

"MAYBE PEACE ISN'T AN ABSENCE OF SOMETHING, BUT INSTEAD IS ITS OWN PRESENCE."

David Lose

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | 6th Sunday of Easter | Sunday, May 25, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Prelude

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

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

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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. **Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 6:13–15a

¹³For from the least to the greatest of them, everyone is greedy for unjust gain; and from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely.

¹⁴They have treated the wound of my people carelessly, saying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace. ^{15a}They acted shamefully, they committed abomination; yet they were not ashamed, they did not know how to blush.

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

Psalm

Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. ^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 14:23-29

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

Sermon

"The Presence of Peace"

Pastor Overbo

Hymn of the Day

"Jesus Shall Reign"

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Evie Mae Mears

Daughter of Andrew & Jaden Mears

Sponsors: Mackenzie & Mike Hardie, Nick & Olivia Mears, Jenah Hanson & Parker Riddle

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

(Congregation may be seated.)

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: JoLana Ehli, Katie Stavig, Dottie Ball,
Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Gregg) DeSpiegler

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

Offering 5/11-5/17

	Received
Pledged	\$22,035.00
Non-Pledged	\$3,874.00
Mission of the Month	\$174.41

Offertory Response

"Create In Me a Clean Heart"

#186

Offering Prayer

O Father, nature's first golden-green is springing forth. Even the earth, it seems, celebrates your resurrection. With these our offerings, receive our hopeful hearts. As you promised your continued presence with your disciples long ago, be with us now. And bless your earth with new life, the life of your blessed springtime. 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 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 Hymn

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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Call to Service and Car Question

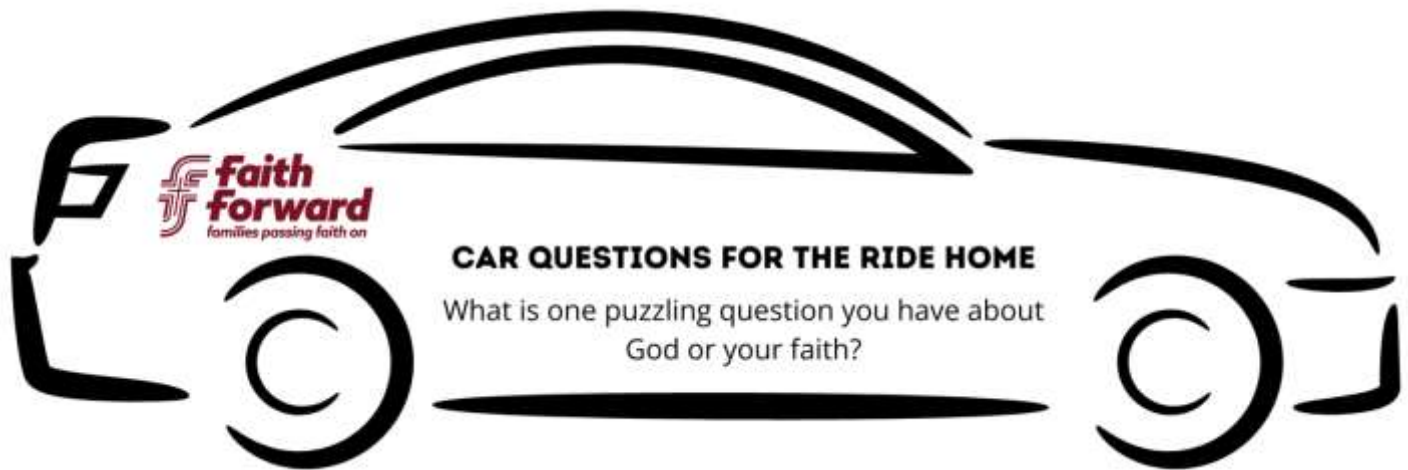
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Organist:** Kristy Tostenson; **Ushers:** Darren Likness; **Lector:** Marian Neshiem;



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



THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

BIKER BLESSING RESCHEDULED

Our Biker Blessing has been rescheduled to **Sunday, June 1**. The bright side? This means you can bring your bring your motorcycles, bicycles or any other kind of 'wheels' to the south parking lot of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer **OR** to Memorial Park Lakeside Worship at 10:00 a.m. (following 9:00 a.m. worship).

ARE YOUR KIDS SIGNED UP FOR VBS?

Vacation Bible School will take place **May 28 & 29 from 5-8 p.m.** here at LCOOR. If you haven't signed your pre-k to 4th grade child, you still have time! Scan the QR code below to register!



SEWING MINISTRY TO MEET MAY 27

LCOOR's Sewing Ministry Group will gather on **Tuesday, May 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in assembly A to work on a variety of projects. Please bring your sewing machine if you plan to sew. Non-sewers are welcome to help iron and assemble items.

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.



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.**

Say "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!



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.



Calendar & Attendance

Sunday May 25

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park

9:00 a.m. Worship at LCOOR

Monday May 26

Church Office Closed

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday May 27

9:00-2:00 p.m. Sewing Ministry Group

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday May 28

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

5:00-8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Thursday May 29

10:00 a.m. Book Club

5:00-8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday May 30

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday May 31

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday June 1

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

9:00 a.m. Worship at LCOOR with Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Biker Blessing at LCOOR & Memorial Park

Attendance

- **Sunday, May 11 Livestream:** 110
- **Saturday, May 17:** 97
- **Sunday, May 18:** 258

Church Staff

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