

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

I AM ^{the} True Vine

PALM SUNDAY | SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026, 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 word and deed'.

Church School Children Sing

Call to Worship

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

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, **nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;** But his delight is in the law of the Lord, **and on his law he meditates day and night.**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, **that yields its fruit in its season,** And its leaf does not wither. **In all that he does, he prospers.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Together we confess:

Almighty God, even though we are joined by faith to Christ the true Vine, we often seek to find other sources of life for ourselves. We follow our own sinful desires and pursue the temptations offered by the world around us. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Lead us to follow your holy Son and to know him as our only source of life.

God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus offered up his life on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. He rose from death on the third day to win eternal life for us. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We are rooted in Christ the true Vine. He is the source of forgiveness, life and hope!

Opening Song

"Hosanna"

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. **Lord Jesus, you are the true Vine. By faith we are joined to you and receive from you forgiveness and life. Your Word and your holy Supper nourish us in faith. Help us by your Spirit to bear fruit in works of love and service to others. We pray that our words and our works will be a witness for you, so that others will be joined to you, the true Vine, for all eternity. Amen.**

Special Music

“I Am” Mark Hayes

Praise & Rejoice Choir
Directed by Kristy Tostenson
Accompanied by Marsha Kurtenbach

Children’s Sermon (congregation please sing ‘Jesus Loves Me’ as children gather)

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

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

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6-10

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

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Gospel Acclamation

“Hosanna”

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th Chapter.

Gospel Reading

John 15:5-9

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

The gospel of the Lord.

Sermon

“I Am the True Vine”

Pastor Laura Overbo

Hymn of the Day

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Harrison Lincoln Swenson

Son of Lincoln & Hannah Swenson

Sponsors: Marty & Brandi Petersen, Tait & Tara Johannsen

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.

Prayer Song

"Agnus Dei"

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Betsy Spartz- Daughter of Denise Schmahl and Sister of Alissa (Mark) Iverson, Katie Stavig, Bud Webb, Dave Wicks, Earl Lammler, Buck Schaack- Brother of Joyce (Marvin) McGillivray, Tammy Stoltenburg, Liz Ewald- Friend of Lesa Franken, Vince Brueggeman- Father of Karla Christensen, Karla Stimson, Brad Bergh- Son of Margaret Bergh, Robin Faulstich- Sister-in-law of Phyllis Bowersox, Lynn Bromley, Karen Larsen- Sister-in-law of Darlene Bailey, Michelle LeBlanc- Granddaughter of Bev Eggen, Shannon Tesch- Sister-in-law of Joe (Marlys) Tesch*

Death: *Marv Sherrill- Husband of AJ Sherrill*

Prayer Song

"Agnus Dei"

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:*

Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center & Fallout Shelter Ministries



Offering Received (March 16-22)

Promised: \$14,136.00

Non-Promised: \$3,601.00

Mission of the Month: \$244.17

Lent: \$552.00

Offertory Response

“Alleluia”

Offering Prayer

Almighty God, we need not say, “know the Lord,” for we all know you. You have made your will known to us; have inscribed it on our hearts. And so we bring these gifts before you. For we know it is your will. 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.

Diminishing Lights Ceremony

Benediction

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him,

He it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

By this my Father is glorified,

That you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Announcements

Sending Song

“Jesus Messiah”

Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Serving

Preaching: Pastor Laura Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Greeters:** Pam Luckhurst; **Lector:** Robbyn Gauger-Givens;

You are welcome to take a palm branch as you leave today.

THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Timmerman Scholarship Deadline

Are you a member of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and a graduate of Watertown High School? If you're entering your first or second year of education or technical training at a South Dakota state-supported institution, you may be eligible for the Timmerman Scholarship! **Each recipient will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to help with educational expenses.**

Applications and more information are available:

- In the church office
- At the Welcome Center
- Online at www.lcoorwatertown.org under the RESOURCES tab

Deadline to Apply: March 31, 2026 - Don't miss this opportunity to support your education!

Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday (March 29):

- 9:30 a.m. Worship with Special Music, Procession of Palms, and Sunday Church School Students Sing (3-Year-Old's - 6th Grade)
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Fruit of the Spirit Celebration

Maundy Thursday (April 2):

- Worship with First Communion and Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday (April 3):

- Tenebrae Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday (April 5):

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Special Music
- 9:30 a.m. Worship with Special Music

**Holy Communion at both services*



LCOOR Spring Festival - Fruit of the Spirit Celebration

All ages are invited to join us at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer on **Sunday, March 29 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** for our Spring Festival, Fruit of the Spirit Celebration! Each of the nine gifts, called the Fruit of the Spirit, will be represented by a fun, hands-on activity station as we learn and grow together. **We are looking for 24 volunteers to help with the Spring Festival and the sign-up is located at the Welcome Center.**

LCOOR Preschool Fundraiser

For the month of March, we will have a "Giving Wall" by the Welcome Center to support the Preschool. We will also have Rada Cutlery catalogs and order forms there. Please help us raise funds for this wonderful program and thank you for all you do to help us spread God's word and his love to these children.

The Latest Word - Monthly Newsletter

Please read our monthly newsletters for important information not covered in weekly announcements.

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Volunteer at Worship

We are always seeking volunteers to assist during worship services. We encourage you to sign up!

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Global Health Ministries - Hospice Kits

Palliative care and hospice programs continue to be an important ministry of the church overseas in countries where thousands of people benefit every year from their special care for people living with HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other devastating illness. The need has not diminished, and your gift of these Kits is a blessing to those who receive them. **Kit Instructions can be found at the Welcome Center or online at www.ghm.org/hospice-kits.**

Calendar & Attendance

Sunday March 29 (Palm Sunday)

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
8:45 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Worship with Church School Kids Singing
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Spring Festival - Fruit of the Spirit Celebration

Monday March 30

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday March 31

Timmerman Scholarship Deadline
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday April 1

No Worship, Meal, or Activities (Holy Week)
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Thursday April 2 Maundy Thursday

9:00 a.m. Quilting
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion and First Communion
7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Friday April 3 Good Friday

Church Office Closes at Noon
6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship

Saturday April 4

No Worship (Holy Week)

Sunday April 5 Easter Sunday

No Church School or Confirmation
8:00 a.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion

Monday April 6

No Preschool & Church Office Closed (Easter Monday)
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday April 7

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

Wednesday April 8

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle
2:00 p.m. Watertown Parkinson's Support Group
5:00 p.m. Community Meal (suggested donation \$3/person; \$10/family)
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
5:30 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation Class Photo
5:45 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
7:15 p.m. 6th Grade Confirmation Preparation Meeting
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Luther League (9-12 Grade)

Attendance

Saturday, March 14 YouTube: 106

Wednesday, March 18: 53

Saturday, March 21: 53

Sunday, March 22: 215

Church Staff

Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

Associate Pastor

Laura Overbo

Director of Faith Formation

Wendy Kruger

Welcoming & Caring Ministries

Karri Willhite

Business Manager

Jodi Spilde

Business Administrative Assistant

Megan Thyen

Preschool

Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher

Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional

Sound & Technology

Sam Langner

Custodian

Roman Gainor



CAR QUESTION FOR THE RIDE HOME:

Where do you currently see God at work in your daily routine?

