



Prelude

Fantasy in C Major (Bach)
 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" (arr. Goode & Fleischer)

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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**
 Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

Psalm

Psalm 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th Chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Sermon

"Where 2 or 3 are Gathered"

Pastor Dan Overbo

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Cameron John Hansen

Son of Hunter & Nicole Hansen

Sponsors: Garrett & Morgan Determan

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.

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: **Dianna Lambert, Sophie Holida, Karla Stimson, Nora Hopper, Larry Haaland- Friend of the Congregation, Michelle LeBlanc- Granddaughter of Bev Eggen, Nicole Rude- Daughter-in-Law of Allen & Julie Rude, Chad Jutting- Brother of Todd (Lesli) Jutting and Joy (Todd) Freimark, Lois Brandvold- Mother of Pat (Roger) Crom, Nicole (Wilkinson) Meier- Niece of Nancy & Darwin Brinkman**

Death: **Earl Lammle**

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:

LCOOR Feeding Ministries



Offering: August 23-29

Promised \$5,038.50

Non-Promised \$3,751.00

Mission of the Month \$100.61

Offering Prayer

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Communion Hymn

"Lamb of God"

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Post Communion Prayer

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Beautiful Savior"

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Call to Service

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

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

Prelude

Praise We Sing to Thee (Haydn)

Serving

Preaching: Pastor Dan Overbo; **Organist:** AJ Sherrill; **Communion Assistants:** Amanda Kienow, Steven Ays;

THE WEEKLY WORD

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Fall Worship Schedule

Last Summer Worship at Memorial Park:

- Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

Fall Worship Schedule Resumes:

- Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adult Bible Study

Pastor Dan will be leading a five-week Adult Bible Study beginning **Thursday, October 1, at 6:00 p.m.** The study will focus on *The Me I Want to Be: Becoming God's Best Version of You* by John Ortberg.

The cost of the study guide is \$8. **Please sign up at the Welcome Center** and contact Pastor Dan with any questions. We look forward to our first Bible study of the fall season.

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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Pick Your College Quilt Raffle!

Five beautiful quilts will be raffled off, each representing a local college: SDSU, USD, NDSU, UND, and Northern State University. This isn't just a raffle—it's a college competition! **Drop your raffle ticket into the basket beside your favorite college.** The college with the most raffle tickets will be named our Local Favorite! Each quilt will have one lucky winner. The five quilt winners will be drawn on November 17. All proceeds will be used for the development of Outdoor Activity Areas. **Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Choose your school. Cast your vote. Support a great cause!**

Global Health Ministries: Newborn Kits

A faithful group of volunteers continues to support Global Health Ministries by sewing diapers and assembling newborn kits. These kits provide practical care and support to mothers and newborns in communities around the world. Complete kit instructions can be found at the Welcome Center. There are several items that are always needed and appreciated (new or gently used, no stains):

- Receiving blankets (30" x 30" or 48" x 48")
- Lightweight bath towels (approximately 50" x 26")
- Washcloths (please, no microfiber)
- Onesies (size newborn, 0-3)
- Pillowcases



Register for Church School and Confirmation!

Church
School



Confirmation



It's Road Ditch Time!

It's time to clean our section of Highway 20! 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 AI-605-553-6791. Thank you for helping with this community service project.

Calendar & Attendance

Sunday September 6

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

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

Monday September 7

Church Office Closed (Labor Day)

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday September 8

First Day of LCOOR Preschool

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Executive Committee

6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday September 9

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle

5:30 p.m. Acolyte & Blessing Assistant Orientation

6:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Parent & Student Orientation

7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday September 10

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday September 11

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

3:00 p.m. Wedding

Saturday September 12

5:30 p.m. Worship

Sunday September 13 (Activities Resume)

8:45 a.m. Church School with Back to School Blessing

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting

Attendance

Sunday, August 23 Livestream: 128

Sunday, August 30 (Praise in the Park): 303

Church Staff

Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

Associate Pastor

Laura Overbo

Director of Faith Formation

Wendy Kruger

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CAR QUESTION FOR THE RIDE HOME:

How can we care for God's creation today?

