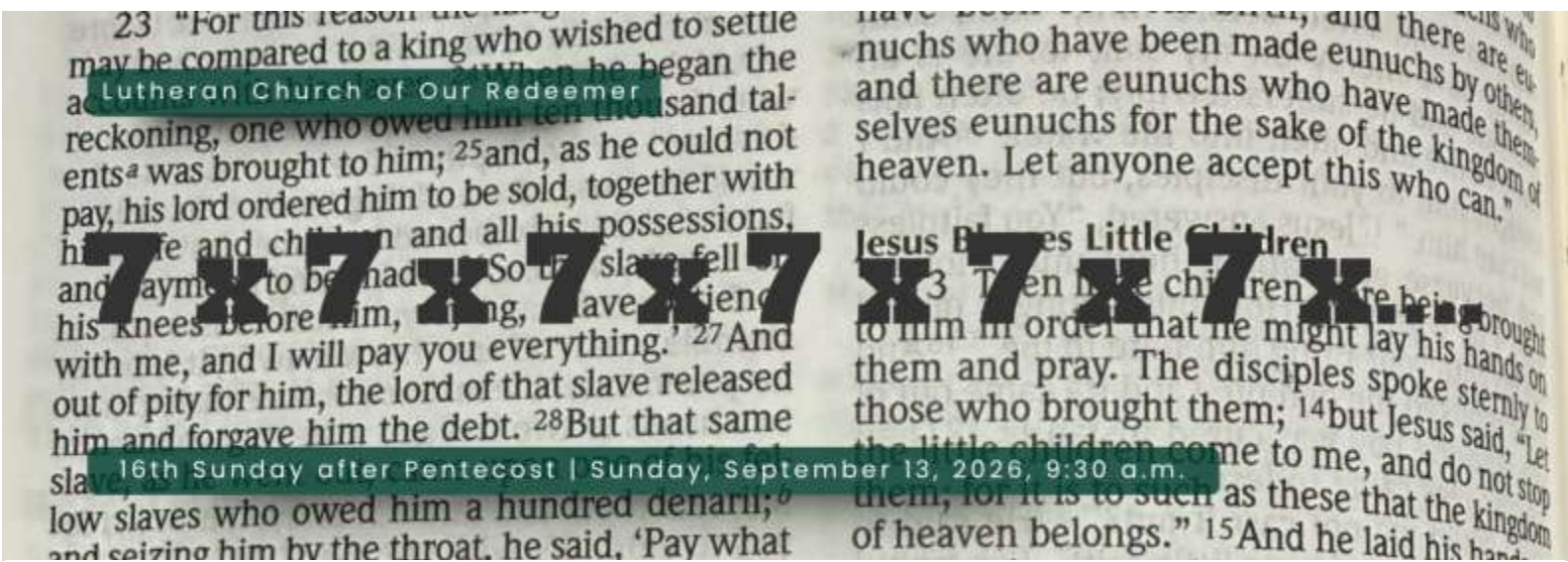




Welcome

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 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. **O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

"I Feel the Spirit!" D. Besig

Julianne Decker, Katie Graeb, Codi Hanson

Children's Sermon & Back to School Blessing (congregation please sing 'Jesus Loves Me' as children gather)

First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

Psalm

Psalm 103:8-13

⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹ you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

¹² **As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

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

Gospel Acclamation

"Come and See"

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

Hymn of the Day

"Faith of Our Fathers"

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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

"Jesus We Love You"

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: **Dianna** Lambert, **Sophie** Holida, **Karla** Stimson, **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, **Nicole** (Wilkinson) Meier- Niece of Nancy & Darwin Brinkman

Prayer Song

"Jesus We Love You"

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 30 - September 5**

Promised \$10,033.50

Non-Promised \$4,581.00

Mission of the Month \$147.34

Offertory Response

"God You're So Good"

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.**

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.

Announcements

Altar Flowers are given in memory of Pastor Vaughn Neshiem and Brendan Downey

Blessing Song

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Sending Song

"This is Amazing Grace"

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.

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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Laura Overbo; **Piano:** Kristy Tostenson; **Lector:** Lois Harrington; **Coffee Servers:** Nyla Bergan;
Ushers: Kevin Luoma, Matt Olson, Ron Moehring; **Welcome Center:** Pam Luckhurst; **Acolyte:** Carson Wahl;



God's work.
Our hands.

SEPTEMBER 20

Following worship on
Sunday, Sept. 20 we will be
cleaning headstones at Mt.
Hope Cemetery. Sign up at
the Welcome Center or by
scanning the QR code.



THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Junction Youth Group (1-4 Grade)

A youth Group for 1st to 4th grade. We will meet **Thursday, September 17, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Join us for a bible verse, games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!



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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!**

September Book Club

For the month of September, we will not be meeting at LCOOR. Instead, we will join the Watertown Regional Library for a discussion of this year's One Book South Dakota selection, *A Biography of a Mountain: The Making and Meaning of Mount Rushmore* by Matthew Davis. The discussion will take place on Monday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the Watertown Regional Library.

God's Work. Our Hands.

Join us as we make God known through Word and Deed by serving our community! This year, we'll be cleaning gravestones at Mt. Hope Cemetery, caring for this sacred place while honoring those who came before us.

Please join us at **11:00 a.m. on Sunday September 20, at Mt. Hope Cemetery.** We'll provide all cleaning supplies, T-shirts, water, and snacks. **To sign up,** please visit our website at www.lcoorwatertown.org and click the "Serve" button in the main menu or sign up at the Welcome Center.

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 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

Monday September 14

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
2:00 p.m. Martha Circle
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday September 15

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m. Quilting Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday September 16 (Activities Resume)

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
5:45 p.m. Church School with Back to School Blessing
6:30 p.m. Worship with 7th Grade Bible Milestone
6:30-8:00 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Luther League (9-12 Grade)

Thursday September 17

9:00 a.m. Quilting
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00-7:00 p.m. Junction (1-4 Grade)

Friday September 18

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

Saturday September 19

5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday September 20

8:45 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. God's Work, Our Hands at Mt. Hope

Attendance

Saturday, September 5: 137

Sunday, September 6 Lake: 178

Sunday, September 6 Town: 62

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CAR QUESTION FOR THE RIDE HOME:

What is something beautiful you see right now?

