

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER | SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT | SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026, 9:30AM

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

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. **Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.**

The bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. **I am the living bread from heaven.**

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. **And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”**

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Together we confess:

Almighty God, instead of nourishing our faith through listening to your Word, we often try to satisfy ourselves with the temptations offered by the world around us. We turn from your ways to follow our own sinful desires. We try to fill our lives with things that can never truly satisfy us. Have mercy on us and forgive us.

God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. He is the Bread of life, and in him we have eternal life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord!

Opening Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

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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.**

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Almighty God, you ask in your Word, "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?" When we try to satisfy ourselves with the things of this world, with possessions or popularity or power, fill us instead with the wisdom of your Word. Lead us by your Spirit to find our satisfaction and nourishment in Jesus our Savior, who is our Bread of life, both now and for eternity. Hear our prayer in his name. Amen.**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-3

The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

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

Psalm 121 (sung)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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Children's Church

Gospel Acclamation

"Return to the Lord"

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th Chapter.

Gospel Reading

John 6:32-40

Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

The gospel of the Lord.

Sermon

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Pastor Laura Overbo

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.

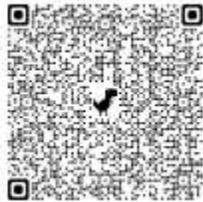
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Betsy Spartz- Daughter of Denise Schmahl and Sister of Alissa (Mark) Iverson, Katie Stavig, Bud Webb, Dave Wicks, Earl Lammler, Buck Schaack- Brother of Joyce (Marvin) McGillivray, Tammy Stoltenburg, Liz Ewald- Friend of Lesa Franken, Vince Brueggeman- Father of Karla Christensen, Karla Stimson, Brad Bergh- Son of Margaret Bergh, Robin Faulstich- Sister-in-law of Phyllis Bowersox, Lynn Bromley, Karen Larsen- Sister-in-law of Darlene Bailey, Lucy & Jesse Dunn- Great Grandchildren of Annette Gugel, Amy Pederson- Sister of Karla (Roger) Stimson and Brenda (Rick) Rorvick, and Aunt of Troy (Dana) Stimson*

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:
Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center & Fallout Shelter Ministries*

**Offering Received (February 16-22)**

Promised: \$15,997.50

Non-Promised: \$4,087.00

Mission of the Month: \$272.77

Lent: \$200.00

Offertory Response 

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving 

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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.

Communion Hymn

“Lamb of God”

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Post Communion Prayer

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven,

But my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life;

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

Announcements

Sending Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Serving

Preaching: Pastor Laura Overbo; **Organist:** Kristy Tostenson; **Ushers:** Al & Pam Raeder, Russ & Joan Porath; **Lector:** Deanna Hickel; **Communion Assistants:** Deanna Hickel;

THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Join the LCOOR Team! Now Hiring Faith Formation Assistant

The Faith Formation Assistant plays an important role in supporting middle school and high school ministries, including weekly faith experiences, service opportunities, confirmation support, and special events throughout the year. This is a part-time position of 15-20 hours per week.

Job description and application are available on our website at www.lcoorwatertown.org, in the church office, or at the Welcome Center. **Applications must be submitted by Thursday, March 5.**

March LCOOR Book Club

The LCOOR Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. The book for March is *Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See.



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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Upcoming Milestones

Looking ahead the **First Communion class for second grade students will be held Sunday, March 8 immediately following the 9:30 a.m. church service.** This is a class for students and parents to attend together. Students will receive their First Communion, **Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.** The **three-year-old prayer pillow milestone classes will be held Wednesday, March 11 and Sunday, March 15 during church school.**

Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota

Who gets what? Is there such a thing as a harmful inheritance? A personalized generosity plan includes decisions about which assets go where. Making wise choices that reduce or eliminate unnecessary taxes is a gift to your family and the ministries you care about. Lutheran Planned Generosity provides free assistance with those choices - visit our website at www.lpgsd.org or call (605) 274-5030 today for ideas and information.

Spring Plants for Easter

Help beautify our sanctuary by purchasing a spring plant in memory or honor of a loved one or to the Glory of God. **Cost of each plant is \$20.** Complete an order form (found at the Welcome Center or Church Office). **Order deadline - March 22.**

Fundraiser for LCOOR Preschool

For the whole month of March, we will have a **"Giving Wall"** by the Welcome Center to support our Preschool. We will also have **Rada Cutlery catalogs and order forms at the Welcome Center.** Please help us raise funds for this wonderful program and thank you for all you do to help us spread God's word.

Junction Youth Group (1-4 Grade)



Junction, a youth group for **1st-4th grade**, will be meeting on **Thursday, March 5, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** We'd love to have your child join us for an evening filled with fun and faith.

We'll share a Bible verse together, play games, make a simple craft, and enjoy snacks and fellowship. It's a great chance for kids to build friendships and grow in their faith in a relaxed, welcoming environment. Friends are always invited to join!

Calendar & Attendance

Sunday March 1

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Monday March 2

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

Tuesday March 3

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday March 4

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
5:00 p.m. Community Meal (suggested donation is \$3/person; \$10/family)
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
5:45 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Worship (3 Year Old's - 4th Grade Students Sing)
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Luther League (9-12 Grade)

Thursday March 5

9:00 a.m. Quilting
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00-7:00 p.m. Junction Youth Group (1-4 Grade)

Friday March 6

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

Saturday March 7

5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal

Sunday March 8

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
8:45 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. First Communion Class (2nd Grade)
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Monday March 9

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

Tuesday March 10

11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m. Quilting Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee
6:30 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday March 11

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
2:00 p.m. Watertown Parkinson's Support Group
5:00 p.m. Community Meal (suggested donation is \$3/person; \$10/family)
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
5:45 p.m. Church School with 3 Year Old Milestone
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Attendance

Sunday, February 15 YouTube: 138

Wednesday, February 18: N/A (due to weather)

Saturday, February 21: 62

Sunday, February 22: 231

Church Staff

Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

Associate Pastor

Laura Overbo

Director of Faith Formation

Wendy Kruger

Welcoming & Caring Ministries

Karri Willhite

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Jodi Spilde

Business Administrative Assistant

Megan Thyen

Preschool

Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher

Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional

Sound & Technology

Sam Langner

Custodian

Roman Gainor



CAR QUESTION FOR THE RIDE HOME:

What is your earliest memory of faith, either at church or at home? What does it mean to you?

