

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

Jesus says, "Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come."
Lord, open our eyes to your presence among us.
Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors and the places where you are calling us to serve.
Lord, open our hearts to your love and grace.
The world may distract us, worry us, or cause us to lose sight of what matters.
Keep us awake and attentive to your Spirit.
Christ calls us to watch, to listen, and to be ready.
We come ready to worship, ready to listen, and ready to follow.
People of God, open your eyes. The Lord is here.
We open our eyes and our hearts to worship the living God! LET US WORSHIP GOD!

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who calls out to the weary, whose word endures forever.
Amen.
A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord!" We are called to confess our sin and turn back toward God's love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Comforting God, **we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name.**
We are your people, but we have not remembered your ways. We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us.
We are your people, but now we fade like a leaf, and our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people.
Cleanse us from our sin, and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.
"Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God, who has clothed you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. In the name of ☩ Christ, your sins are forgiven: Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice in the Lord!
Amen. Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #257 vs. 1-4

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. **Gracious and watchful God, open our eyes to see your presence among us. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, to the opportunities you place before us, and to the ways you are already at work in our world. Keep us awake and attentive to your Word, your Spirit, and your call to follow Jesus. When we become distracted or discouraged, turn our hearts back toward you. Give us faith to watch, courage to serve, and hope to trust your promises; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— 2 as when fire
kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might
tremble at your presence! 3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your
presence. 4 From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who
wait for him. 5 You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed. 6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a
filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one who calls on your name or
attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. 8 Yet,
O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9 Do not be exceedingly
angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.
Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**
3 Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
4 **O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**
5 You have fed them with the | bread of tears; you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
17 **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.**
18 And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.
19 **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the
grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of
every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait
for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our
Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:] 24 "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

Sermon

"Open Your Eyes" Pastor Dan Overbo

Hymn of the Day

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" #436

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

Hospitalized/Ill: ***Bernie*** *Luoma,* ***Mary*** *Wika,* ***Sophie*** *Holida,* ***Karla*** *Stimson,* ***Larry*** *Haaland- Friend of the Congregation,* ***Michelle*** *LeBlanc- Granddaughter of Bev Eggen,* ***Terry*** *Kallenberger- Father of Christy Kallenberger,* ***Chad*** *Jutting- Brother of Todd (Lesli) Jutting and Joy (Todd) Freimark*

Death: ***Jean*** *Schmitt,* ***Jordan*** *Foster- Grandson of Marvin & Joyce McGillivary, Nephew of McGillivary & Foster Families*

Offering

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:

Brothers and Sisters Behind Bars & St. Francis House

Offering: November 15-21

Promised $15,736.00

Non-Promised $8,103.00

Mission of the Month $249.24

Offertory Response "Create In Me a Clean Heart" #186

Offering Prayer

Gracious God, open our eyes to the blessings you have placed in our lives and to the needs of people around us. Receive these gifts we bring today and use them to open doors of hope, extend your love, care for those in need, and share the good news of Jesus Christ. Help us not only to give from what we have, but to see where you are calling us to serve. Keep us awake, attentive, and generous as we join in your work in the world. **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 Hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #884

Sending Hymn "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" #244

Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please greet one another with a word of peace as well as your name.

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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Dan Overbo; **Presiding:** Cathy Zubke; **Piano:** Marsha Kurtenbach; **Greeters:** Lee & Jane Hurlbert; **Lector:** Marian Neshiem; **Coffee Servers:** Doug & Nancy Linneman;

Salvation Army Angel Tree tags are here! If you would like to help make Christmas a little brighter for a child or family in our community, please stop by and choose a tag from the Angel Tree. Thank you for your generosity and for sharing the joy of Christmas with others! Gifts are due back on December 4, 2026.



THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Sponsor Seasonal Decorations & Lighting

In lieu of Christmas plants this year, we invite you to help make our Christmas Eve worship services shine with beauty and light!

