



## Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Sunday, March 3, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

### Welcome to Worship, we're glad you're here!

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

Come to this space and time of repentance. —→ **We gather as a people of God.**

Come to this time and space of renewal. —→ **We gather as a people of Christ.**

Come to this space and time of grace. —→ **We gather as a people of Spirit. We live as a people of hope.**

### Invocation

Walk with us on this journey, O God. Be present today on our paths to the cross even as you were with Jesus. May this journey have meaning for our worship together and for the lives we live daily. **Amen.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)* Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### Opening Song

“What A Beautiful Name”

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High

Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down

My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a wonderful Name it is

The Name of Jesus What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You The veil tore before You You silence the boast of sin and grave

The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again

You have no rival You have no equal Now and forever God You reign

Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory Yours is the Name above all names  
What a powerful Name it is What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is Nothing can stand against What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus (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.**

## Kyrie

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## Canticle of Praise

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

## Psalm

### Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork. <sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. <sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, <sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun. <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. <sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. <sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes. <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. <sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is <sup>1</sup> great reward. <sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults. <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

## Second Reading

### 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

"Faith of Our Fathers"

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## Children's Church

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

## Gospel Reading

### Mark 5:1-20

<sup>1</sup>They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup>And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. <sup>3</sup>He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him anymore, even with a chain; <sup>4</sup>for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. <sup>5</sup>Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always

howling and bruising himself with stones. <sup>6</sup>When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; <sup>7</sup>and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." <sup>8</sup>For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." <sup>10</sup>He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. <sup>11</sup>Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; <sup>12</sup>and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." <sup>13</sup>So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea. <sup>14</sup>The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. <sup>15</sup>They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup>Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. <sup>17</sup>Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. <sup>18</sup>As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. <sup>19</sup>But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." <sup>20</sup>And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

## Message

"Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac"

Pastor Paul Oman

## Hymn of the Day

"Be Thou My Vision"

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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

"More Precious Than Silver"

(Oh) Lord You are More precious than silver    Lord You are More costly than gold  
Lord You are More beautiful than diamonds    And nothing I desire Compares with You

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## Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: *Tori Simon, Mark Mandery, Nicole Rislov, Randy Johnson, Tammy Rohde, Teagan Benda, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler, Matt Schlaht-Friend of Rachel & Jesse Hauck,*

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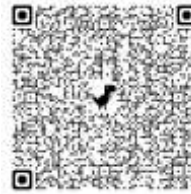
## Offering

*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:*

***ELCA World Hunger***

*Lenten Offering: LCOOR Preschool*



## Offertory Response

“Create In Me a Clean Heart”

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## Offering Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

**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.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

## Announcements

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God*

## Blessing

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

## Sending Song

“I Will Follow”

Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow Oh oh oh  
All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight High above my life I will trust in You alone In You alone

(Chorus) Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move  
I will follow You Whom You love I'll love How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose I will follow (You) Yeah

Yeah I will follow You yeah Light into the world Light into my life I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek Knowing I will find All I need in You alone In You alone (Chorus)

Yeah I will follow You yeah In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy And I will follow (Chorus)

Yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah

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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 when you leave today.

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## Serving

**Message:** Pastor Paul Oman; **Presiding:** Pastor Overbo; **Sound & Projection:** Zach Stanton;

**Acolyte:** Avery Kruse; **Lector:** Addison Kruse; **Ushers:** Cal Wiesner & Darwin Brinkman;

**Communion Assistants:** Clea Urevig, Heather Rasmussen, Craig & Jessica Kruse, Barb Cramer, Tammy Davis;

\*This worship service may be livestreamed on YouTube and the LCOOR Facebook page.



**MARCH 3, 2024**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

**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:

- Where do you like to worship God?
- Jesus said that his body is the real temple. What does that mean for how and where we worship?

**DEVOTIONS**

Read: John 2:1-22.

Jesus goes from turning water into an abundance of wine at a wedding to arriving in Jerusalem and announcing his uncompromising judgment in the temple. Both images of Jesus are critical to the Gospel of John. Jesus opposes the buying and selling happening in the temple at the expense of honoring “my Father’s house” (v. 16). The “sign” or authority he gives for his forceful actions is that his body is the real temple. Jesus, as the word made flesh (John 1:14), embodies the very presence of God and, therefore, Jesus becomes the centerpiece for our worship. To the Samaritan woman Jesus says, “you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem” (John 4:21). During the COVID pandemic Christians could not gather in person. We began to realize we need not worship only in a sanctuary. The phrase used was “the church has left the building,” noting that we can still worship God outside of sanctuaries. The same message is in John, and it is not new. We can worship wherever we are. *Discuss:* Besides a church building, where have you worshiped Jesus?

