



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday August 13, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Today we remember our mission. —————→ **We are making God known through word & deed.**
We gather together to ask God's blessing; —————→ **Blest be the tie that binds us together.**
We gather together to lift high our voices; —————→ **Blest be the song that brings life to our spirits.**
We gather together to praise God's holy name; —————→ **Blest be the God of grace and God of glory! Amen!**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Time of silence for reflection)*

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 Hymn

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

#763 vs. 1, 2 & 4

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

We have a faith problem, O God-

As Peter, sinking into the sea, had a faith problem..

As Elijah, weighed down with worry, had a faith problem.

Increase our faith, O God. **Pour your Spirit upon us.**

For you are powerful, O God- **Though you speak in a hushed whisper.**

You are present, O God- **As Jesus was present- walking with Peter on the water.**

Even as you are more ready to hear than we are to pray.

We pray to you now, O God- increase our faith.

Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now, **and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

Old Testament (Page 254) in Pew Bible

At that place he 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?" 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." 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; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 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?" 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." 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. 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. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 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.**

Psalms

Psalms 85:8-13

Old Testament (Page 422) in Pew Bible

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

New Testament (Page 122) in Pew Bible

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." 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) "or "Who will descend into the abyss?" " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." 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. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." 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? 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.**

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

New Testament (Page 12) in Pew Bible

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

Notes: _____

Hymn of the Day

"We Walk by Faith" (alternate tune)

#635 vs. 1-3, 5

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.

Prayers of the Church

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

Hospitalized/Ill: *Jessica Fischer, Ashlea West, Alberta Frerichs, Michelle Hines*

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:

Watertown Sandwich Ministry



Offertory Response

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

#186

Offering Prayer

You come to us, O God **As you came to Elijah at Horeb, as you came to the disciples on the sea.**

You come to us, O God, in love. **We come to you. Accept these gifts of thanks and praise.**

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

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 Hymn

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

#773

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; **Piano:** Mary Wika; **Sound & Projection:** Sam Langner and Roger Whittle; **Lector:** Clark Likness; **Ushers:** Clark and Gerry Likness;

Altar Flowers are given by Bill & Cathy Zubke to share with their LCOOR Family in the joy and love of 50 years.

THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOCCE BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS FROM 1-2:15PM
BEGINNING THIS FALL

SIGN UP AT THE CHURCH WELCOME CENTER



Let's **CELEBRATE** with our sister Congregation!

Sunday, September 17
10:30am Worship Service

meal to follow

(\$10 adults/\$5 Kids 4-10/Free Kids 3 and under)
RSVP to Kat Anderson 605-886-5737



SAVE THE DATE

Ladies Night Out

NOVEMBER 13

TICKET SALES BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 1ST.



Altar Flower Sign Up

Opportunity to help beautify our Sanctuary with flowers. Please consider choosing a weekend to provide altar flowers in celebration or memory of a loved one. Sign up is at the Welcome Center.

🌸 Cost is \$60 🌸



AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH

Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!



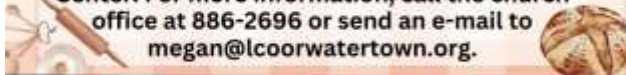
Salvation Army

Boxed Potatoes & Hamburger Helper

The Salvation Army needs boxed potatoes and hamburger helper type meals. Please consider picking up a couple extra items while you are out shopping. Thank you.

BAKERS NEEDED

Bakers are needed to make communion bread for worship. The sign-up sheet, recipe and instructions are available at the Welcome Center. For more information, call the church office at 886-2696 or send an e-mail to megan@lcoorwatertown.org.



