1, 3 & 5

### 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.

### Postlude

Sing to the Lord! (L. Smith)

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## Serving This Morning

**Preaching:** Cathy Zubke; **Organist:** AJ Sherrill; **Sound & Projection:** Kent Anderson and Sam Langner; **Usher:** Larry and Marlys Lenning; **Lector:** Carol Madsen; **Coffee Servers:** Joan Hohnstadt;



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

**JULY 9, 2023**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

**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:

- When is a time you or someone you know did something you knew was wrong?
- When you feel you are carrying a heavy burden, where or who do you turn to for help?

**DEVOTIONS**

*Read:* Romans 7:15-25a.

Paul has a deep understanding of our brokenness. We are not what we want to be. Although we know what is the right thing to do, we do not do it, at least not consistently. Paul calls this inconsistency sin. We like to think we are in control of our thoughts and actions. However, Paul experiences the power of sin within him that does not submit to God's goodness. He states clearly, "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do" (v. 19). He calls this way of life "wretched" (v. 24). It seems there is no hope for us, but that is exactly why we need Jesus. Only sinners can be saved or "rescued" (v. 24). In the language of Jesus in Matthew 11:28, we are "weary and are carrying heavy burdens." In our brokenness, Jesus brings healing, rescues us from the power of sin, and gives us rest and peace. The response of faith is: "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 7:25a).

*Discuss:* When have you faced brokenness and become aware of God's forgiveness that heals your heavy burdens?

*Pray:* Gracious God, we thank you that your mercy endures forever, and your power over sin and death rules in our lives through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**SERVICE**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others when they are tired and weary?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

A yoke is a wooden piece that joins two animals together, usually oxen, to help pull a plow. The work becomes easier with two pulling. In Matthew 11:29, Jesus says, "take my yoke upon you, and learn from me." There are days when we feel like we are carrying heavy burdens without support from someone else. Jesus reminds us that we are not alone. Think or talk about what it means to be connected with one another through Jesus and how it helps us to "bear one another's burdens."

*Pray:* Lord Jesus, help us to share your love with one another and be yoked to you so that our burdens are lifted. Amen.

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://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**

**JUNCTION**  
 COFFEE TRAILER  
**DON'T FORGET THE COFFEE**  
 9:00am Memorial Park Worship

**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!**

**Salvation Army**  
 Boxed Cereal and Granola Bars  
 The Salvation Army needs boxed cereal and granola bars. Please consider picking up a couple extra items while you are out shopping to help feed our neighbors who are in need.

**New Baby?**  
 We have a special gift for each new little blessing, and we don't want to miss anyone! Please give us a phone call to the church office (605-886-2696) or an email to Twila (Welcoming & Caring Ministries Coordinator) at [twila@lcoorwatertown.org](mailto:twila@lcoorwatertown.org).

**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](mailto:megan@lcoorwatertown.org).

**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!

**ADVENTURE DAYS!**  
 Registration forms for the Adventure Days are available online on our website ([lcoorwatertown.org](http://lcoorwatertown.org)).  
 3rd & 4th Grade August 1 9am-3pm  
 5th & 6th Grade August 2 9am-3pm  
 4 yr olds-2nd Grade August 3 9am-1pm

**ARE YOU INTERESTED??**  
**CHAIR YOGA**  
 CONTACT MEGAN IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 886-2696 OR BY EMAIL AT [MEGAN@LCOORWATERTOWN.ORG](mailto:MEGAN@LCOORWATERTOWN.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**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.

July 9-July 16

Attendance & Offering

**Sunday July 9**

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

**Monday July 10**

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

**Tuesday July 11**

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Text Study

**Wednesday July 12**

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
6:00 p.m. Fishing League

**Thursday July 13**

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

**Friday July 14**

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

**Saturday July 15**

*Stewardship Moment*  
5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship (Lay Led)

**Sunday July 16**

*Stewardship Moment*  
9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park w/ Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion



June 25 Live Stream- 64  
Saturday, July 1- 62  
Sunday, July 2- (9:00) 262; (10:30) 53

Offering (7/2):  
General Fund: \$7,422; Other: \$210;  
Mission of the Month: \$70.07;  
Debt Reduction: \$135;  
Simply Giving Offering (6/26-6/30):  
General Fund: \$4,603.76; Debt Reduction: \$80;  
Mission of the Month: \$30; Other: \$295;

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](http://lcoorwatertown.org) --> Serve --> Volunteer at Worship in July and August.

Staff

**Senior Pastor**  
Dan Overbo  
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**Custodian**  
Adam Lauseng

**JULY 9, 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



*God rescues sinners.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30</b>	<b>Rest for the weary</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Zechariah 9:9-12</b>	<b>The coming ruler</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Romans 7:15-25a</b>	<b>The conflict in us</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Luke 12:22-31</b>	<b>God knows your needs</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Psalms 34:1-10</b>	<b>Honor the Lord</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Judges 10:10-16</b>	<b>Israel is unfaithful again</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 145:8-14</b>	<b>The Lord is kind and merciful</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</b>	<b>Parable of the sower</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”* **Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Merciful God, we thank you for your care that rescues us when we are weary and carry heavy burdens. In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord we pray. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, we thank you for your humble heart that gives rest for our souls and strengthens us with this gift of food. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May you trust in the care of Jesus Christ that rescues you from all your burdens.



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