

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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4th Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

Sunday, April 21, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

The Gospel for this 4th Sunday is always John 10:11-18.

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'.

We Approach God

Call to Worship

Today we remember our mission. —————> **We are making God known through word & deed.**

Come, gather together, disciples, and meet Jesus, ———> **who comes to us, risen and whole!**

Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the Christ —> **who brings to us peace and new life!**

Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the future: **the future calling us to be a resurrection people!**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

We are baptized in water.

The water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's flourishing rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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The water of life! Alleluia!

Opening Song

“Your Grace is Enough”

Great is Your faithfulness O God You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart
So remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God
(Chorus) Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation And all Your people sing along
So remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God
Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me
Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me
So remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God
Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me
Yeah Your grace is enough Heaven reaches out to us Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough I'm covered in Your love Your grace is enough for me for me

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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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Church

Special Music

“By Faith” arr. Michael Lawrence

Praise & Rejoice Choir
Directed by: Tera McDonnell

We Proclaim the Story

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

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

Psalm

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Gospel Acclamation

“My Redeemer Lives”

I know He rescued my soul His blood has covered my sin I believe I believe
My shame He's taken away My pain is healed in His name I believe I believe
I'll raise a banner 'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave

(Chorus) My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives

You lift my burdens I'll rise with You I'm dancing on this mountaintop

To see Your kingdom come (Chorus x2)

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

Sermon

“The Good Shepherd”

Pastor Laura Overbo

Song of the Day

“Cornerstone”

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

(Chorus) Christ alone cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale

My anchor holds within the veil My anchor holds within the veil (Chorus)

When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless stand before the throne (Chorus x2)

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We Confess & Pray for Others

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

“Jesus We Love You”

Old things have passed away Your love has stayed the same
Your constant grace remains the cornerstone Things that we thought were dead
Are breathing in life again You cause your Son to shine on darkest nights
For all that You've done we will pour out our love This will be our anthem song
(Jesus) we love You Oh how we love You You are the one our hearts adore

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Tori Simon, Nicole Rislov, Teagan Benda, Sharon Bevers, Kevin Stark, Miah West,
De Ann Fylling- Niece of Deanna & Dan Hickel, Marlowe Ronke,
Oscar Johnson, infant great-grandson of JoLana Ehli,
Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler,*

Deaths: *Jake Obermeier, Mavis Schroeder*

Prayer Song

“Jesus We Love You”

(Jesus) we love You Oh how we love You You are the one our hearts adore

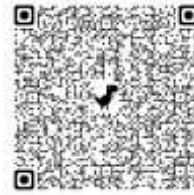
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We Offer Ourselves

Offering

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:
LCOOR Preschool



Offertory Response

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me

Offering Prayer

What more can we ask, O Lord?

Green pastures are ours. Still waters... ours. We shall dwell in your house, forever.

Accept our gifts, O Lord.

We follow.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First Communion Recognition

Kylie Blackwelder, Lynken Reichling, Miles Blauer, Asher Rossman, Brody Bloom,
Hadley Brinkman, Ellyson Shepherd, Tucker Dahl, Landon Simon, Reed Ellingson,
Noah Feldmeyer, Chevelle Swenson, Amelia Harms, Graham Mancell, Amiri Hauck,
Emersyn Iverson, Robert Johnson, Briggs Miles, Brogan Miles, Logan Pearson,
Easten Petersen, Avery Russell, James Sonne, Lilah Harms, Cason Harms

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.

Post Communion Prayer

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Announcements

We Go Out with Gratitude

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Song

“How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice

(Chorus) How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God
And all will see how great How great is our God

And age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the End Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb (Chorus)

Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God (x2) (Chorus)

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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

Preaching: Pastor Laura Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Sound & Projection:** Zach Stanton;

Lector: Max Larson & Linda Koch; **Greeters:** Ruth & Darrel Haugerud;

Ushers: Eric Beutler, Bruce & Colleen Hestad, Wayne & Linda Meester, Arlyn & Darla Adolphsen;

Communion Assistants: Ruth Haugerud, Lelan & Karin Freiwald, Darla Adolphsen; Ryan & Jenni Nuttall;

Coffee Servers: Bruce & Colleen Hestad; **Welcome Center:** Deb Ernst & Nancy Rogers;

*This worship service may be livestreamed on YouTube and the LCOOR Facebook page.

APRIL 21, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Shepherd Me, O God



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:

- Talk or think about a time you experienced fear or anxiety.
- How does Jesus, the Good Shepherd, comfort and protect you during fearful times?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 10:11-18.

The focus in John 10 on being the good shepherd is directly related to Jesus healing the man born blind in John 9. The man born blind was cast out of the synagogue, out of the religious community, out of a protective sheepfold. Jesus as the good shepherd knows us and loves us enough to lay down his life for us. Jesus does not abandon us or cast us out. Unlike the disinterest of a hired hand who runs away when our needs are the greatest, Jesus cares for us as those who need the protection of a shepherd. This is the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has power and he uses that power to care for us and to give us the abundant life, the life overflowing with goodness (John 10:10). All of this power to love, to give us life overflowing with goodness and abundance, comes not from the abusive power of Pharisees, synagogues, or any disinterested individuals or institutions, but from the divine. This is the command that Jesus has received from God and passes on to us, the command to love sacrificially.

