



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday January 21, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship

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

Come to the light that God has sent into our world. —————> **Let light flood our hearts and lives.**

The light is meant for all the world. —————> **We receive the light that we might share it with others.**

Let us worship the God who has so graciously blessed us. —————> **We praise and adore our God of light.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

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)

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. **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

“Canon of Praise” arr. by Hal H. Hopson

Praise & Rejoice Choir; Directed by: Tera McDonnell

New Members Received

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

Psalm

Psalm 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God. ⁶God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken. ⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge. ⁸Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge. ⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath. ¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it. ¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God. ¹²Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

Children's Church

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

Alleluia alleluia I am the light of the world Alleluia alleluia I am the light of the world
Those who follow Me Will not walk in darkness Those who follow Me Will have the light of life
Alleluia alleluia I am the light of the world Alleluia alleluia I am the light of the world

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

Sermon

“Drop Everything?”

Pastor Dan Overbo

Hymn of the Day

“I Want to Walk as a Child of Light”

#815

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

“Oh Lord, You're Beautiful”

Oh Lord You're beautiful Your face is all I seek
And when Your eyes are on this child Your grace abounds to me

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Ashlea West, Mark Mandery, Kevin Stark, Ric Holmquest, Jack Pereira, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler, Matt Schlaht-Friend of Rachel & Jesse Hauck, Joyce Foster, Carroll Moe,*

Death: *Mildred Smith- Grandmother of Jessica (Joel) Vockrodt, Harlow Ostenvik, Nelda Grage, Sister-in-law of Annette Gugel & Aunt of Bev (Steve) Splinter*

Prayer Song

“Oh Lord, You’re Beautiful”

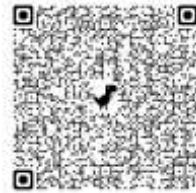
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Offering

*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:
Nicaragua Partner Ministry & Nicaragua Youth Retreat*



Stewardship Moment

Offertory Response

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

#186

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

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 This Morning

Preaching: Pastor Dan Overbo; **Sound & Projection:** Zach Stanton, Kent Anderson; **Worship Team;**

Lector: Graysn McGillivray; **Ushers:** Eric Beutler; **Communion Assistants:** Ron & Sheila Moehring, Ed & Cathy Gerrish, Roger & Pat Crom; **Coffee Servers:** Verna Olson; **Welcome Center:** Nancy Rogers & Deb Ernst;

New Members Welcomed

Clark Toben
2406 South Serenity Dr., Watertown, SD

Nicholas Harms, Cason (10) & Lilah (7)
2220 Grant Dr., Watertown, SD

Tyler, Alison & Amelia (7 mo.) Gorrell
203 Circle Dr., Watertown, SD

Benjamin Storm
2612 4th Ave. NW, Watertown, SD



*This worship service is livestreamed on YouTube and the LCOOR Facebook page.

JANUARY 21, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*O God of Mercy,
God of Light*

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:

- Do you find it hard to love certain people? Explain.
- What do you think about God showing love and mercy to people who upset you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 and 4:1-4.

It is easy to get caught up in debates about whether or not Jonah was swallowed by a whale. We can miss the point—and the real miracle—of the whole book. Jonah ran away from God because God directed Jonah to preach repentance to the city of Nineveh. The great miracle in the book of Jonah is that Nineveh repented! The city was known as a corrupt, violent, and ungodly place. Jonah’s harsh warning that the city would be overthrown in forty days brought the people—including the king—to repentance. Jonah was displeased about this outcome. He knew the steadfast love and mercy of God and did not want it to be given to Nineveh. Jonah didn’t want God to love the people that Jonah didn’t love at all. The message in the book of Jonah for us is to stop despising the people God loves. God’s steadfast love is great. Even though we feel some do not deserve God’s love and mercy, they may receive it anyway. Our call to repentance is the same kind of turning away from a world as we want it and be open to the power of God’s kingdom to make all things new.

Discuss: When have you been surprised to see the power of God’s love in the lives of those you felt were undeserving?

