



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 21, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Welcome Today we remember our mission. **We are making God known through word & deed.**

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.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Opening Song

“O Lord, You’re Beautiful”

Oh Lord You're beautiful Your face is all I seek

For when Your eyes are on this child Your grace abounds to me (x2)

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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.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HS Senior Recognition

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

New Testament (Page 90) in Pew Bible

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

Psalm

Psalm 68 1-10,32-35

Old Testament (Page 411) in Pew Bible

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

New Testament (Page 184) in Pew Bible

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

Children's Church

Char Loterbauer

Gospel Acclamation

“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In this Place”

Surely the presence Of the Lord is in this place

I can feel His mighty power And His grace

I can hear the brush of angel's wings

I see glory on each face

Surely the presence Of the Lord is in this place (repeat)

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

John 17 1-11

New Testament (Page 85) in Pew Bible

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

Sermon

Song of the Day

“How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice

(Chorus) How great is our God Sing with me
How great is our God And all will see
how great How great is our God

And age to age He stands And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb (Chorus)
Name above all names Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing How great is our God (x2) (Chorus)

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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

“Breathe”

This is the air I breathe This is the air I breathe

Your holy presence living in me

And I I'm desperate for You And I I'm lost without You

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer... Leader: Lord in your mercy; Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Hospitalized/III: Ken Ackley, Mara Lukonen, Ardy Gackstetter,

Death: Travis Hakeman, Marlene Andersen- Mother of Steve (Nancy) Kjellsen

Prayer Song

“Breathe”

This is my daily bread This is my daily bread

Your very word spoken to me

And I I'm desperate for You And I I'm lost without You

This is the air I breathe This is the air I breathe

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Offering and Announcements

Text to Give: 605-250-6765 or Scan the QR code located in the pew

Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month:

Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center



Stewardship Moment

Offertory Response

“Create In Me”

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (x2)

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (x2)

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise

you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song

“Jesus Messiah”

He became sin who knew no sin That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross Love so amazing love so amazing
(Chorus) Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners The Ransom from heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all
His body the bread His blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn Love so amazing love so amazing (Chorus)
All our hope is in You All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God The Light of the world (Chorus)

Jesus Messiah Lord of all
The Lord of all The Lord of all

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please share the peace, as well as your name as you leave today.

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Serving This Morning

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Worship Team accompanied by Marian Riddle;**

Sound & Projection: Sam Langner and Darian Givens; **Ushers:** Buck Crouse and David Johnson; **Lector:** Jan Johnson; **Greeters:** Barb Frentz and Nancy Rogers; **Communion Assistants:** McGillivray Family, Eric and Melissa Muller;

Flowers on the altar are given by Dave & Marvey Satter in honor of their anniversary.



Money is a neutral commodity,
a means of exchange.
It is neither inherently good nor
evil.

“But strive first for the kingdom
of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be
given to you as well”.

Matthew 6:33

MAY 21, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When do you pray and what do you pray for?
- How does prayer guide you as a follower of Jesus Christ?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Acts 1:6-14.

After Jesus' ascension, the remaining 11 disciples and others "were constantly devoting themselves to prayer" (v. 14). The church begins its ministry with prayer. Waiting in prayer for guidance is the model for the church. Prayer is a way to face suffering as a follower of Christ with hope and even joy (1 Peter 4:13). Jesus prays for his followers that they may receive eternal life by knowing God and Jesus Christ, the one sent by God (John 17:3). The prayers of the church give Jesus' disciples the eyes to see with faith what the world cannot see. In the midst of conflict, prayer communicates praise to God for God's victory over God's enemies (Psalm 68). The first Christians were not self-proclaimed masters of prayer, but through prayer they learned to pray and witness to God's presence in the world.

Discuss: How have you learned through prayer to witness to God's presence in the world?

Pray: Ever-present God, give us patience to wait in prayer for your guidance so that we may see our way in life with faith in you through Christ Jesus, your Son and our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others who are hurting and can benefit from your prayers?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Ascension Day always falls on a Thursday (May 18 this year) and marks the last appearance of Jesus to the disciples after his resurrection. It also marks the fortieth day after Easter Sunday. The Easter season ends ten days after Ascension Day. Finish reading the Gospel of John as the Easter season ends. There is an old tradition that the clouds on Ascension Day took the form of lambs in honor of the Lamb of God. Go outside and look at the clouds in the sky. Think or talk about Jesus' ascension and say: Alleluia! Jesus has ascended! Alleluia!