Discuss: When has your life been blessed by the sacrificial love of another?

Pray: Loving God, help us to know that we are not abandoned in our time of need, but blessed with overflowing love through the power and grace of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you give sacrificially to someone in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Both readings from John 10 and Psalm 23 follow the theme of shepherd. Draw the shape of a sheep on a sheet of paper. Write Jesus in the center of the shape and then words you would use to describe a good shepherd. Think or talk about what the words you wrote mean to you. Finish with prayer using the words from Psalm 23:6 as a reminder of God's comfort: You, LORD, are my shepherd. I will never be in need. Your kindness and love will always be with me each day of my life, and I will live forever in your house, LORD. Amen. (CEV)

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

5TH & 6TH GRADE
ROUTE 56
Join us from 6-7:30 p.m. for games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome.
MONDAY, APRIL 22
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

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APRIL CRAFT NIGHT
APRIL 23 TUESDAY | 6-30 PM
SIGN UP AT WELCOME CENTER
\$15
SIGN UP DEADLINE: APRIL 18

IMPORTANT DATES:
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 9:30AM FIRST COMMUNION RECOGNITION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 6:30PM FIRST COMMUNION RECOGNITION
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 5:30PM 9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION WORSHIP
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 9:30AM 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 6:30PM HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 9:30AM HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
VBS
"ALL ABOARD THE ARK"
REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW.
PRE-K TO 4TH GRADE
MAY 29 & 30 5-8PM
MEAL SERVED

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER
PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER
Support the LCOOR Preschool during the month of April. Their "Giving Wall" will be set up at the Welcome Center and Rada Cutlery catalogs and order forms are also available. Thank you!

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

BARNYARD BASH
WEDNESDAY MAY 8, 2024 5-7PM @ LCOOR
To celebrate and say thank you for an amazing church school year, we are going to have bouncy houses, live farm animals, great food and awesome fellowship. All ages are encouraged to join us & friends are always welcome! A free-will offering will be available to help cover the cost of the event.

TIMMERMAN SCHOLARSHIPS
More information and applications are available in the church office, at the Welcome Center or online at lcoorwatertown.org under the resources tab.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 30, 2024

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS
Cereal
As you go grocery shopping, please consider picking up a couple extras to donate. Drop these items off at LCOOR and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

See your April Newsletter for more info.
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
QUILT & KIT SHIPPING FUND
LWR's Approximate Cost to Deliver Quilts and Kits Overseas:

One Mission Quilt	\$2.80
One School Kit	\$2.85
One Personal Care Kit	\$1.50*
One Baby Care Kit	\$3.10
One Fabric Kit	\$1.80

*No longer includes the cost of postage

April 21-28

Print too small? Large print bulletins are available at all worship services.

Sunday April 21

First Communion Recognition
8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
8:30 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship with Holy Communion
6:00 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)

Monday April 22

May Newsletter Deadline
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:00 p.m. Route 56 Youth Group (5-6 Grade)
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday April 23

11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Craft Night

Wednesday April 24

First Communion Recognition
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
4:45 p.m. Community Meal- Goulash
5:30 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Worship (Holy Communion)
7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Thursday April 25

10:00 a.m. Book Club
10:45 a.m. Preschool Chapel
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday April 26

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

Saturday April 27

5:30 p.m. Worship with 9th Grade
Confirmation

Sunday April 28

8:30 a.m. Church School
8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Worship with 8th Grade
Confirmation
6:00 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)

Attendance & Offering

April 7 Live Stream- 100
Saturday, April 13- 45
Sunday, April 14- 282
Wednesday, April 10 - 155
Offering (4/14):
General Fund: \$10,457;
Debt Reduction: \$240;
Mission of the Month: \$74.97;
Other: \$205; Church School: \$27.71;
Simply Giving Offering (4/8-4/12):
General Fund: \$5,335.45;
Debt Reduction: \$55; Other: \$175;
Mission of the Month: \$30;

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APRIL 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Good Shepherd comes with power to love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd
Monday	Acts 4:5-12	Peter and John before the council
Tuesday	1 John 3:16-24	Love one another
Wednesday	Luke 15:1-7	Parable of the lost sheep
Thursday	Ezekiel 34:11-16	God, the true shepherd
Friday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	The resurrection of Christ
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. Psalm 23:4 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Shepherding God, we thank you that your care for us is never ending and filled with your abundant goodness and mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, just as you are with us and protect us each day like a good shepherd, we thank you for feeding us with this food, a sign of your abundant love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the love of God in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, give you comfort and peace.



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