



GROUNDED AIR

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | 9th Sunday after Pentecost | Sunday, August 10, 2025, 9:00 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 words and deeds'.

Call to Worship

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the tree of life that brings healing for the nations, our nourishment and our care, our connection and salvation. **Amen.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

God's steadfast love surrounds us now, in earth, air, and fire; in water, flora, and fauna.

We rest in connection with all of God's creation.

Christ came among us, with breath and movement and feet that touched the earth.

We yearn for connection with all of God's creation.

The Holy Spirit moves among us, as close as our very breath.

We move in connection with all of God's creation.

God of all, we seek to be one with you and all you have made. Give us open hearts, open hands, and compassion for all, as you ground us in connection with every living thing.

Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our disconnection, brokenness, and sin as one people. *(Silence for reflection)*

God of love, We confess that we have not treated your creation as something to be valued. You ask us to receive, and yet we extract; you ask us to live in peace, and yet we seek to control. Forgive us in our disconnection from creation, known and unknown to us. Give us hearts to seek the thriving of all. Through your goodness, transform our hubris into humility, and our death into life.

Beloved people of God's creation: God has declared you "good," along with the fish of the sea and the sun that warms us.

In the name of Christ, ☩ you are forgiven, washed in the earth's abundant water, and given new life. Our God calls us out of disconnection to be rooted and grounded in love, caring for one another and for all of creation. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

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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. **God of truth, come among us now and breathe your Holy Spirit upon us all. Enliven our dry bones; speak to us in the midst of the whirlwind. Grant us the breath of life that brings peace to your whole creation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

First Reading

Job 38:1-7

¹Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

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

Psalm

Psalm 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Second Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

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Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th Chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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

Sermon

"Grounded in Creation: Air"

Pastor Overbo

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, Dottie Ball, Carter Silvernail- Son-in-law of Ron & Carol Bergan, Bud Webb, Lyle Grove- Father of Darla (Arlyn) Adolphsen Milton Storm- Father of Kevin (Angie) Storm*

Offering

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:
St. Dymas of South Dakota



Offering needed each week to make budget.	
Pledged: \$13,360	
Non-Pledged: \$6,734	
<u>Offering 7/27-8/2</u>	
	<u>Received</u>
Pledged	\$10,667.33
Non-Pledged	\$8,806.06
Mission of the Month	\$131.22

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, we give you thanks for the gifts of the earth and the gifts of your people. Knit us together as one in you that we may know connection, joy, and peace with all of creation. **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

May the God who holds creation tenderly bless you, keep you, and fill you with life, in the name of Christ, ✠ who grounds us, loves us, and draws us into joy. Amen.

Call to Service

Go in peace. Care for creation.
Thanks be to God.

THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

DIAMOND DINNER (75+ CELEBRATION)

Our annual Diamond Dinner 75+ Celebration will be held **Saturday, September 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** following Saturday night worship. Please contact Karri in the church office at karri@lcoorwatertown.org or (605) 886-2696 to RSVP. We are also looking for youth that are interested in serving at this event. If you are available to help serve, please contact Karri.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

This year we will be cleaning gravestones at Mt. Hope Cemetery on **Sunday, September 14 immediately following 9:30am worship.** To sign up please visit our website at www.lcoorwatertown.org and click the 'serve' button on our main menu. This will direct you to the God's Work. Our Hands. Sign-up Genuis. You may also sign up at the Welcome Center. If you are interested in volunteering but are unable to clean gravestones, we will have volunteer opportunities in the Great Hall following worship.

CHURCH SCHOOL (AGE 3 - GRADE 6)
& CONFIRMATION (7 & 8TH GRADE)

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!



CHURCH SCHOOL



CONFIRMATION

Please visit our website or scan the QR code to register your child for the upcoming school year.

A link for registration can be found on our website home page at www.lcoorwatertown.org.

NEW 2025-26 CHURCH SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION SCHEDULES

Church School & Confirmation begin on **Sunday, Sept. 7 & Wednesday, Sept. 10.**

SUNDAY MORNING:

- **Confirmation:** 8:30 to 9:25 a.m.
- **Church School (Begin in Classrooms):** 8:45 a.m.
- **Transition from Classrooms to Sanctuary:** 9:10 a.m.
- **Closing & Music with Praise Band:** 9:10-9:20 a.m.
- **Dismissal/Pick-up (In Sanctuary):** 9:20 a.m.

Parents and children, please join us in the sanctuary for **worship beginning at 9:30 a.m.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

- **Community Meal:** 5:00-5:45 p.m.
- **Confirmation:** 5:30-6:25 p.m.
- **Church School (Begin in Classrooms):** 5:45 p.m.
- **Transition from Classrooms to Sanctuary:** 6:10 p.m.
- **Closing & Music with Praise Band:** 6:10-6:20 p.m.
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Calendar & Attendance



Sunday August 10

9:00 a.m. Worship at LCOOR
9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park

Monday August 11

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
5:00-7:00 p.m. Visitation - Donald Fryslie
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday August 12

10:30 a.m. Funeral - Donald Fryslie
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. Quilting Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
5:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday August 13

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
2:00 p.m. Watertown Parkinson's Support Group

Thursday August 14

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday August 15

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

Saturday August 16

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday August 17

9:00 a.m. St. Dysmas (Mission of the Month) with Pastor Jeff Backer
9:00 a.m. Worship at LCOOR with Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park with Holy Communion

Attendance

- **Sunday, July 27 Livestream:** N/A
- **Saturday, August 2:** 75
- **Sunday, August 3 (Town):** 155
- **Sunday, August 3 (Lake):** 72

Church Staff

Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

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