

THE GATHERING

Centering Time for Prayer and Meditation

Opening Song

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

(Chorus) Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Chorus x2)

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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Prayer of the Day

Daja Pederson

Let us pray, **O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your Risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your own Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Chloe Ofstehage

Psalm

Psalm 22:25-31

Lily Lindsey

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Conner Dahl

Gospel Acclamation

“Humble Thyself/Awesome God”

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord

And He shall lift you up Higher and higher And He shall lift you up

(Chorus) Our God is an Awesome God He reigns from Heaven above

With wisdom power and love Our God is an Awesome God

Serve one another in the sight of the Lord Serve one another in the sight of the Lord

And He shall lift you up Higher and higher And He shall lift you up (Chorus)

Love one another in the sight of the Lord Love one another in the sight of the Lord

And He shall lift you up Higher and higher And He shall lift you up (Chorus)

Love one another in the sight of the Lord Love one another in the sight of the Lord

And He shall lift you up Higher and higher And He shall lift you up (Chorus)

Our God is an Awesome God Our God is an Awesome God

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Gospel *(Please Rise)*

John 15:1-8

Brecken Jungen

The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 15th Chapter **Glory to you, O, Lord.**

(The reading of the gospel)

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

Sermon

"Confirmed"

Pastor Dan Overbo

Hymn of the Day

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

#504

(Confirmands stand and come forward)(Group 1)

Prayer

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Statement of Faith

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in Holy Baptism Jesus received you and made you members of His church. In the community of God's people you have learned about God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Confirmands: *Today we profess our faith in Jesus Christ and confess the faith in which we have been baptized.*

Affirmation

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and to share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Laying on of Hands

Parents, sponsors, others may join each confirmand that came forward.

Prayer

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her/his* faith, guide *her/his* life, empower her/him in serving, give *her/him* patience in suffering, and bring *her/him* to eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ:

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Tori Simon, Nicole Rislov, Teagan Benda, Kevin Stark, Miah West, De Ann Fyelling- Niece of Deanna & Dan Hickel, Marlowe Ronke, Tom DeVine- Brother of Michele (Monte) Hopper, Vivian Westgard, Evelyn DeVine- Mother of Michele (Monte)Hopper, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler,*

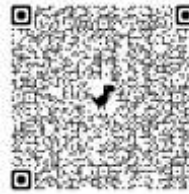
Offering Song

“Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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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:
LCOOR Preschool



Offertory Prayer

Hannah Bartelt

Let us pray together... **God, we are thankful and grateful for every gift that you have given to us. You have set us free from our self-centeredness and directed us toward significance in the work of your kingdom. Bless and use these gifts that they might be signs of your goodness and grace. May they be used to bless and build your church in Jesus' name. Amen!**

Holy Communion

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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

Kylie Herr

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.

Invitation to Communion of the Faithful

With love and spiritual care for God's people, and by our Lord's invitation, we welcome all to commune here at Lutheran Church of our Redeemer. We believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine to give us forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Sharing of Holy Communion

Communion Helpers: Kennedy Kohlhoff, Mason Iverson, Jaxson Tol, Dawson Meidinger, Kyler Salisbury, Kye Paulson, Bentley Kluckman, Emmett Scholl

Goldfish Helpers : Addison Kruse, Mason Rieffenberger, Trease Schumacher, Makynzie Swenson

Post Communion Blessing

Braden Howell

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

Benediction

Mason Iverson

May the grace of God cover you, the love of God fill you, and the Spirit of God lead you. **Amen.**

Sending Song

“Jesus Messiah”

He became sin who knew no sin That we might become His righteousness

He humbled Himself and carried the cross Love so amazing love so amazing

(Chorus) Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel

The Rescue for sinners The Ransom from heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love

The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn Love so amazing love so amazing (chorus)

All our hope is in You All our hope is in You All the glory to You God The Light of the world (chorus)

Jesus Messiah Lord of all The Lord of all The Lord of all

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Dismissal

Chloe Ofstehage

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Greet one another with a word of peace.

The Worship has ended, the Service Begins!

Service of Confirmation | Sunday, April 28, 2024 | 9:30 a.m.

8th Grade Confirmands:

Hannah Bartelt, Brecken Jungen, Chloe Ofstehage, Emmett Scholl, Conner Dahl, Bentley Kluckman, Kye Paulson, Trease Schumacher, Jayla Easthouse, Kennedy Kohlhoff, Daja Pederson, Makynzie Swenson, Lillyanna Grimes, Addison Kruse, Ashlyn Pletan, Hadley Teske, Kylie Herr, Addyson Lambert, Mason Rieffenberger, Jaxson Tol, Braden Howell, Lily Lindsey, Tyler Salisbury, Josephine Waite, Mason Iverson, Dawson Meidinger, Brylie Schlotterbeck

Altar Flowers: Red carnations in honor of our 8th & 9th grade confirmands.

