



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

11th Sunday after Pentecost | Sunday, August 9, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

FEAR NOT, IT IS I BY JORGE COCCO

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, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.** Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#742

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 God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13

- ⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.
- ⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**
- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- ¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- ¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

Sermon

“Do Not Be Afraid”

Pastor Dan Overbo

Hymn of the Day

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Evelyn Debra Redmond
Daughter of Jennifer & Matt Redmond
Sponsors: Courtney Redmond, Jason Jensen

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: Earl Lammle, Tammy Stoltenburg, Dianna Lambert, Sophie Holida, Karla Stimson, Nora Hopper, Larry Haaland- Friend of the Congregation, Michelle LeBlanc- Granddaughter of Bev Eggen, Chad Jutting- Brother of Todd (Lesli) Jutting and Joy (Todd) Freimark, Nicole Rude- Daughter-in-Law of Allen & Julie Rude

Death: Harlan Eickholt

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:
Companion Synods: Nicaragua & Cameroon



Offering: July 26-August 1
Promised \$11,688.50
Non-Promised \$4,645.00
Mission of the Month \$562.08



Offertory Response

"Create In Me a Clean Heart"

Offering Prayer

You bid us to come to you for sustenance, O God. “Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come buy and eat!” You bid us to come to you for salvation, O God. “Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.” We have come, O God. We worship you. 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.

Announcements

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

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Call to Service

Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

Please greet one another with a word of peace as well as your name.

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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Dan Overbo; **Piano:** Marsha Kurtenbach; **Ushers:** Kevin Luoma;

THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Faith & Hope on Wheels

In Nicaragua, our pastors serve in rural communities, and every trip to biblical-theological training in Managua is a test of endurance: 4 to 6 hours by bus, plus long walks just to reach the highway. Our youth face the same barrier getting to camp, and coordinating transportation for visiting delegations from our Companion Synod is just as difficult.

The South Dakota Synod is raising money for a van to solve this, so our pastors, leaders, and visiting friends can focus on the mission and the calling God has given them, instead of worrying about how to get there. The SD Synod has raised \$25,000 of the \$50,000 goal and we ask that you prayerfully consider making a donation to help them reach their goal.

Donations can be made by visiting: www.sdsynod.org/donate.

Junction & Route 56 Youth Group

Junction (1-4 grade) and Route 56 (5-6 grade) will be combined for the summer months. We will meet one more time this summer on **Thursday, August 13, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Please join us for some summer fun. Look for the Remind app for Junction or Route 56 to stay current with the activities planned for the school year.

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ME!
Junction



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Route 56



Teachers Needed

Church school and confirmation teachers are needed for the upcoming school year. Contact Wendy if you are interested in helping with church school or Pastor Dan if you are interested in helping with confirmation. Church school teacher orientation meeting will be held **Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Great Hall.

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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CHURCH SCHOOL &
CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION



CHURCH SCHOOL



CONFIRMATION



Calendar & Attendance

Sunday August 9

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park

10:30 a.m. Worship at LCOOR

Monday August 10

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday August 11

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

2:30 p.m. Quilting Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Executive Committee

6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday August 12

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

2:00 p.m. Watertown Parkinson's Group

Thursday August 13

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

6:00-7:00 p.m. Junction & Route 56 Youth Group

Friday August 14

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday August 15

5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday August 16

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

10:30 a.m. Worship at LCOOR with Holy Communion

Attendance

Sunday, July 26 Livestream: 62

Saturday, August 1: 71

Sunday, August 2 Lake: 222; **Town:** 93

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 can we show love to someone this week?

