

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

THE CHALLENGE & THE COST

BENEFITS

COSTS

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025, 9:30 A.M.

Gathering

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

This is the day that the Lord has made. **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

God's steadfast love surrounds us now. **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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Faith of Our Fathers"

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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.**

Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

"This is the Feast"

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Teacher Installation

Special Music

"Cry of My Heart" arr. by Terry Butler

Duet: Todd & Julianne Decker

Word

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

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

Psalm

Psalm 139

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³ You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ **If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰ **even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

¹² **even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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Children's Church

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

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

Sermon

“The Challenge and the Cost”

Pastor Laura Overbo

Hymn of the Day

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

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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, JoAnn Roti, Carter Silvernail- Son-in-law of Ron & Carol Bergan, Lyle Grove- Father of Darla (Arlyn) Adolphsen, Barb Papka, Buck Schaack- Brother of Joyce (Marvin) McGillivray, Robin Faulstich- Sister-in-law of Phyllis Bowersox*

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:*

Companion Synods: Nicaragua & Cameroon



Offering needed each week to make budget.	
Pledged: \$13,360	
Non-Pledged: \$6,734	
<u>Offering 8/24-8/30</u>	
	<u>Received</u>
Pledged	\$10,459.00
Non-Pledged	\$3,261.00
Mission of the Month	\$96.44

Offertory Response

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Offering Prayer

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Special Music

“Prayer Medley” arr. by Tim Doran & Betty J. Price

Handbell Duet
Beverly Splinter & Annette Gugel

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.

Communion Hymn

"Lamb of God"

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Post Communion Prayer

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Announcements

Playground Dedication

Sending

Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

Serving

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Organist:** Kristy Tostenson; **Ushers:** Pete & Peg Juba; **Coffee Servers:** Kevin & Bernie Luoma;
Ushers: Darwin Brinkman, Chuck Langner;

THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

This year we will be cleaning headstones at Mt. Hope Cemetery on **Sunday, September 14 immediately following 9:30am worship.** To sign up please visit our website at www.lcoorwatertown.org, click the 'serve' button on our main menu and find 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 after worship.

SIGN-UP TO SERVE AT WORSHIP!



SCAN ME

Junction Youth Group | Thursday, Sept. 11

A youth Group for 1st – 4th grade. We will meet Thursday, Sept. 11 from 6 to 7 p.m. Join us for a bible verse, games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

Luther League | Wednesday, Sept. 10

Luther League will start up **Wednesday, Sept. 10 immediately following worship.** Please join us for a variety of bible study, treats, games, service projects and fellowship. It's going to be a great year!



SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUB

The LCOOR Book Club will meet **Thursday, September 25 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. The book for September will be *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston.



6-Week Bible Study with Pastor Dan

Join Pastor Dan Overbo for a six week Bible study, "*The Life of Jesus*", beginning **Thursday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m.** in Assembly C. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Participant guides are \$10 and will be collected at the first class. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan in the church office at (605) 886-2696.



Men's Lunch

Men's Lunch will resume on **Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 12:15 p.m.** in the Gathering Space. All men are welcome to bring their own lunch and participate in a group bible study with Pastor Dan.

Calendar & Attendance

Sunday September 7

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
8:45 a.m. Church School (Rally Day & Back to School)
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (Teacher Installation & Playground Dedication)

Monday September 8

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

Tuesday September 9

11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday September 10

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
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 (Rally Day & Back to School)
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion (Teacher Installation & Playground Dedication)
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Luther League (9-12 Grade)

Thursday September 11

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Junction Youth Group (1-4 Grade)

Friday September 12

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

Saturday September 13

3:00 p.m. Wedding (Jensen & Redmond)
5:30 p.m. Worship

Sunday September 14

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
8:45 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Worship (7th Grade Lutheran Study Bible Milestone & Acolyte/Blessing Assistant Milestone)
10:30 a.m. God's Work. Our Hands. in the Great Hall & at Mt. Hope Cemetery

Monday September 15

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

Tuesday September 16

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

Wednesday September 17

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
5:45 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Worship (7th Grade Lutheran Study Bible Milestone & Acolyte/Blessing Assistant Milestone)
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Attendance

- **Sunday, August 24 Livestream:** 74
- **Saturday, August 30:** 61
- **Sunday, August 31 (Town):** 66
- **Sunday, August 31 (Lake):** 172

Church Staff

Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

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Wendy Kruger

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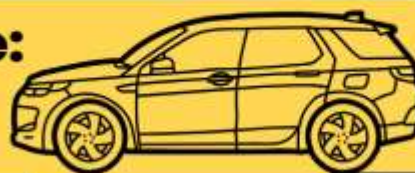
Sam Langner

Custodian

Roman Gainor

Car Question for the Ride Home:

Talk about an event you wish you could live over.



Copies of Taking Faith Home are available in the Gathering Space or on our website under the resources tab.