

Blessed are...

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026, 9:30 A.M.

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, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"As We Gather at Your Table"

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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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶ "With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Psalm

Psalm 15

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." *Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.*

Children's Church

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

¹ When Jesus[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed **are** the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed **are** those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed **are** the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed **are** those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed **are** the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed **are** the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed **are** the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed **are** those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed **are you** when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely[b] on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Sermon

"Show Up!"

Cathy Zubke

Hymn of the Day

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, as soldiers of the cross, lift high his royal banner; it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead, till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey; stand forth in mighty conflict in this his glorious day.
Let all his faithful serve him against unnumbered foes; let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer. Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long; this day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see, and with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

George Duffield, 1818-1888 | Lutheran Book of Worship #389

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.

Prayers of the Church

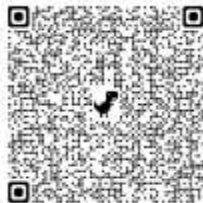
Hospitalized/Ill: *Betsy Spartz- Daughter of Denise Schmahl and Sister of Alissa (Mark) Iverson, Katie Stavig, Bud Webb, Ed Knadle, JoAnn Roti, Carter Silvernail- Son-in-law of Ron & Carol Bergan, Dave Wicks, Lucille Olson, Ava Schulte, Buck Schaack- Brother of Joyce (Marvin) McGillivray, Liz Ewald- Friend of Lesa Franken, Dianna Lambert, Vince Brueggeman- Father of Karla Christensen, Brad Bergh- Son of Margaret Bergh, Tammy Stoltenburg, Robin Faulstich- Sister-in-law of Phyllis Bowersox, Karla Stimson, Kevin Stark- Brother of Carol (Ron) Bergan, Karen Larsen- Sister-in-law of Darlene Bailey, Matthew Harty- Brother of Megan (Ryan) Thyen, Ron Moehring, Liz Jaragoske- Daughter of Annette Gugel & Sister of Bev (Steve) Splinter, Earl Lammle, Bob Reiner*

Offering & Announcements

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 Preschool



Offering Received (January 19-25)

Promised: \$5,833.50

Non-Promised: \$3,726.00

Mission of the Month: \$271.54

Offertory Response

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Offering Prayer

O heavenly King, you have made us happy with your multitude of gifts. We are truly blessed. We bless your name, O Ruler, as we offer you these gifts, knowing that, in the wisdom of your kingdom, our giving will return to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

Serving

Preaching: Cathy Zubke; **Organist:** Kristy Tostenson; **Greeters:** Pam & Al Raeder; **Lector:** Marian Neshiem;

Coffee Servers: Kevin & Bernie Luoma; **Welcome Center:** Pam Luckhurst;

Ushers: Russ & Joan Porath, Megan Major & Devyn Bollinger, Grant Titze; Darwin Brinkman, Cal Wiesner;

Communion Assistants: Dawn Mandery, Marlys & Joe Tesch, Clea Urevig, Mike & Diane Madsen, Heather Rasmussen;

THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Join the LCOOR Team! Now Hiring Faith Formation Assistant

The Faith Formation Assistant plays an important role in supporting middle school and high school ministries, including weekly faith experiences, service opportunities, confirmation support, and special events throughout the year. This is a part-time position of 15-20 hours per week.

Job description and application are available on our website at www.lcoorwatertown.org, in the church office, or at the Welcome Center. **Applications must be submitted by Thursday, March 5.**

LCOOR Book Club

The LCOOR Book Club will meet on **Thursday, February 26 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. The book for February is *The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides.

The Latest Word - Monthly Newsletter

Please read our monthly newsletters for important information not covered in weekly announcements.

SCAN HERE



Volunteer at Worship

We are continually seeking volunteers to assist during worship services. We encourage you to sign up!

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Tickets on Sale NOW

We are thrilled to welcome Melanie A. Brown, a dynamic, faith-based keynote speaker, to Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer on **Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 PM for a 90 minute presentation.** Tickets are available for \$5 in the church office.

Junction Youth Group

Junction, a youth group for **1st-4th grade**, will be meeting on **Thursday, February 12, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** We'd love to have your child join us for an evening filled with fun and faith.

February Mission of the Month: LCOOR Preschool

This ministry nurtures young children through Christ-centered learning while welcoming families into our church community. You are invited to support this ministry through special gifts and our Noisy Can Offering.

Youth Music Team

Students in 9 to 12 grade are encouraged to join the Youth Music Team (YMT) to sing during worship throughout the Lenten season. **YMT will meet Wednesday, February 11 after the Wednesday church service** to practice and pick songs for the upcoming services. The YMT will sing as follows: **Questions??** **Contact Wendy Kruger in the church office.**

2026 Lenten Season

Please see your February newsletter for more information regarding **Community Ecumenical Lenten Services** and **LCOOR's Ash Wednesday services.**

Timmerman Scholarships

Are you a member of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and a graduate of Watertown High School? If you're entering your first or second year of education or technical training at a South Dakota state-supported institution, you may be eligible for the Timmerman Scholarship! **Each recipient will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to help with educational expenses.** Applications and more information are available in the church office, at the Welcome Center and on our website under the 'resources' tab. **Deadline to apply is March 31, 2026.**

Calendar & Attendance

Sunday February 1

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
8:45 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Monday February 2

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

Tuesday February 3

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

Wednesday February 4

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
5:45 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:15 p.m. Luther League

Thursday February 5

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

Friday February 6

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

Saturday February 7

5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday February 8

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
8:45 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. LCOOR Mobile Soup Kitchen

Monday February 9

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

Tuesday February 10

11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

4:00 p.m. BeFriender Ministry Meeting
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday February 11

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle Bible Study
2:00 p.m. Watertown Parkinson's Support Group
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
5:45 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (Great Hall)
7:15 p.m. Youth Music Team (9-12 Grade)

Attendance

- **Sunday, January 18 Livestream:** N/A
- **Wednesday, January 21:** N/A (weather cancellation)
- **Saturday, January 24:** 42
- **Sunday, January 25:** 228

Church Staff

Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

Associate Pastor

Laura Overbo

Director of Faith Formation

Wendy Kruger

Welcoming & Caring Ministries

Karri Willhite

Business Manager

Jodi Spilde

Business Administrative Assistant

Megan Thyen

Preschool

Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher

Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional

Sound & Technology

Sam Langner

Custodian

Roman Gainor



CAR QUESTION FOR THE RIDE HOME:

What do you believe about angels?