You are invited to sponsor seasonal decorations and lighting in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone special, or to the Glory of God. **Each sponsorship is $20, and all dedications will be recognized in our Christmas Eve bulletin.**

To participate, simply complete a sponsorship form and submit your payment at the Welcome Center, or contact the church office **by Sunday, December 13.**

May your gift help create a beautiful and welcoming space as we gather to celebrate the joy, hope, and wonder of Christ's birth!

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

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SUPPORT OUR PRESCHOOL - Advent Calendar Fundraiser

In November, the **Preschool will be selling Advent Calendars for a fundraiser.** We will have them available in the classroom, in the church office, at the Welcome Center, and we will also have some for sale at the Nativity Tour!! **They are $10 each.**



Advent Tour of Nativities

Join us for our Advent Tour of Nativities from **November 27–30, 1–5 p.m. each day!** We invite you to share your Nativity set with the community during this special (and free) event. Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center.

We're also looking for baked goods for our bake sale during the Tour of Nativities! If you'd like to contribute, please sign up on our website at: www.lcoorwatertown.org/serve.

Missions of the Month: Brothers and Sisters Behind Bars & St. Francis House

This November, LCOOR's Mission of the Month will support **Brothers and Sisters Behind Bars** and **St. Francis House,** two ministries that offer hope, support, and new beginnings to those facing challenging life circumstances. Thank you for sharing your blessings and helping LCOOR make God known through Word & Deed!

Christmas Bingo & Prizes Needed

All ages are invited to join us on **Sunday, December 6 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** for our Christmas Bingo! Gather your family and friends for an evening of fun and fellowship. Whether you're hoping to win a prize or simply enjoy an evening together, everyone is welcome!

Help us make the evening fun for everyone by donating prizes for children, families, and older individuals (e.g., gift cards, toys, lotion, candles, puzzles, games, candy, craft kits, etc.) **Prizes don't need to be extravagant or expensive. We do ask that the items are new.** Donations can be dropped off in the church office through Wednesday, December 2.

We're also looking for volunteers to bring baked goods to share during the evening. Whether it's cookies, bars, brownies, or another favorite treat, we'd appreciate your help! **Please sign up on our website at www.lcoorwatertown.org under the 'serve' tab.**

Calendar & Attendance



Sunday November 29
No Church School (Thanksgiving Break)
9:30 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Mobile Soup Kitchen
1:00-5:00 p.m. Advent Tour of Nativities
2:00 p.m. Grief Share
Monday November 30
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
1:00-5:00 p.m. Advent Tour of Nativities
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon
Tuesday December 1
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
Wednesday December 2
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
5:45 p.m. Church School (Christmas Program Practice)
6:20 p.m. 9-12 Grade Service Project at Rachel's Hope
6:30 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
Thursday December 3
9:00 a.m. Quilting
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dan
Friday December 4
Church Office Closes at Noon
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
Saturday December 5
5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal
Sunday December 6
8:45 a.m. Church School (Christmas Program Practice)
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion & 1st Grade Milestone Recognition
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting
2:00 p.m. Grief Share
6:00-7:30 p.m. Christmas Bingo

Monday December 7
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon
Tuesday December 8
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m. Quilting Bible Study
Wednesday December 9
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Circle Bible Study
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
3:45-5:00 p.m. Route 56
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
5:45 p.m. Church School (Christmas Program Practice)
6:30 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion & 1st Grade Milestone Recognition
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Luther League

Attendance

Sunday, November 15 Livestream: 135
Wednesday, November 18: 267
Saturday, November 21: 66
Sunday, November 22: 256

Church Staff

Senior Pastor
Dan Overbo
Associate Pastor
Laura Overbo
Director of Faith Formation
Wendy Kruger
Faith Formation Assistant
Mallory Kohl
Welcoming & Caring Ministries
Karri Willhite
Business Manager
Jodi Spilde
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Megan Thyen
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Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher
Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional
Sound & Technology
Sam Langner
Custodian
Christina Riley



CAR QUESTION FOR THE RIDE HOME:
What is one thing you are trusting God with right now?

faith forward
families passing faith on

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