



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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16th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday September 17, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Opening Song

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Welcome and Call to Worship

Today we remember our mission. —————→ **We are making God known through word & deed.**
We gather together to ask God’s blessing; —————→ **Blest be the tie that binds us together.**
We gather together to lift high our voices; —————→ **Blest be the song that brings life to our spirits.**
We gather together to praise God’s holy name; —————→ **Blest be the God of grace and God of glory! Amen!**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Time of silence for reflection)*

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Barbershop VLQ

Glacial Lakes Harmonizers

Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Old Testament (Page 124) in Pew Bible

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 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. Who are you to pass judgment on servants 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. 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. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 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. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 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. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

New Testament (Page 15) in Pew Bible

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 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." Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 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. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 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.**

Message

"Don't Sweat the Small Stuff"

Pastor Overbo

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Jessica Fischer, Ashlea West, Alberta Frerichs, Joan Zarro, Avery West*

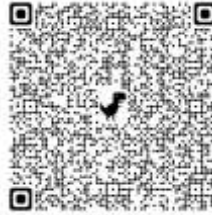
Death: *Ardell Johnson*

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:

St. Dymas



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 Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song

"Everlasting God"

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.

See you at Grace Lutheran as we join in the celebration of their 140th anniversary!

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Serving This Morning

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Ushers:** Eric Beutler; **Welcome Center:** Deb Ernst, Nancy Rogers; **Greeters:** Terry and Brenda Rydell; **Acolyte:** Avery and Addison Kruse; **Lector:** Conner Dahl;

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

The Numberless Gifts of God's Mercies

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:

- How do you respond when you are in conflict with a particular person or group?
- Jesus sets us free to love others. What does this mean to you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Romans 14:1-12.

The world is divided in many ways. Countries are divided into parties and loyalties. Families can be divided by strong and diverse views. Even congregations can be divided by different viewpoints. Paul gives us a word that we need to hear today. We are to keep the main thing the main thing, and that is this: Christ died to be the Lord of all. Therefore, why pass judgment and despise those for whom Christ died? As the saying goes, "When you look into the eyes of another, you are looking at someone God loves." Be careful not to judge and condemn. As Psalm 103:8 reminds us, "The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Our God who is slow to anger should be a strong caution to us not to be quick to judge. Whether it is over diet, piety, political or economic convictions, our judgments will all pass away, but God's judgment is eternal, and that judgment is most clearly seen from the cross of Christ. Jesus died for us that we may be set free to love others, in spite of our differences.

Discuss: What relationship do you have with someone where you could use a kinder word to reconcile that relationship through Christ our Lord?

Pray: Almighty and living God, help us to see beyond our self-righteous judgments of others and to receive your forgiveness with joy and gladness through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, who in your life can you reach out to with a word or action that expresses forgiveness?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Genesis 50:15-21 is the story of Joseph forgiving his brothers for throwing him in a pit and selling him into slavery. Forgiving someone who has hurt you is not easy. Think or talk about a time when you forgave someone or someone forgave you and how it may have changed your relationship.

Pray: Dear Lord, help me to open my heart and mind to know when to forgive and when to ask for forgiveness for my words or actions towards another. In Jesus' name, amen.

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



THE WEEKLY WORD- ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAIL FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

DO YOU KNOW A COLLEGE STUDENT WHO WOULD ENJOY RECEIVING FUN MAIL FROM US? WE WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE IN THIS NEW CHAPTER OF LIFE.

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 886-2696 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PROVIDE US WITH THEIR MAILING ADDRESS.

Adult Bible Study

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAVIOR: FOLLOWING JESUS THROUGH THE HOLY LAND Study Guide \$10

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Word Alone classroom
Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the Youth Room



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 and drop them off at the church. Thank you!

ROAD DITCH CLEAN UP

See the September Newsletter or stop by the Welcome Center for more information.

Additional Questions? Contact Al Raeder 553-6791 or Pam Raeder 553-6784

Altar Flower Sign Up



Opportunity to help beautify our Sanctuary with flowers. Please consider choosing a weekend to provide altar flowers in celebration or memory of a loved one. Sign up is at the Welcome Center.

Cost is \$60

We Need Piano Players!

To play with our Worship Teams on Wednesday Evenings & Sunday Mornings.



Contact Megan in the church office at 886-2696 or megan@coorwatertown.org

CRAFT NIGHT

Birch Painting

Tuesday, Sept. 26 a 6:30pm \$15

SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

St. Dysmas



Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!

Ladies Night Out

NOVEMBER 13

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER OR CHURCH OFFICE.



"God's Work. Our Hands"

We are collecting items for "Hospice Kits" for Global Health Ministries and helping to replenish the "Undercover Closet" at Church on the Street in Sioux Falls. Watch for drop off bins in the gathering space during September & October.

SEE THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFO

September 17-24

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

Sunday September 17

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
8:30 a.m. 4th Grade Blessing Assistant Milestone
8:30 a.m. Church School
8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship
10:30 a.m. Grace Lutheran Church 140th Celebration Worship

Monday September 18

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

Tuesday September 19

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
5:15 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting

Wednesday September 20

Stewardship Moment
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
4:45 p.m. Community Meal- Goulash
5:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
5:30 p.m. 3 Year Old's Prayer Pillow Milestone
5:30 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion
7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. HS Hang-out in Youth Room
7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Thursday September 21

9:00 a.m. Quilting
1:00-1:30 p.m. Chair Yoga
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday September 22

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

Saturday September 23

3:00 p.m. Wedding of Brandon Eschen & Bailey Richter
5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday September 24

Stewardship Moment
8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
8:30 a.m. 3 Year Old's Prayer Pillow Milestone
8:30 a.m. Church School
8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Attendance & Offering

August 3 Live Stream- 62
Saturday, September 9- 44
Sunday, September 10- 296
Wednesday, September 13- 168

Offering (9/10):

General Fund: \$11,210; Other: \$210;
Debt Reduction: \$5;
Mission of the Month: \$92.15;

Simply Giving Offering (9/4-9/8):

General Fund: \$5,216.53;
Debt Reduction: \$130; Other: \$239.65;
Mission of the Month: \$34.78;

Staff

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

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

God is merciful and gracious, full of love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness
Monday	Genesis 50:15-21	Joseph forgives his brothers
Tuesday	Romans 14:1-12	Do not judge one another
Wednesday	2 John 1:1-6	Truth and love
Thursday	Lamentations 3:18-24	There is still hope
Friday	2 Peter 1:1-11	Do all you can to show God's love
Saturday	Psalms 103:1-13	Thanksgiving for God's goodness
Sunday	Matthew 20:1-16	Parable of the vineyard workers

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Psalm 103:8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of mercy and grace, give us hearts full of compassion, ready to forgive others as you have forgiven us through Christ Jesus, who died that we may live. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundant love, we thank you for this food that you give to us and to all. Help us to share your goodness and mercy with others through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of mercy and grace who sustains you, give you joy.