Serving

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

Greeters: Ruth & Darrel Haugerud; **Coffee Servers:** Verna Olson;

Ushers: Gary Grewing, Darren Likness, Bruce & Colleen Hestad, Deb & Dan Deis, Marlys Tesch;

Welcome Center: Gail Helland & Tammy Rohde;

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

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

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:

- When is a time you have felt lost or alone?
- How does knowing of God's love through Jesus help you when you feel anxious or lost?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 15:1-8.

This is the last of Jesus' "I am" statements. Earlier in the Gospel of John he said "I am the bread of life," "I am the light of the world," "I am the gate," "I am the good shepherd," "I am the resurrection and the life," and "I am the way, the truth, and the life." These self-descriptive statements are all introduced with the words, "I am," that is reminiscent of the name for God in the Old Testament. "Yahweh," is translated as "I am who I am." In John, Jesus is presented as one with God without any uncertainty. The final "I am" statement is important because it comes during Jesus' lengthy message to his eleven disciples before his crucifixion

(John 14 through 17). Jesus makes it clear that he will not abandon them. He will abide with them. The identity and ministry of the disciples will endure and be full of life because they are intimately part of Jesus, like branches given life by the vine.

Discuss: When the future is uncertain and you feel anxious, lost, or alone, what do you do and how can you be reminded that Jesus abides with you always?

Pray: Almighty God, give us confidence in your presence and abide with us in our life's journey through Jesus Christ, the true vine who feeds us with your love and strength. 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 encourage and help those who feel lost or alone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

God sent his only Son, Jesus Christ into the world to teach us about love. 1 John 4:12 tells us that "No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us." It is this love that we are to show to others. Draw the outline of a body with a heart inside. Write God inside the heart. Then write words inside the body that describe how we can show God's love to one another.

Pray: Loving God, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Amen. (1 John 4:7)

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



taking faith home

THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT DATES:

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 5:30PM 9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION WORSHIP
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 9:30AM 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 6:30PM HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 9:30AM HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VBS 'ALL ABOARD THE ARK' REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW. PRE-K TO 4TH GRADE MAY 29 & 30 5-8PM MEAL SERVED

BARNYARD BASH WEDNESDAY MAY 8, 2024 5-7PM @ LCOOR To celebrate and say thank you for an amazing church school year, we are going to have bounay houses, live farm animals, great food and awesome fellowship. All ages are encouraged to join us & friends are always welcome! A free-will offering will be available to help cover the cost of the event.

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS Cereal 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!

COOKIES NEEDED Sandwich Ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the Welcome Center or church office. You can also bake your own cookies & drop them off at the church. Thank you!

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH LCOOR Preschool Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!

Sewing Day & TUESDAY, APRIL 30 | 9-2 We will be sewing hospice gowns and more. Please bring your sewing machine & white/grey thread. Non-sewers are welcome to help iron & assemble kits.

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

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER FISHING LEAGUE WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6-9PM Info & Sign-up at the Welcome Center

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILT & KIT SHIPPING FUND LWR's Approximate Cost to Deliver Quilts and Kits Overseas: One Mission Quilt \$2.80 One School Kit \$2.85 One Personal Care Kit \$1.50* One Baby Care Kit \$3.10 One Fabric Kit \$1.80 *No longer includes the cost of postage

April 28-May 5

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

Sunday April 28

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

Monday April 29

Preschool Fundraising Packets Due
8:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
2:00 p.m. Maple Place Communion
5:15 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday April 30

9:00 a.m. Sewing Ministry Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday May 1

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. Church School *(last class until fall)*
6:30 p.m. Worship (last until fall) with Holy Communion & Senior Recognition
7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Thursday May 2

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

Friday May 3

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

Saturday May 4

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal

Sunday May 5

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
8:30 a.m. Church School *(last class until fall)*
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship with Senior Recognition

**Don't forget to join us
for Barnyard Bash on
Wednesday, May 8
from 5-7pm.**

Attendance & Offering

April 14 Live Stream- 80
Saturday, April 20- 57
Sunday, April 21- 375
Wednesday, April 17 - 116
Offering (4/21):
General Fund: \$8,577;
Debt Reduction: \$60;
Mission of the Month: \$61.84;
Other: \$338.60; Church School:
\$29.75;
Simply Giving Offering (4/15-4/19):
General Fund: \$9,963.20;
Debt Reduction: \$105; Other: \$315;
Mission of the Month: \$60;

Staff

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Zach Stanton
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Roman Gainor

APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus abides with us like a vine to its branches.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine
Monday	Acts 8:26-40	Phillip and the eunuch
Tuesday	1 John 4:7-21	God is love
Wednesday	Ephesians 3:14-19	Christ's love for us
Thursday	Psalms 91	Assurance of God's protection
Friday	Exodus 34:6-7	God of steadfast love and faithfulness
Saturday	Psalm 22:25-31	A vow of thanksgiving
Sunday	John 15:9-17	Love one another

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, we thank you for your steadfast love that remains with us forever and guides us into the future through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for feeding us with this food and for nurturing our lives with your presence through the true vine, Christ our Lord, who gives us life. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's love lead you to love others. (1 John 4:19)



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