Pray: **God of abundant grace, help us to trust that your ways are not our ways and that your ways are filled with a love and mercy for all through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to extend God’s love to someone you dislike?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

We read about Jesus calling the first disciples in Mark 1:16-20. They were fisherman. The fish is an important Christian symbol. Each letter in the Greek spelling of the word “fish” (*IXTHUS*) begins a Greek word that stands for “Jesus Christ Son of God Savior.” During the early church, it was dangerous to be a Christian in some parts of the Roman Empire. Believers developed a code to reveal their faith to others who were Christian. One person would draw on the ground the upper half of a fish symbol. If the other person was a Christian, they would recognize this and add a second curve line to complete the drawing of a fish. Draw a simple fish design. Place it in a visible place in your home as a reminder of your faith in Jesus.

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

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

Cream Soup & Canned Tuna

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!



Route 56 Youth Group
5th-6th Graders

This month we will meet on **Monday, January 22 from 6-7:30 p.m.** for fellowship, snacks, crafts & more!

MEETS THE 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

CRAFT NIGHT

Winter Wonderland Vase

Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 6:30pm \$15
SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER

Sewing Day

JANUARY 30 | 9:00AM

We will be sewing hospice gowns and diapers. Please bring your sewing machine & white/grey thread. Non-sewers are welcome to help iron & assemble kits.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We are collecting baby care kits in January.

Instructions can be found at the Welcome Center or in the church office.

JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

Nicaragua Partner Ministry & Nicaragua Youth Retreat

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

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE CONGREGATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 | 10:30AM

Luther League 7-12 Grade

2.0

Sunday Nights at 6pm

See your January newsletter for more information!

ENROLLING NOW 2024-25

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Monday-Thursday

We will fill the morning class first and if there's an interest, we will open an afternoon class. You can find an enrollment form at the Welcome Center, the Preschool classroom, or online.

**Must be 4 by September 1, 2024. Open to all, not just LCOOR members.*

VACCINATION EVENT

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

February 6 | 9:30am

Vaccines Available: RSV, Shingles, Influenza & COVID

Pick up a form at the Welcome Center and return the form to the church office by January 31st.

Sunday January 21

Stewardship Moment
 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
 8:30 a.m. Church School
 8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
 9:30 a.m. New Members Received
 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship w/ Holy Communion
 6:00 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)
 7:00 p.m. Youth Music Team Practice (7-12 Grade)

Monday January 22

February Newsletter Deadline
 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
 6:00 p.m. Rt. 56 Youth Group (5-6th Grade)
 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday January 23

11:00 a.m. Text Study
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Craft Night

Wednesday January 24

Stewardship Moment
 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
 12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
 4:45 p.m. Community Meal- Pizza
 5:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
 5:30 p.m. Church School
 6:30 p.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion
 7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
 7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Thursday January 25

10:00 a.m. Book Club
 10:45 a.m. Preschool Chapel
 1:15 p.m. Chair Yoga
 3:45 p.m. Stoneybrook Communion
 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday January 26

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

Saturday January 27

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday January 28

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
 8:30 a.m. Church School
 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship
 10:30 a.m. Annual Congregation Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)
 7:00 p.m. Youth Music Team Practice

Attendance & Offering

January 7 Live Stream- 106
 Saturday, January 13 - 26
 Sunday, January 14- 154
 Wednesday, January 17- 171
Offering (1/14):
 General Fund: \$22,005.75;
 Mission of the Month: \$41.01;
 Church School: \$25.13;
Simply Giving Offering (1/8-1/12):
 General Fund: \$5,081.88;
 Debt Reduction: \$55; Other: \$170;
 Mission of the Month: \$55;

Staff

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JANUARY 21, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Repentance turns us to the power of God's mercy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 1:14-20	Jesus calls the first disciples
Monday	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Jonah goes to Nineveh
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Live without anxiety
Wednesday	Isaiah 55:6-13	God's ways are not our ways
Thursday	Psalms 51:1-12	A prayer for forgiveness
Friday	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Paul's visions
Saturday	Psalms 62:5-12	God is powerful and kind
Sunday	Mark 1:21-28	Jesus teaches in the synagogue

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.
Psalm 62:8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of steadfast love and mercy, help us to be open to the depth and breadth of your power of love that reaches others through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, just as you feed us with the life-giving power of this food, feed us with your love to care for others in Jesus' name. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the steadfast love of God give you peace.