NEW FALL SCHEDULE

WORSHIP & EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAYS

4:45pm Family Meal
5:30pm Church School
5:30pm Adult Education
6:30pm Worship

SATURDAYS

7:15pm 7/8 Grade Confirmation
5:30pm Traditional Worship
6:30pm Meal "First Saturday of the Month"

SUNDAYS

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGES
8:30am Church School
8:30am Adult Education
9:30am Blended Worship

Holy Communion served twice a month - Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday



PRAYER SHAWLS

Available to All

Crafted by many talented hands here at LCOOR serve as a tangible reminder that a person is being remembered in prayer. Our prayer shawls are available at no charge for anyone to share. They can be picked up at the Welcome Center, or near the church office.



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August 13-20

Sunday August 13

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Monday August 14

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

Tuesday August 15

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study

Wednesday August 16

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Thursday August 17

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

Friday August 18

Church Office Closes at Noon
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:00 a.m. Quilting

Saturday August 19

Stewardship Moment
5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship (Lay Led)

Sunday August 20

Stewardship Moment
9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park w/ Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion



Money is one of God's gifts to people.

"Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil – this is the gift of God".

Ecd. 5:19

Attendance & Offering

Saturday, August 5- 85
Sunday, August 6- (9:00) 86; (10:30) 107

Offering (8/6):

General Fund: \$11,630.00;
Debt Reduction: \$245;
Mission of the Month: \$138.335
Other: \$140.00;

Simply Giving Offering (7/31-8/4):

General Fund: \$10,060.34
Debt Reduction: \$33.00;
Mission of the Month: \$80.00
Other: \$407.00;

Serve

There are many ways to serve your congregation each month including volunteering before, during and after worship services. During the month of July, we had 91 slots to fill including greeters, ushers, lectors, communion assistants and coffee servers. We were able to fill 74.75% (68) 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 August.

Staff

Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

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AUGUST 13, 2023
ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Even a little faith is enough.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water
Monday	1 Kings 19:9-18	The Lord appears to Elijah
Tuesday	Romans 10:5-15	Anyone can be saved
Wednesday	Luke 17:1-6	Sayings of Jesus
Thursday	Acts 15:6-21	The council at Jerusalem
Friday	Romans 12:1-8	The new life in Christ
Saturday	Psalms 85:8-13	Restoration of God's favor
Sunday	Matthew 15:10-28	A woman's faith

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He [Jesus] said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. Matthew 14:28-29 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to trust in you during the difficult and scary times of life that we may still sing your praises through Jesus Christ, the one who calms our fears. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Nurturing God, you give what is good and bless our land with abundant food; for your goodness and mercy we thank you for this meal. Amen. (Psalm 85:12)

A Blessing to Give:

May God calm you when you are afraid and bless you with steadfast love.



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AUGUST 13, 2023
HYMN OF THE WEEK

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me



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:

- Think or talk about a difficult time in your life.
- Who or what has helped you make it through a difficult time in your life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 14:22-33.

Once again, Jesus is on the sea with his disciples. And, again, Jesus points out the disciples' fears and little faith as he did when he stilled a storm (Matthew 8:23-27). Just the night before, Jesus fed the 5,000 men plus more women and children. Don't they understand how powerful and caring Jesus is? How many of us would have the faith and courage of Peter to step out of a boat during a storm and onto dangerous and deep waters? Yes, Jesus calls it "little faith," but that little faith is still quite remarkable. When we are in the midst of a storm, a painful period in our lives that scares us, our lives are very fragile, needy, and weak. We often do not respond with great confidence and faith. No matter how little our faith is, it is enough because of Jesus who is Emmanuel, God with us. When life gets calm following a difficult time in our lives, at least then we are relieved—even joyful—and can say of Jesus, "Truly you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33).

Discuss: How does your faith help you when you face difficult situations?

Pray: **Merciful God, when we experience moments that scare us and make us long for stable ground to stand on, give us even a little faith to hope in you through Christ 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 anxious or worried?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus came to the disciples in the middle of the night and calmed their fears. Bedtime is a special opportunity to think, talk, listen, and pray for yourself and others. Take time to think or talk about your highs and lows at bedtime this week. Give thanks to God for your highs. For your lows, pray that Jesus will come and remain with you during the night and calm any "storms." Then pray the Lord's Prayer.



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