



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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13th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday August 27, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude “My God, How Wonderful Thou Art” arr. Lovelace & Krapf “How Great Thou Art” arr. Wood & Carter

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 Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

#654 vs. 1, 4, 5

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 page 138

Canticle of Praise “Glory to God” page 139

Prayer of the Day

The question is still a valid one, O God

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

For many in our generation still do not know you.

“Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah.”

Many in this world still have not heard.

“And still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

But we know, O God.

“You are the Messiah, the son of the living God.”

Build up your Church on this true faith.

For such faith is truly a rock.

Drive out all doubts.

Then we will know Christ to be the Way, and the Truth, and the Life-

The eternal life. 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

Isaiah 51:1-6

Old Testament (Page 528) in Pew Bible

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

Psalm

Psalm 138

Old Testament (Page 448) in Pew Bible

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

New Testament (Page 123) in Pew Bible

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

page 142

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

New Testament (Page 14) in Pew Bible

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Sermon

Pastor Overbo

Hymn of the Day

“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

#596

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

*Following each prayer... Leader: Lord in your mercy; Congregation: **Hear our prayer.***

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

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:
Watertown Sandwich Ministry



Offertory Response

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

#186

Offering Prayer

Flesh and blood have not revealed your Son’s identity to us, O Father.

You have planted in us the seed of faith.

We offer these gifts to you this day.

They are the fruit of the seed you have planted.

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 Hymn

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

#805

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.

Prelude

Fanfare (Colvin)

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Serving This Morning

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Organist:** AJ Sherrill; **Sound & Projection:** Brian Bollinger and Kent Anderson;

Lector: Lois Harrington; **Ushers:** Darren Likness; **Coffee Servers:** Marvey Satter;

Flowers on the altar are given in celebration of the 60th Wedding Anniversary (August 31) of Mike & Diane Madsen from Lauri, Greg & Jenna Wyum and Sara, Wade, Grace, Zoe & Liva Douglas.

AUGUST 27, 2023
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Built on a Rock



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:

- A false god is anything that we put our trust in instead of putting our trust in Jesus Christ. What are some false gods that people turn to today?
- How is putting our trust in Jesus Christ different from following false gods?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 16:13-20.

Caesarea Philippi was a place for the ancient people to gather and worship many gods. Those gods were understood to have powers that controlled people's lives, often arbitrarily. Instead of such instability, the disciples were there to witness to Jesus' life that heals, forgives, and teaches us of the God of steadfast love and faithfulness (Psalm 138:2). Peter confesses what only God can reveal: Jesus is the Messiah (another word for Christ) and the Son of a living—therefore real—God! In Romans 12:2 the Apostle Paul tells us not to be conformed to the world that is filled with false gods (powers), destructive passions, and self-love instead of love for others. This non-conformity that Jesus brings is a challenge to our everyday thinking. No wonder Jesus told his disciples not to tell anyone about him. It will take time for them—and us—to wrap heads and hearts around worshipping Jesus as Lord instead of worshipping a nation, ethnicity, bank account or any other false god.

Discuss: What is it in your life that gets in the way of confessing Jesus as the Messiah? *Pray:* **Almighty God, your ways are not our ways; give us hearts and minds to grasp that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God for the sake of the world you love. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others instead of serving your own interests this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Peter confessed his faith by stating that Jesus is the Son of the living God. Because of this confession, Jesus called him the "rock" upon which he would build his church (Matthew 16:18). Place a rock in your living space or in a garden to remember the confession of Peter and the church throughout the centuries. Write or paint the words "Jesus is the Son of God" on the rock.



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

NEW FALL SCHEDULE
 WORSHIP & EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAYS

- 4:45pm Family Meal
- 5:30pm Church School
- 5:30pm Adult Education
- 6:30pm WOW Worship
- 7:15pm 7/8 Grade Confirmation

SATURDAYS

- 5:30pm Traditional Church
- 6:30pm Meal "First Saturday of the Month"

SUNDAYS

- 8:30am Church School
- 8:30am Adult Education
- 9:30am Blended Worship

Holy Communion served the 1st & 3rd Sunday and Wednesday and the Saturday preceding Sunday.



