



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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15th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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. *(Time of silence for reflection)*

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 Song

“By His Wounds”

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

You bid us be community, O merciful Lord-

A community commissioned by Jesus Christ, a community bound together with love as our bond.

Guide us to be responsible for one another-

Even as you have taken responsibility for us.

Make forgiveness the hallmark of our community-

For you are the Father of forgiveness.

Build us up, together, in the true faith-

For faith will grow with mutual encouragement.

And remind us that we are not alone when we gather in Jesus' name,

For he is with us, even here, even now.

Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now,

and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Old Testament (Page 622) in Pew Bible

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

Psalm

Psalm 119:33-40

Old Testament (Page 440) in Pew Bible

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain. Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways. Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you. Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good. See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Old Testament (Page 124) in Pew Bible

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

New Testament (Page 15) in Pew Bible

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Overbo

Hymn of the Day

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

#836

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Micah Allen & Levi Matthew Tschakert

Sons of Tiffany Tschakert

Sponsors: *Allison Bauer, Jillian Bauer, Shawn & Katrina Boyum*

Prayer Song

“Seize My Heart”

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: *Jessica Fischer, Rod Knight, Ashlea West, Alberta Frerichs, Marty VanHeel,*

Baptism: *Micah Allen Tschakert & Levi Matthew Tschakert*

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:

St. Dysmas



Offertory Response

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

#185

Offering Prayer

Heavenly Father, you have gathered your people together,

From different families... from separate races,

To be one family-

With you our Father, with Christ our brother.

Increase the gift here offered,

Even as you increase your family.

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.

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 Song

“This is Amazing Grace”

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; **Worship Team;** **Sound & Projection:** Roger Whittle, Pete Juba; **Ushers:** Kevin

Luoma, Hugh Bartels, Mark & Dawn Mandery, Janet Even; **Lector:** Marian Nesheim; **Coffee Servers:** Kevin &

Bernie Luoma; **Greeters:** Byron & Angela Johnson; **Welcome Center:** Pam Luckhurst, Darlene Bailey;

*Flowers on the altar are given by Marllys & Larry Lenning in celebration
of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.*

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Beloved, God's Chosen



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:

- What news have you seen or heard recently where laws have been broken?
• Jesus said, "love your neighbor as yourself." What makes it hard to love others as you love yourself?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Romans 13:8-14.

The law of God was—and is—intended as a gift from God that we may live in peace with one another. The commandments are plain and simple: we should not commit adultery, murder, steal, or covet what others have.

Discuss: What do you think it means to show mercy through the love and care of others?

Pray: Loving God, we thank you for the gift of your law and for freeing us to love others as you have loved us through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you care for the daily needs of others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Bible studies, Sunday school, and youth groups are wonderful opportunities to gather to read the Bible, have caring conversations, and learn together. Think or talk about where and how you learn God's word. Psalm 119 is a lovely text that promotes learning God's will and word.

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

SEPTEMBER CIRCLES & BIBLE STUDY
Martha Circle will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, in the Gathering Space.
Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, in the Gathering Space

Ladies Night Out
NOVEMBER 13
TICKETS ON SALE NOW! AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER OR CHURCH OFFICE.

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!

ROAD DITCH CLEAN UP
See the September Newsletter or stop by the Welcome Center for more information.
Additional Questions? Contact Al Raeder 553-6791 or Pam Raeder 553-6784

Altar Flower Sign Up
Opportunity to help beautify our Sanctuary with flowers. Please consider choosing a weekend to provide altar flowers in celebration or memory of a loved one. Sign up is at the Welcome Center.
Cost is \$60

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.

CRAFT NIGHT
Birch Painting
Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 6:30pm \$15
SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER

Let's CELEBRATE with our sister Congregation!
Sunday, September 17
10:30am Worship Service @ Grace meal to follow
\$5 in advance; \$6 at the door; Children 3 & under Free
RSVP to Kat Anderson 605-886-5737
LCOOR will have a shortened 9:30am worship so everyone can join Grace in celebration!

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH
St. Dysmas
Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!

"God's Work. Our Hands"
We are collecting items for "Hospice Kits" for Global Health Ministries and helping to replenish the "Undercover Closet" at Church on the Street in Sioux Falls. Watch for drop off bins in the gathering space during September & October.
SEE THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFO

September 10-17

Attendance & Offering

Sunday September 10

8:30 a.m. Grandparents' Day Milestone
 8:30 a.m. Back to School Student Blessings
 8:30 a.m. Church School
 8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Monday September 11

8:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
 2:00 p.m. Martha Circle
 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday September 12

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

Wednesday September 13

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
 9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle
 12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
 4:45 p.m. Community Meal
 5:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
 5:30 p.m. Blessing Assistant- 4th Grade
 5:30 p.m. Church School
 6:30 p.m. Worship
 7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
 7:15 p.m. Handbell & Choir Combined Rehearsal
 7:15 p.m. HS Hang-out in Youth Room

Thursday September 14

1:00-1:30 p.m. Chair Yoga
 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday September 15

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

Saturday September 16

Stewardship Moment
 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion

Sunday September 17

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
 8:30 a.m. 4th Grade Blessing Assistant
 8:30 a.m. Church School
 8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship w/ Holy Communion
 10:30 a.m. Grace Lutheran Church 140th Celebration Worship

August 27 Live Stream- 32
 Saturday, September 2- 90
 Sunday, September 3- (9:00) 174; (10:30) 53
 Wednesday, September 6- 141

Offering (9/3):

General Fund: \$11,583; Other: \$438;
 Debt Reduction: \$105;
 Mission of the Month: \$45.23;

Simply Giving Offering (8/28-9/1):

General Fund: \$9,121.68;
 Debt Reduction: \$33; Other: \$357;
 Mission of the Month: \$80;

Staff

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

Love your neighbor as yourself.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation
Monday	Ezekiel 33:7-11	God's judgment seeks repentance
Tuesday	Romans 13:8-14	Love for one another
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4:5-14	Israel is favored by God
Thursday	Galatians 5:13-15	Christ gives freedom
Friday	Leviticus 19:9-18	Living a holy life
Saturday	Psalms 119:33-40	A prayer for understanding
Sunday	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Romans 13:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of goodness and mercy, give us hearts to love and to care for others as you care for us through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with this gift of food strengthen us to delight in your law of love for the sake of all you have created through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you long for the ways of God that teach love and mercy through Jesus Christ.



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