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org



THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Now Enrolling!
PRE-KINDERGARTEN
2023-2024 School Year
Monday - Thursday
Afternoon Class
(Must be 4 by September 1, 2023)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2023
TIMMERMAN SCHOLARSHIP
Watertown High School Graduates that will be entering their 1st or 2nd year of education at a SD supported institution are eligible to apply for one of three \$500 scholarships.
Info & applications available in the church office, at the Welcome Center or on our website under RESOURCES.

THE SALVATION ARMY
Salvation Army
Boxed Meals & Breakfast Granola Bars
The Salvation Army needs Hamburger Helper-type meals and breakfast (granola) bars. Please consider picking up a couple extra items while you are out shopping to help feed our neighbors who are in need.

Martha Circle Luncheon
JUNE 12TH @ 12PM
Wheel Inn
(404 10th St NW)

UKRAINE REFUGEES
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH HAS ONE FAMILY AND ONE SINGLE ADULT COMING TO WATERTOWN WITH APPLICATIONS OUT FOR 2 MORE FAMILIES.
HELP SUPPORT OUR SISTER CONGREGATION. CONTACT JODI IN THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFO.

New Baby?
We have a special gift for each new little blessing, and we don't want to miss anyone! Please give us a phone call to the church office (605-886-2696) or an email to Twila (Welcoming & Caring Ministries Coordinator) at twila@lcoorwatertown.org.

CRAFT NIGHT
WHIMSICAL WIND CHIME
WHEN: TUESDAY, MAY 23rd @ 6:30
WHERE: LCOOR COST: \$15 *all supplies provided
Sign-up at Welcome Center

MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH
Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center
Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!

Quilts and Blankets Sent to Pine Ridge
34 quilts and blankets were delivered to Pine Ridge this past week. Thank you to our wonderful quilters for their hard work on these beautiful quilts.

FISHING LEAGUE
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6-9PM
Info & Sign-up at the Welcome Center

May 21 - May 28	Attendance & Offering
<p>Sunday May 21 Stewardship Moment HS Senior Recognition during both services 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion 1:00-5:00 p.m. Hannah Reiner Graduation Reception</p> <p>Monday May 22 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery 2:00 p.m. Maple Place Communion 4:00 p.m. HS Coffee & Conversations @ LCOOR 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon</p> <p>Tuesday May 23 11:00 a.m. Text Study 11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Craft Night 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday May 24 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery 7:15 p.m. HS Hang Out</p> <p>Thursday May 25 10:00 a.m. Book Club 11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon</p> <p>Friday May 26 Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery</p> <p>Saturday May 27 11:00-3:00 p.m. Allison Rokusek Graduation Reception 5:30 p.m. Worship (Lay Led)</p> <p>Sunday May 28 9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m. First Lutheran Sioux Falls KSFY TV Broadcast in Memory of Mary Hatlestad</p>	<p>May 7 Live Stream- 138 Wednesday, May 10- 93 Saturday, May 13- 54 Sunday, May 14- (8:30)378; (10:30) 92</p> <p><u>Offering (5/14):</u> General Fund: \$33,498.35; Mission of the Month: \$148.90; Church School: \$25; Debt Reduction: \$75;</p> <p><u>Simply Giving Offering (5/8-5/12):</u> General Fund: \$5,276.34; Debt Reduction: \$30; Mission of the Month: \$30; Other: \$730;</p>
	Serve
	<p>There are many ways to serve your congregation each month including volunteering before, during and after worship services. During the month of April, we had 191 slots to fill including greeters, ushers, lectors, communion assistants and coffee servers. We were able to fill 71.7% (137) of those available slots. Please consider signing up to serve by contacting Twila in the church office or sign up online at lcoorwatertown.org --> Serve --> Volunteer at Worship in May.</p>
	Staff
	<p>Senior Pastor Dan Overbo Associate Pastor Laura Overbo Worship & Music Coordinator Robbyn Givens Welcoming & Caring Ministries Twila Schmitt Youth Director Philip Lickei Business Manager Jodi Spilde Business Administrative Assistant Megan Thyen Preschool Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional Facility Manager Adam Lauseng</p>



MAY 21, 2023 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Followers of Jesus pray.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 17:1-11	Jesus prays for his disciples
Monday	Acts 1:6-14	Ascension of Jesus
Tuesday	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	Tending the flock of God
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Final instructions
Thursday	James 5:13-18	The prayer of faith
Friday	Ephesians 6:18-20	Pray at all times
Saturday	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	Praise and thanksgiving
Sunday	John 20:19-23	Jesus appears to his disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

All these [the remaining 11 disciples] were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.
Acts 1:14 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us a heart to have a relationship with you through prayer that our lives may be filled with hope and confidence through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundance, we thank you for this food, a gift of your constant love and care for us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of all grace strengthen you now and always through Christ our Lord. (1 Peter 5:10)

