

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER

Epiphany

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 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'.

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in <sup>☩</sup> Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

## Opening Song

"I Will Follow"

## 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 God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Special Music

"Go tell it on the Mountain" Zach Williams

Soloist: Codi Hanson

Accompaniment: Justin Hanson, Shawn Lenning, & Don Armstrong

## Children's Sermon

(congregation please sing 'Jesus Loves Me' as children gather)

## First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

## Psalm

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?  
<sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**  
<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.  
<sup>6</sup> **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**  
<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.  
<sup>8</sup> **My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**  
<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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## Gospel Acclamation

"Oh Lord, You're Beautiful"

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.*

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— <sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

**Hymn of the Day**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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**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**

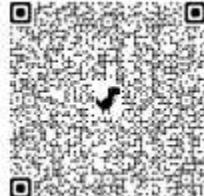
"Here's My Heart"

**Prayers of the Church**

Hospitalized/Ill: *Betsy Spartz- Daughter of Denise Schmahl and Sister of Alissa (Mark) Iverson, Katie Stavig, Bud Webb, Ed Knadle, JoAnn Roti, Carter Silvernail- Son-in-law of Ron & Carol Bergan, Dave Wicks, Lucille Olson, Ava Schulte, Buck Schaack- Brother of Joyce (Marvin) McGillivary, Liz Ewald- Friend of Lesa Franken, Dianna Lambert, Vince Brueggeman- Father of Karla Christensen, Brad Bergh- Son of Margaret Bergh, Tammy Stoltenburg, Robin Faulstich- Sister-in-law of Phyllis Bowersox, Karla Stimson, Kevin Stark- Brother of Carol (Ron) Bergan, Karen Larsen- Sister-in-law of Darlene Bailey, Matthew Harty- Brother of Megan (Ryan) Thyen, Ron Moehring, Liz Jaragoske- Daughter of Annette Gugel & Sister of Bev (Steve) Splinter, Earl Lammle*

**Prayer Song**

"Here's My Heart"

**Offering & Announcements***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:***ELCA World Hunger****Offering Received (January 12-18)****Promised: \$32,163.50****Non-Promised: \$15,544.00****Mission of the Month: \$165.54****Offertory Response**

"Father, I Adore You"

**Offering Prayer**

You are a God of Light, Heavenly Father and into our darkness you shine. Accept our gifts here given and accept our selves as well. Make us beacons of your Light. 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

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise <sup>†</sup> bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending Song

“What a Beautiful Name”

## Call to Service

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Serving

**Preaching:** Pastor Dan Overbo; **Worship Team:** Lector: Darla Adolphsen; **Greeters:** Bruce & Colleen Hestad;

**Ushers:** Arlyn & Darla Adolphsen;

## **Reminders:**

Our Annual Meeting will be held today, immediately following worship.

All members are encouraged to attend as we review the past year.

# THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

## LCOOR Preschool Enrollment - ONLY A FEW SPOTS REMAINING!

Our preschool offers a Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 Pre-Kindergarten (4/5 year old) program, which is open to anyone not just church members.

Our curriculum includes introducing letters and sounds, numbers, first/last names, shapes, and colors. We also socialize and play, listen to a lot of books, and sing songs along with many other learning activities. The students also learn about God's love, hear and learn stories and songs about Jesus.

You can find an enrollment form at the Welcome Center, the Preschool classroom, or online. We would love for your child to be part of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Preschool!!!

Any questions please call Miss Nikki or Miss Wendy at 886-2696 or email us at [preschool@lcoorwatertown.org](mailto:preschool@lcoorwatertown.org).



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## Guest Speaker - February 26

We are thrilled to welcome Melanie A. Brown to Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer on **Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 PM for a 90 minute presentation**. Melanie is a dynamic, faith-based keynote speaker, author, and coach whose passion is empowering people to discover their God-given purpose. Melanie's own life story is a powerful testament to faith, resilience, and the transforming grace of God. Raised in the heartland of South Dakota, she has walked through heartbreak trials that challenged her faith in ways she never expected. **Tickets are available for \$5 in the church office.**



## We Need Your Help to Make Fabric Kits

Sewing is a life-changing skill that empowers men and women around the world to earn a reliable income. Lutheran World Relief Fabric Kits provide essential materials—quality fabric and thread—for vocational sewing programs and for newly trained tailors as they begin their small businesses.

Your time and generosity truly make a difference. Thank you for helping us share God's love in such a tangible and practical way.

Fabric Kit Instructions can be picked up at the Welcome Center & church office or you can go to [lwr.org/kits/fabric-kits/instructions](http://lwr.org/kits/fabric-kits/instructions) for the instruction sheet.

# Calendar & Attendance

## Sunday January 25

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop  
8:45 a.m. Church School  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Annual Congregation Meeting  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. LCOOR Mobile Soup Kitchen

## Monday January 26

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
2:00 p.m. Martha Circle  
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

## Tuesday January 27

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sewing Ministry Group  
11:00 a.m. Text Study  
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

## Wednesday January 28

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
5:00 p.m. Community Meal  
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop  
5:45 p.m. Church School  
6:30 p.m. Worship  
7:15 p.m. Luther League (9-12 Grade) at Rachel's Hope

## Thursday January 29

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

## Friday January 30

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

## Saturday January 31

5:30 p.m. Worship  
**Sunday February 1**  
8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop  
8:45 a.m. Church School  
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

## Monday February 2

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

## Tuesday February 3

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

## Wednesday February 4

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
5:00 p.m. Community Meal  
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop  
5:45 p.m. Church School  
6:30 p.m. Worship  
7:15 p.m. Luther League

## Attendance

- **Sunday, January 11 Livestream:** 172
- **Wednesday, January 14:** 122
- **Saturday, January 17:** 51
- **Sunday, January 18:** 223

## 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:

How has your faith changed since you were a child?



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