*Pray:* God of heaven and earth, help us to see that your glory is everywhere, and wherever we are is an acceptable place to worship you through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**SERVICE**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, in addition to a sanctuary, where can you join with others to worship God?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

The cross is an ancient symbol of the Christian faith. It reminds us Jesus died that we may live with God forever and is a reminder of a way of life for Jesus’ followers. Light three candles of the seven votive candles shaped like a cross being used for Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

*Then pray:* Lord, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you. You are my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen. (Psalm 19:14)

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



**THE WEEKLY WORD- ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Luther League** 7-12 Grade  
**2.0**  
 Sunday Nights at 6pm  
 We will not meet on Sunday, March 17 or Sunday, March 31.

**SPRING PLANTS FOR EASTER**  
**Order Deadline: March 24**  
 Help beautify our sanctuary by purchasing an Easter plant in memory or honor of a loved one or to the Glory of God. **Cost of each plant is \$20.** Complete an Easter Plant order form (found at the Welcome Center or Church Office). Please contact the church office if you have questions.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER  
**SPRING CRAFT NIGHT**  
 MARCH 19 TUESDAY 6:30 PM  
 SIGN UP AT WELCOME CENTER \$15  
 SIGN UP DEADLINE FRIDAY, MARCH 15

**Junction Youth Group**  
 1st-4th Graders  
 This month we will meet on **Monday, March 4 from 6-7:30 p.m.** for fellowship, snacks, crafts & more!  
**MEETS THE 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**We need Communion Bread!**  
 Sign up at the Welcome Center. Recipe & instructions are provided.

**NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION**  
 New Member orientation is **Wednesday, March 20 at 5:15 p.m.**  
 If you are interested in attending please contact Twila in the church office at (605) 886-2696. *New Members will be recognized during worship services on March 20, 23 & 24.*

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**  
 March 24-31  
**Palm Sunday (March 24):** Kids Sing for Worship with Procession of Palms at 9:30 a.m.  
**Maundy Thursday (March 28):** Worship with Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m.  
**Good Friday (March 29):** Tenebrae Worship at 6:30 p.m.  
**Easter Sunday (March 31):** with Holy Communion at all services: 7:00 a.m. Worship with Handbells 8:30 a.m. Worship with Choir 10:00 a.m. Worship with Choir

**SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS**  
**Canned Fruit**  
 As you go grocery shopping, please consider picking up a couple extras to donate. Drop these items off at LCOOR and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

**WATERTOWN COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES**  
 2024 Host Church: First United Methodist Church  
 All services begin at 12:05 p.m. and will be followed by a light lunch.  
 February 21 March 13  
 February 28 March 20  
 March 6 (LCOOR serving)

**Global Health Ministries**  
**We are collecting hospice kits in March.**  
 Instructions can be found at the Welcome Center or in the church office.



## March 3-10

Print too small? Large print bulletins are available at all worship services.

### Sunday March 3

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
8:30 a.m. Church School  
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship w/ Holy Communion  
2:00 p.m. Prairie Coteau Conference Assembly in Webster, SD  
6:00 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)

### Monday March 4

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
6:00 p.m. Junction Youth Group (1-4 Grade)  
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

### Tuesday March 5

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group  
11:00 a.m. Text Study  
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

### Wednesday March 6

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
12:05 p.m. Community Lenten Service at First United Methodist Church  
4:45 p.m. Community Meal- Goulash  
5:30 p.m. Church School  
5:30 p.m. Google Doc Tutorial (Council Members)  
6:30 p.m. Worship  
7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation  
7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday March 7

9:00 a.m. Quilting  
1:15 p.m. Chair Yoga  
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

### Friday March 8

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

### Saturday March 9

LCOOR serves Church on the Street- Sioux Falls, SD  
5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

### Sunday March 10

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
8:30 a.m. Church School  
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship  
6:00 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)

## Attendance & Offering

February 18 Live Stream- 114  
Saturday, February 24 - 56  
Sunday, February 25 - 281  
Wednesday, February 28 - 208

### Offering (2/25):

General Fund: \$5,958;  
Debt Reduction: \$40; Other: \$50  
Mission of the Month: \$85.91;  
Lent: \$685; Church School: \$36.60  
Simply Giving Offering (2/19-2/23):

General Fund: \$4,126.23;  
Debt Reduction: \$55; Other: \$185;  
Mission of the Month: \$160;

## Staff

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## MARCH 3, 2024

### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

*Worship the Lord wherever you are.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 2:13-22</b>	<b>Jesus cleanses the temple</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Exodus 20:1-17</b>	<b>The Ten Commandments</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 1:18-25</b>	<b>Christ crucified</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Proverbs 24:3-4</b>	<b>Seek wisdom</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Joshua 24:14-18</b>	<b>The tribes renew the covenant</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2 Samuel 7:18-29</b>	<b>David's prayer</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 19</b>	<b>God is creator and gives the law</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 3:14-21</b>	<b>God so loved the world</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he [Jesus] was speaking of the temple of his body. **John 2:20-21 (NRSV)***

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Creator God, help us to give you our worship and praise wherever we are for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who came that we may be set free. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with the sun, moon, and stars, we give you thanks for your creative work, including this gift of food. Amen. (Psalm 19:1)

#### A Blessing to Give:

May you worship the risen Lord with gladness.



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