



LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU...

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | *5th Sunday of Easter* | Sunday, May 18, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

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 words and deeds'.

Call to Worship

Loving God, place me in a circle of joy,

Where laughter bubbles like a flowing stream

And gladness dances like wind in the trees.

Place me in a community of joy,

Where children laugh and tears are kissed away

And the vitality is still in everyone's faith.

Place me in a church of joy,

Where God's surprises are expected and cherished

And people know how to sing praise, even in the midst of worry and difficulty.

Let the joy be sung!

Confession and Forgiveness

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

Opening Song

"Your Grace is Enough"

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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Psalm

Psalm 148

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² **young men and maidens, old and young together.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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Gospel Acclamation

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

Children's Church

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

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Song of the Day

"Hosanna"

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"

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *JoLana Ehli, Katie Stavig, Jen Harms, Dottie Ball, Michelle Buchheit- Friend of Robbyn Givens, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Gregg) DeSpiegler*

Prayer Song

"Here's My Heart"

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:
Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin)



Offering needed each week to make budget.	
Pledged: \$13,360	
Non-Pledged: \$6,734	
<u>Offering 5/4-5/10</u>	
	<u>Received</u>
Pledged	\$12,245.00
Non-Pledged	\$4,120.00
Mission of the Month	\$116.11

Offertory Response

"Create in Me"

Offering Prayer

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

Announcements

Altar Flowers are in Honor of Doug & Shelly Alvine's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Jesus Messiah"

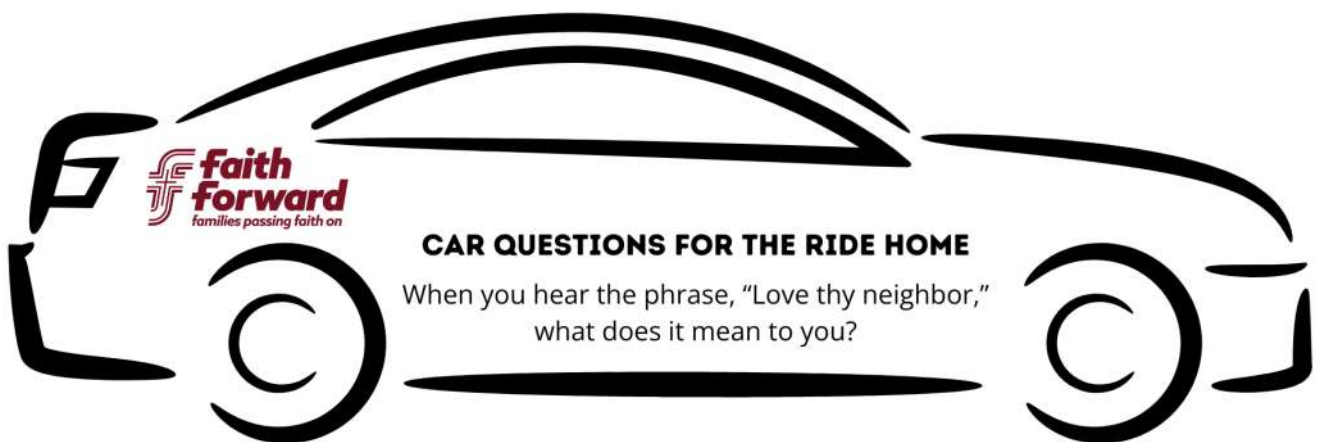
Call to Service and Car Question

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Dan Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Lector:** Ryan Nuttall; **Greeters:** Larry & Joyce Horstmeyer;
Ushers: Eric Beutler, Dean & Lori Enstad; **Coffee Servers:** Verna Olson; **Welcome Center:** Nancy Rogers, Deb Ernst;
Communion Assistants: Amanda Kienow, Steven Ays, Ryan & Jenni Nuttall, Clea Urevig, Doug & Shelly Alvine;



*Copies of Taking Faith Home are available in the Gathering Space.



THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

BIKER BLESSING MAY 18

Bring your motorcycles, bicycles or any other kind of 'wheels' to the south parking lot of LCOOR on Sunday, May 18 at 10:45 a.m. (following 9:30 a.m. worship) for a biker blessing!



NEW SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday, May 25 the worship times are as follows:

- Saturdays at LCOOR at 5:30 p.m.
- Sundays at Memorial Park at 9:00 a.m.
- Sundays at LCOOR at 9:00 a.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"WOMAN AT THE WELL - LIVING WATER"

VBS

MAY 28-29 | 5-8PM | MEALS SERVED
PRE-K TO 4TH GRADE

REGISTER ON
OUR WEBSITE OR
SCAN THE QR
CODE BELOW:



Luther League Youth Project Teen Hygiene Kits for Church on the Street



Luther League, our high school youth group, is gathering items for teen hygiene kits. Our teens will assemble these kits, which will then be delivered to Church on the Street in Sioux Falls. Donations can be left at the designated table near the Welcome Center. **The following items are needed:** deodorant (50 for girls; 50 for boys), 100 packs of gum, shaving cream (50 for boys; they can be travel size), 100 galloon Ziploc bags.

May Mission of the Month - Lutheran Campus Ministry

Please consider giving above and beyond your regular offering to support Lutheran Campus Ministry of South Dakota. Be sure to clearly mark your donation as "Mission of the Month" when giving during May. Thank you for your generosity!

"Farewell" to Twila on May 25

Our church family and friends will have a chance to say "farewell" to Twila Schmitt **before worship services on May 25**. After serving 8 years as Welcoming and Caring Ministries Coordinator, Twila is retiring at the end of May. We wish her all the best!

Global Health Newborn Kits

Newborn Kit Challenge! This year, help GHM send 10,000 Newborn Kits to waiting partners overseas, so more moms and their babies can thrive! GHM sends Newborn Kits along with medical supplies and equipment to partners in Cameroon, Central African Republic, Liberia, Madagascar, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. **Kit Instructions can be picked up at the Welcome Center.**

Calendar & Attendance



Sunday May 18

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Biker Blessing

Monday May 19

June/July Newsletter Deadline
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
2:00 p.m. Martha Circle
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday May 20

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

Wednesday May 21

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Thursday May 22

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday May 23

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

Saturday May 24

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday May 25

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park
9:00 a.m. Worship

Attendance

- **Sunday, May 4 Livestream:** 100
- **Wednesday, May 7:** 99
- **Saturday, May 10:** 71
- **Sunday, May 11:** 343

Church Staff

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