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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.

BOCCE BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS FROM 1-2:15PM
 BEGINNING THIS FALL

SIGN UP AT THE CHURCH WELCOME CENTER



SAVE THE DATE

Ladies Night Out

NOVEMBER 13
 TICKET SALES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1ST.



PRAYER SHAWLS
 Available to All



Crafted by many talented hands here at LCOOR serve as a tangible reminder that a person is being remembered in prayer. Our prayer shawls are available at no charge for anyone to share. They can be picked up at the Welcome Center, or near the church office.

Salvation Army
 Boxed Potatoes & Hamburger Helper



The Salvation Army needs boxed potatoes and hamburger helper type meals. Please consider picking up a couple extra items while you are out shopping. Thank you.

Let's CELEBRATE with our alister Congregation!

Sunday, September 17
 10:30am Worship Service @ Grace meal to follow

(\$10 adults/\$5 Kids 4-10/Free Kids 5 and under)
 RSVP to Kat Anderson 605-886-5737



Church School Teachers Needed

Sundays and Wednesdays
 Contact Phil for more information
 605-886-2696
phil@lcoorwatertown.org

Teacher Training
 Tuesday, September 5 at 6pm

August 27-September 3

Attendance & Offering

Sunday August 27

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Monday August 28

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
5:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday August 29

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:00 a.m. Text Study

Wednesday August 30

Preschool Open House

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Leader Meeting
6:00 p.m. Acolyte Training 5th & 6th Grade
7:15 p.m. Parent Confirmation Meeting

Thursday August 31

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday September 1

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday September 2

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

Sunday September 3

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

August 13 Live Stream- 62
Saturday, August 19- 40
Sunday, August 20- (9:00) 220; (10:30) 69

Offering (8/20):

General Fund: \$6,330; Other: \$100;
Debt Reduction: \$25;
Mission of the Month: \$136.09;
Thank you! \$168 received in donations from sweet corn toward the Sandwich Ministry courtesy of John Moes.

Simply Giving Offering (8/14-8/18):

General Fund: \$10,227.54;
Debt Reduction: \$85; Other: \$335;
Mission of the Month: \$160;

Serve

There are many ways to serve your congregation each month including volunteering before, during and after worship services. During the month of July, we had 91 slots to fill including greeters, ushers, lectors, communion assistants and coffee servers. We were able to fill 74.75% (68) of those available slots. Please consider signing up to serve by contacting Twila in the church office or sign up online at lcoorwatertown.org --> Serve --> Volunteer at Worship in August.

Staff

Senior Pastor
Dan Overbo
Associate Pastor
Laura Overbo
Welcoming & Caring Ministries
Twila Schmitt
Director of Faith Formation
Philip Lickei
Business Manager
Jodi Spilde
Business Administrative Assistant
Megan Thyen
Preschool
Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher
Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional
Custodian
Adam Lauseng



Money is one of God's gifts to people.

"Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil - this is the gift of God."

Ecc1. 5:19

AUGUST 27, 2023 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 16:13-20	Peter's confession of Christ
Monday	Isaiah 51:1-6	Blessings for God's people
Tuesday	Romans 12:1-8	Christ brings new life
Wednesday	1 Peter 1:13-25	A call to holy living
Thursday	Exodus 20:1-6	You shall have no other gods
Friday	Genesis 35:1-15	Jacob returns to Bethel
Saturday	Psalms 138	Praise God with all your heart
Sunday	Matthew 16:21-28	Take up your cross and follow

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven."

Matthew 16:16-17 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for being our sure foundation, our rock on which we stand secure through Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Almighty and Living God, we thank you for this food that gives us strength to shout out our praise to you for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you joy and gladness now and always.

