



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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Season of Advent

Sunday November 26, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” (arr. DeCou)

Voluntaries on *Coronation* (arr. Krapf & Harris)

Welcome and Call to Worship *(please sign & pass the welcome pad down the pew)*

We gather today. —————> **It is time to worship!**

We listen for God. —————> **It is time to hear!**

We receive God’s grace. —————> **It is time to be loved!**

We leave in peace. —————> **It is time to serve others!**

As we wait for Jesus’ arrival, Emmanuel, God-with-us, is already here in this time and place.

Confession and Forgiveness

People of God, when we think that we have nowhere left to turn, we can always turn to God. Whether we feel frozen or are rushing with no time to rest, whether it feels like life is happening to us too quickly or like our lives will never change, God is with us. For God, there is always time for forgiveness. We trust God, and we confess our sins together. *(Silence is kept for reflection)* Holy One,
We have not stayed awake. We have missed you when you appeared in our neighbors, in strangers half a world away, in the suffering planet. We have wasted the time and the skills that you gave us and assumed we were powerless to mend the breaches in our world. Sometimes, we even gave up on your mercy, justice, and love. God, is it too late for us? Speak tenderly to our anxious hearts. Tear open the heavens and heal what we have done. Amen.
People of God, God’s judgment is certain and God’s forgiveness is lightning fast. Hear this good news: in the name of Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven. Forgiveness gives us the courage we need. Wherever we wait for God’s time to come, we will witness wonders. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

#634 vs. 1, 3, 5-6

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 God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

“Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” (Matthew 25:13)

Let us pray. **God of already's, never's, and everything in between: It is hard for us to sit with uncertainty. We do not know when you will return, we do not know if it's too late to prepare, we do not even know exactly how to get ready. As we light the first candle on this wreath, dwell with us in this uncertain time. Meet us in the space between always and never. Help us name our grief for what's past, and our hope for what's to come. Amen.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

Psalm

Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

^{7a}For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable

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Matthew 25:31-46

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

Pastor Overbo

#502 vs. 1, 4, 6

Easton John Kjenstad
Son of Steve & Kara Kjenstad
Sponsors: Kirk Gruby

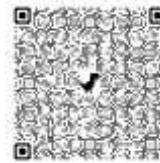
Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Jessica Fischer, Ashlea West, Dave Satter, Byron Johnson, Nora Hopper, Kevin Stark, Ric Holmquest, Jack Pereira, Judith Glembin, Matt Schlaht-Friend of Rachel & Jesse Hauck, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler, Jens Grage-Brother of Annette Gugel,*

Deaths: *Alberta Frerichs, Jack James Fowler- Infant Son of Abbey & Jarrett Fowler, Grandson of Terry & Lisa Ulrich, Jackie Brennan- Mother of John (Brittany) Brennan,*

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: **Fallout Shelter Ministries***



Offertory Response

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

#186

Offering Prayer

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **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

Blessing

The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

#434 vs. 1-2, 5

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.

Postlude

“Rejoice, for Christ Is King”! (arr. Paxton)

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Serving This Morning

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Sound & Projection:** Zach Staton; **Organist:** AJ Sherrill; **Lector:** Ian McAreavey;
Ushers: Gary Grewing & Darren Likness; **Coffee Servers:** Kevin & Bernie Luoma; **Welcome Center:** Tammy Rohde & Gail Helland;

*Altar Flowers are given in honor of Almon "Windy" Johnson's
90th birthday on November 27th by his family*

THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sewing Day &

NOVEMBER 28 | 9:30AM

Please bring your sewing machine & white/grey thread.

Non-sewers welcome to help iron & assemble kits.



CHRISTMAS Eve POINSETTIAS

\$20

ORDER A POINSETTIA IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR TO THE GLORY OF GOD TO BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS

Bingo

2ND - 12TH GRADE

We are asking for donations of new prizes or cash of a \$5-10 value for our Youth Christmas Bingo. Donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Center.



SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

Boxed Potatoes & Stuffing

As winter arrives, let's help replenish the shelves at the Salvation Army Food Pantry with boxed potatoes and stuffing mix. You may drop off your donations in Kathy's Karts here at the church. Thanks for your generosity!



OUT OF TIME ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

NOW AVAILABLE AT THE
WELCOME CENTER

Happening now!! ADVENT TOUR OF NATIVITIES



NOV. 24-27 | 1-5PM | GREAT HALL

LC00R Preschool ADVENT CALENDARS

Support our Preschool by purchasing a Hershey's and/or Reese's Advent Calendar! **\$10 each.**



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 & drop them off at the church. Thank you!



Sounds of the Seasons Community Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023
3:00 & 7:00 P.M.

1st United Methodist Church

This is a free concert. Non-perishable food items and/or free-will donations for the Salvation Army Food Pantry will be received.

PARENTS OF 4-6TH GRADERS

WE NEED BLESSING ASSISTANTS & ACOLYTES
TO SERVE DURING WORSHIP

4TH GRADE: BLESSING ASSISTANTS
5-6TH GRADE: ACOLYTES

TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP TO SERVE DURING WORSHIP, PLEASE SEE THE "YOUTH WORSHIP SIGN UP" POSTED AT THE INFORMATION CENTER.
QUESTIONS? CONTACT PASTOR LAURA



Sunday November 26

No Church School
8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship
1:00-5:00 p.m. Advent Tour of Nativities

Monday November 27

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
1:00-5:00 p.m. Advent Tour of Nativities
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday November 28

9:30 a.m. Sewing Day
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday November 29

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
4:45 p.m. Community Meal- Chicken Alfredo
5:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
5:30 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:15 p.m. HS Hang-out in Youth Room
7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Thursday November 30

10:45 a.m. Preschool Chapel
1:00 p.m. Chair Yoga
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday December 1

Church Office Closed

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday December 2

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion
6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal

Sunday December 3

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
9:30 a.m. 1st Grade Nativity Scene
Milestone Worship Recognition
6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group



Attendance & Offering

November 12 Live Stream- 132
Saturday, November 18- 67
Sunday, November 19- 279
Wednesday, November 22- N/A
Offering (11/19):
General Fund: \$13,198; Other: \$2,900;
Church School: \$42.38;
Debt Reduction: \$60; Thanksgiving: \$85;
Mission of the Month: \$78.43;
Simply Giving Offering (11/13-11/17):
General Fund: \$9,890.68;
Debt Reduction: \$85; Other: \$425;
Mission of the Month: \$60;

Staff

Senior Pastor
Dan Overbo
Associate Pastor
Laura Overbo
Welcoming & Caring Ministries
Twila Schmitt
Director of Faith Formation
Philip Lickei
Business Manager
Jodi Spilde
Business Administrative Assistant
Megan Thyen
Preschool
Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher
Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional
Custodian
Adam Lauseng



NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Jesus calls his followers to acts of mercy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Matthew 25:31-46 | The sheep and the goats |
| Monday | Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 | God, the true shepherd |
| Tuesday | Ephesians 1:15-23 | Paul's prayer |
| Wednesday | 1 Corinthians 5:1-11 | Spiritual gifts |
| Thursday | Joshua 24:14-28 | Always be faithful to the Lord |
| Friday | 1 Peter 5:1-11 | Tending the flock of God |
| Saturday | Psalms 95:1-7a | Worship and obey the Lord |
| Sunday | Mark 13:24-37 | When the Son of Man appears |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Psalm 95:6-7a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, give us eyes to see you and to worship you with our love and service to others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for creating the earth to be fruitful and satisfy our needs for food and shelter, community and peace. In the name of Christ, amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Christ the King give you peace and courage for each day.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What are some duties a shepherd has to do to care for the sheep?
- Jesus is called the Good Shepherd. Why do you think he is called this?

