



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | 4th Sunday of Easter | Sunday, May 11, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome (please pass the black welcome pads)

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✝ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

Special Music

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Worship Team

Praise & Rejoice Choir

Directed by: Kristy Tostenson

Handbell Choir

Directed by: Beverly Splinter

Musician Recognition

Senior Recognition

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 of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Psalm

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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Gospel Acclamation

"Come and See"

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

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

Sermon

"A Goodness & Mercy Sandwich"

Pastor Laura Overbo

Hymn of the Day

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#789 vs. 1-3

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

"Agnus Dei"

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Katie Stavig, Jen Harms, Dottie Ball, Michelle Buchheit- Friend of Robbyn Givens, JoLana Ehli, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Gregg) DeSpiegler*

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:
Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin)*



Offering needed each week to make budget.

Pledged: \$13,360

Non-Pledged: \$6,734

Offering 4/27-5/3

	<u>Received</u>
Pledged	\$12,613.33
Non-Pledged	\$5,682.00
Mission of the Month	\$164.09

Offertory Response

"Create In Me a Clean Heart"

#185

Offering Prayer

Christ, our Shepherd, we do not want. In your fold you offer peaceful protection,
And joyful togetherness.

As you have enriched us with every good thing—

Green pastures, still waters, restored souls—

Bless us, too, in our giving.

So shall all the world be blessed.

We praise you now and evermore.

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.

Presentation of Timmerman Scholarships

Announcements

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 Song

“This is Amazing Grace”

Call to Service and Car Question

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

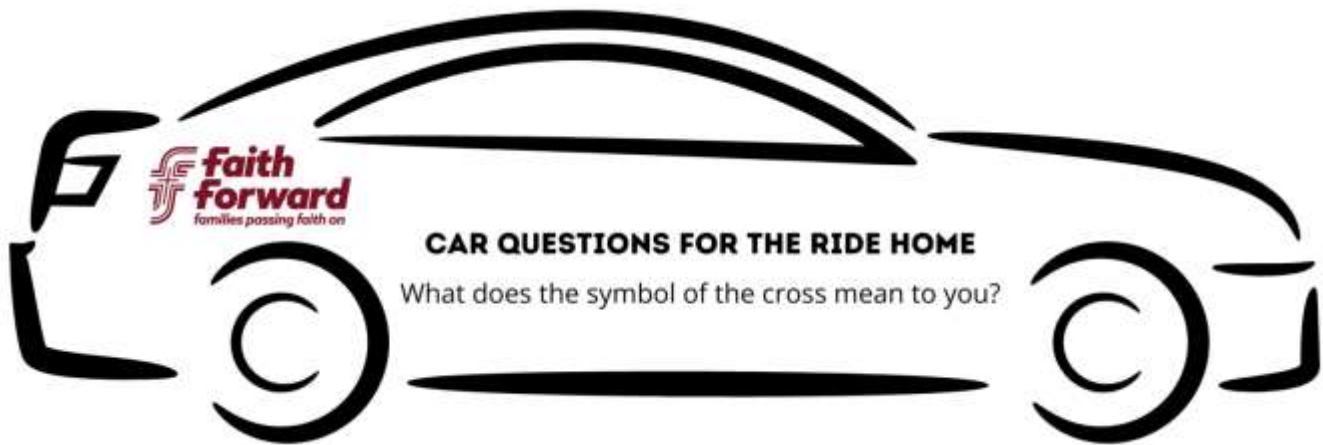
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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Laura Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Ushers:** Bret & Gwen McGillivray, Kevin Luoma, Curt Friedrichsen, Susan Nilsen;

Lector: Marian Neshiem; **Coffee Servers:** Kevin & Bernie Luoma; **Welcome Center:** Pam Luckhurst;

Greeters: Mike & Diane Madsen;



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



VISIT OUR WEBSITE



THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

GOOD NEWS!

LCOOR's Sewing Ministry Group gathered in April and completed 54 baby kits and 18 hospice gowns. Great work!

BIKER BLESSING MAY 18

Bring your motorcycles, bicycles or any other kind of 'wheels' to the south parking lot of LCOOR on Sunday, May 18 at 10:45 a.m. (following 9:30 a.m. worship) for a biker blessing!

2025 ROAD DITCH CLEANUP

What a great family project. Bags and instructions are available at the Welcome Center. Grab bags and instructions for a section—pick up the trash—take the bags to your blue container—know you helped keep our environment clean. If you need a vest—call Al—605-553-6791. Let's clean this up before Memorial Day. Thank you for helping with this community service project.

Summer Worship

Worship at Memorial Park will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 25. Additionally, we will continue to have worship here at LCOOR in the sanctuary on Saturdays, at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays, beginning May 25, at 9:30 a.m.

"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!

Fishing League Begins June 4

Registration for LCOOR's fishing League is open at the Welcome Center! Come fish with us as we meet at various area lakes each Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. beginning June 4th. Teams of two to four people are invited to join the league for some friendly competition and fellowship. Locations will be announced in a group text each Wednesday! There is no cost to register and shirts will be provided.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"WOMAN AT THE WELL - LIVING WATER"

VBS

MAY 28-29 | 5-8PM | MEALS SERVED
PRE-K TO 4TH GRADE

REGISTER ON
OUR WEBSITE OR
SCAN THE QR
CODE BELOW:



Calendar & Attendance

Sunday May 11

9:30 a.m. Worship with Musician Recognition, Senior Recognition and Timmerman Scholarship Presentation

Monday May 12

Church Office Closes at 2 p.m.
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday May 13

11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday May 14

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
10:00 a.m. Preschool Graduation

Thursday May 15

Last Day of Preschool
9:00 a.m. Quilting
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dan

Friday May 16

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

Saturday May 17

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday May 18

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Biker Blessing

Attendance

- **Sunday, April 27 Livestream:** 98
- **Wednesday, April 30:** 228
- **Saturday, May 3:** 148
- **Sunday, May 4:** 457

Church Staff

Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

Associate Pastor

Laura Overbo

Director of Faith Formation

Wendy Kruger

Welcoming & Caring Ministries

Twila Schmitt

Business Manager

Jodi Spilde

Business Administrative Assistant

Megan Thyen

Preschool

Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher

Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional

Sound & Technology

Zach Stanton

Sam Langner

Custodian

Roman Gainor

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 gallon Ziploc bags.