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5th Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday February 4, 2024, 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

“How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice

(Chorus) How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God
And all will see how great How great is our God

And age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the End Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb (Chorus)

Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God (x2) (Chorus)

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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. **Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalm

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

²The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel. ³The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. ⁴The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.

⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom. ⁶The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground. ⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God, ⁸who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains. ⁹God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry. ¹⁰God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner, ¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c} Hallelujah!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

Gospel Acclamation

"Beautiful Savior"

#838 vs. 1 & 4

Children's Church

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

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

Sermon

"Away to Pray"

Pastor Laura Overbo

Hymn of the Day

"Faith of Our Fathers"

#812

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

"Shine On Us"

Lord let Your light Light of Your face shine on us Lord let Your light

Light of Your face shine on us That we may be saved That we may have life

To find our way in the darkest night Let Your light shine on us

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: *Roberta Hagen, Ashlea West, Mark Mandery, Linda Schoepp,*

Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler,

Matt Schlaht-Friend of Rachel & Jesse Hauck, Jim Leuning- friend of the congregation,

Death: *Cynthia Emery- Sister of Renae (Ken) Madison, Denise Sotka,*

Prayer Song

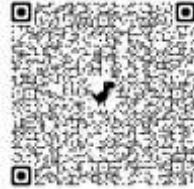
“Shine On Us”

Lord let Your love Love with no end come over us Lord let Your love
Love with no end come over us That we may be saved That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night Let Your love come over us Let Your light shine on us

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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:
Lutherans Outdoors of South Dakota



Offertory Response

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

#185

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

“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord

(Chorus) Our God You reign forever Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God The everlasting God You do not faint You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles (from the beginning)

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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 Laura Overbo; **Sound & Projection:** Zach Stanton, Roger Whittle; **Worship Team;**

Ushers: Cal Wiesner, Doug Alvine; **Communion Assistants:** Amanda Kienow, Steven Ays, Shelly Alvine, Char

Loterbauer; **Coffee Servers:** Doug & Shelly Alvine; **Lector:** Khloe Viessman; **Welcome Center:** Pam Luckhurst;

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

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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:

- Describe someone you know who likes to serve others.
- A disciple's life is one of service. How is this important to the good news of Jesus?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 1:29-39.

Jesus heals Simon Peter's mother-in-law from an illness, a condition possibly approaching death. There is a clear association with the resurrection in this reading. This woman, whose name is not given, is touched by Jesus, lifted up, and begins to serve. This is a description of discipleship of all the unnamed followers of Jesus throughout history: touched and healed by Jesus, given new life, and sent out to serve. There is no hesitation about her calling; as a disciple, she serves. Other references to serve are found in Mark 1:13 when the angels of God served Jesus in the wilderness, and again in Mark 10:45, Jesus as the Son of Man came to serve. Service is the life of a follower of Jesus. It is not a burden. It is the great joy of life. Those who think the "good life" is to be served by others miss the point of the "gospel life" of Jesus. The joy of living is the ability to use whatever gifts one may have to bless others with service. *Discuss:* In what ways have you experienced joy when serving others?

Pray: Living God, help us to see and believe that the life worth living is a life of service that brings peace, joy, and your saving grace through Jesus Christ, our great healer. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you bring Jesus' healing touch to someone in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Isaiah 40:21-31 expresses great joy at the saving presence of God in the lives of the exiles, those who have felt abandoned and imprisoned by others. Write a list of names of those you know who are experiencing difficult times.

Pray: Lord God, help (read list of names) feel your presence and know that those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. In Jesus' name, amen. (Isaiah 40:31)

THE WEEKLY WORD- ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday-Thursday

ENROLLING NOW 2024-25

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

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.

ZIMBABWE

AFRICA MISSION TRIP

2024

Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in more information!



CRAFT NIGHT

Mason Jar Flower Displays



Tuesday, Feb. 20 @ 6:30pm \$15

SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER

FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL

GREECE & TURKEY PILGRIMAGE

2025

Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in more information!



TIMMERMAN SCHOLARSHIPS



More information and applications are available in the church office, at the Welcome Center or online at lcoorwatertown.org under the resources tab.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 30, 2024

HELPERS NEEDED TO DELIVER

MEALS ON WHEELS

FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 1

Please contact Twila at 605-886-2696 if you are available to help.

Junction Youth Group

1st-4th Graders

This month we will meet on Monday, February 5 from 6-7:30 p.m. for fellowship, snacks, crafts & more!

MEETS THE 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH



FEBRUARY CIRCLES & BIBLE STUDY

• Martha Circle will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, in the Gathering Space

• Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, in the Gathering Space.



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

February 14

12:15 p.m. Worship with soup luncheon to follow

6:30 p.m. Worship


Both services will include communion & imposition of ashes.



NO MEN'S LUNCH

There will be no Men's Lunch on Wednesday, February 7 due to the Watertown Winter Farm Show.

Reminder: No Men's Lunch during Lent. Resumes 4/ 3/24.



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

February 4-11

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

Sunday February 4

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 w/ Holy Communion
6:00 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)
7:00 p.m. Youth Music Team Practice

Monday February 5

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

Tuesday February 6

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Wednesday February 7

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
4:45 p.m. Community Meal- Pizza
5:30 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Worship- 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 February 8

10:00 a.m. BeFriender Meeting
1:15 p.m. Chair Yoga
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday February 9

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday February 10

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday February 11

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)
7:00 p.m. Youth Music Team Practice

Attendance & Offering

January 21 Live Stream- 114
Saturday, January 27 - 55
Sunday, January 28- 291
Wednesday, January 31- 153
Offering (1/28):
General Fund: \$8,563;
Debt Reduction: \$220;
Mission of the Month: \$92.78;
Church School: \$39.12; Other: \$250;
2023 Budget Surplus: \$27,736.98;
Simply Giving Offering (1/22-1/26):
General Fund: \$4,253.75;
Debt Reduction: \$105; Other: \$125;
Mission of the Month: \$130;

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FEBRUARY 4, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jesus' followers are sent to serve.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 1:29-39	Jesus heals many people
Monday	Isaiah 40:21-31	The Lord gives strength
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	For the sake of the gospel
Wednesday	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Gratitude for mercy
Thursday	Joshua 22:1-6	The eastern tribes return
Friday	Acts 20:25-35	Paul speaks to the elders
Saturday	Psalms 147:1-11, 20c	Praise the Lord
Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	Transfiguration of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He [Jesus] came and took her [Simon Peter's mother-in-law] by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

Mark 1:31 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, we give you thanks and praise for raising us up to a new life to worship you and serve others with joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, you feed the animals and even the young ravens. We thank you for nurturing us with your presence in Jesus and for this meal today. Amen. (Psalm 147)

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with the joy of service.



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