



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

# I AM THE DOOR

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT | SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 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'.

## Call to Worship

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

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

**I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.**

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

**I and the Father are one."**

## Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Together we confess:

**Almighty God, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We turn away from listening to your Word and listen instead to the tempting voices of the world around us. We should walk in your will, but instead follow our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus carried our sins to the cross and suffered the penalty of death that we earned for ourselves. He rose from the dead 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.

**Jesus said, "I am the door of the sheep ... If anyone enters by me, he will be saved." Through faith in Jesus' name we enter his kingdom and receive forgiveness and life!**

## Opening Song

"Blessed Be Your Name"

## 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, our Shepherd, you have said that you are the door for the sheep. Your holy name, the name of Jesus, is the only name by which we are saved. Through you alone, through faith in your name, we enter the kingdom of God. We are safe within your fold, shielded by your hand. Fill us with your Spirit that we might be bold witnesses for you, sharing your love and forgiveness with a world lost in sin. Work through our witness to bring other sheep into your fold so that there will be one flock and one Shepherd. Amen.**

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

**First Reading**

Isaiah 40:9-11

Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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

**Psalm 23** (sung)

**Second Reading**

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

"Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)"

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.*

**Gospel Reading**

John 10:7-11

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

*The gospel of the Lord.*

**Sermon**

"I Am the Door"

Pastor Dan Overbo

**Song of the Day**

"Forever"

## 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

"Holy Spirit"

## 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, Lucy & Jesse Dunn- Great Grandchildren of Annette Gugel, Michelle LeBlanc- Granddaughter of Bev Eggen, Marv Sherrill*

Death: *Amy Pederson- Sister of Karla (Roger) Stimson and Brenda (Rick) Rorvick, and Aunt of Troy (Dana) Stimson*

## Prayer Song

"Holy Spirit"

## 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 2-8)**

**Promised: \$10,306.83**

**Non-Promised: \$5,947.00**

**Mission of the Month: \$198.33**

**Lent: \$580.00**

## Offertory Response

"You Are My All in All"

## Offering Prayer

You have given us food and family, laughter and love, O God. You have given us your Son, salvation and the promise of heaven's open door. Accept these gifts, for we learned to give from you. Through Jesus Christ our 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.**

## Distribution

## Post Communion Prayer

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Diminishing Lights Ceremony

## Benediction

Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.

**For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.**

Thomas said to [Jesus], "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

**Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

**Amen.**

## Announcements

## Sending Song

"This is Amazing Grace"

## Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Serving

**Preaching:** Pastor Dan Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Greeters:** Joan Hakeman, Pam Raeder; **Lector:** Robbyn Gauger-Givens;

**Ushers:** Pam Raeder, Matt Olson, Cal Wiesner; **Communion Assistants:** Joan Hakeman, Amanda Kienow, Steven Ays, Ron Givens;

**Coffee Servers:** Verna Olson; **Welcome Center:** Nancy Rogers;

# THE WEEKLY WORD

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## Fundraiser for LCOOR Preschool

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



## Spring Plants for Easter

Help beautify our sanctuary by purchasing a spring plant in memory or honor of a loved one or to the Glory of God. **Cost of each plant is \$20.** Complete an order form (found at the Welcome Center or Church Office). **Order deadline - March 22.**

## The Latest Word - Monthly Newsletter

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

SCAN HERE



## Volunteer at Worship

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

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## 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 - 6<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Wills...Trusts...Your Life Can Make a Difference

As a partner ministry of the South Dakota Synod, Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota offers creative solutions to help you align your financial, tax, and estate planning with your faith and values. Whether you are considering a gift today, creating a legacy plan that supports both your loved ones and the ministries you care about most, thoughtful planning allows your life—and your generosity—to make a lasting difference or are you looking to learn more about wills and why they are important.

Join us for an informational evening with Kathy McHenry to learn more about planning for the future.

**Thursday, April 16 | 6:00 PM**

**Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer**

Please **RSVP by Monday, April 8** to Jodi Spilde at [office@lcoorwatertown.org](mailto:office@lcoorwatertown.org) or 605-886-2696.

# Calendar & Attendance

## Sunday March 15

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop  
8:45 a.m. Church School with 3 Year Old Milestone  
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 a.m. Redeemer's Kitchen

## Monday March 16

No Preschool March 16-19 (Spring Break)  
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

## Tuesday March 17

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group  
11:00 a.m. Text Study

## Wednesday March 18

No Church School or Confirmation (Spring Break)  
No Community Meal (Spring Break)  
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
6:30 p.m. Worship  
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

## Thursday March 19

9:00 a.m. Quilting  
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

## Friday March 20

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
9:00 a.m. Quilting

## Saturday March 21

5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

## Sunday March 22

Spring Plant Order Deadline  
No Church School or Confirmation (Spring Break)  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. LCOOR Mobile Soup Kitchen

## Monday March 23

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

## Tuesday March 24

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

## Wednesday March 25

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
5:00 p.m. Community Meal (suggested donation: \$3/person, \$10/family)  
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop  
5:45 p.m. Church School  
6:30 p.m. Worship  
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

## Attendance

**Sunday, March 1 YouTube:** 106

**Wednesday, March 4:** 327

**Saturday, March 7:** 85

**Sunday, March 8:** 251

## 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:

If there was one thing you could tell your younger self about faith, what would it be?

