



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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4th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday June 25, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

“This Is My Father’s World” (arr. Jordan & Parks)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Today we remember our mission. **We are making God known through word & deed.**

We gather together to ask our 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. 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.

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

"Glory to God"

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Old Testament (Page 559) in Pew Bible

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

New Testament (Page 119) in Pew Bible

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:24-39

New Testament (Page 8) in Pew Bible

"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

#876

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

Following each prayer... Leader: Lord in your mercy; Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Hospitalized/ill: *Jessica Fischer, Alberta Frerichs, JoLana Ehli, Dwayne Konrad- Brother of Harlan (Judy) Konrad, Leigh Urdahl Cavins & Breighanna Urdahl- Granddaughters of Joann Urdahl, Arlene Nelson- Mother of Caryn Isaacson, Danny Lambert*

Death:

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.

Offering and Announcements

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:

Lutheran Campus Ministry



Offertory Response

“Create In Me”

#186

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Loving God, since we know that you love a cheerful giver, we offer these gifts to you with joy. Fill us with gladness as we celebrate all of the grace that we have received through Jesus Christ. May our gifts build up the church and testify to the world of your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessing

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

#810 vs. 1, 2 & 4

Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please share the peace, as well as your name as you leave today.

Postlude

Trumpet March (Frith)

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Serving This Morning

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Organist:** AJ Sherrill; **Sound & Projection:** Kent Anderson and Brian Bollinger; **Ushers:** Gary Grewing; **Lector:** Gary Grewing;

Flowers on the altar are given by Pastor Vaughn & Marian Neshiem in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary



The wealth we have is
determined by God.

“But remember the
Lord your God, for it is
he who gives you
power to get wealth”.

Deut. 8:18

THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE HELPERS

We are looking for individuals willing to assemble worship bulletins on Thursday afternoons or Friday mornings. Call Megan in the church office at **886-2696** or send an email to megan@lcoorwatertown.org to sign-up or get more information!



Making God Known Through Word and Deed!

JUNCTION

COFFEE TRAILER

DON'T FORGET THE COFFEE

9:00am Memorial Park Worship

JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH

Campus Ministry (LuMin)

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



Salvation Army

Boxed Cereal and Granola Bars

The Salvation Army needs boxed cereal and granola bars. Please consider picking up a couple extra items while you are out shopping to help feed our neighbors who are in need.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-3:30
Friday 8:30-12:00

BAKERS NEEDED

Bakers are needed to make communion bread for worship. The sign-up sheet, recipe and instructions are available at the Welcome Center. For more information, call the church office at 886-2696 or send an e-mail to megan@lcoorwatertown.org.

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!

ADVENTURE DAYS!

Registration forms for the Adventure Days are available online on our website (lcoorwatertown.org).

LET'S GO ADVENTURE

3rd & 4th Grade	August 1	9am-3pm
5th & 6th Grade	August 2	9am-3pm
4 yr olds-2nd Grade	August 3	9am-1pm

New Baby?

We have a special gift for each new little blessing, and we don't want to miss anyone! Please give us a phone call to the church office (605-886-2696) or an email to Twila (Welcoming & Caring Ministries Coordinator) at twila@lcoorwatertown.org.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Available to All

Crafted by many talented hands here at LCOOR serve as a tangible reminder that a person is being remembered in prayer. Our prayer shawls are available at no charge for anyone to share. They can be picked up at the Welcome Center, or near the church office.

June 25-July 2

Sunday June 25

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Monday June 26

Urban Plunge Youth Mission Trip to Omaha
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
2:00 p.m. Maple Place Communion
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday June 27

Urban Plunge Youth Mission Trip to Omaha
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Wednesday June 28

Urban Plunge Youth Mission Trip to Omaha
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:00 p.m. Fishing League

Thursday June 29

Urban Plunge Youth Mission Trip to Omaha
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday June 30

Urban Plunge Youth Mission Trip to Omaha
Church Office Closes at Noon
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday July 1

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

Sunday July 2

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park w/ Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion



Attendance & Offering

June 11 Live Stream- 86
Saturday, June 17- 61
Sunday, June 18- (9:00) 215; (10:30) 70

Offering (6/18):

General Fund: \$5,107; Other: \$40;
Mission of the Month: \$58.55;
Debt Reduction: \$25;

Simply Giving Offering (6/12-6/16):

General Fund: \$9,975.43; Debt Reduction: \$85;
Mission of the Month: \$60; Other: \$465;

Serve

There are many ways to serve your congregation each month including volunteering before, during and after worship services. During the month of May, we had 127 slots to fill including greeters, ushers, lectors, communion assistants and coffee servers. We were able to fill 54.33% (69) of those available slots. Please consider signing up to serve by contacting Twila in the church office or sign up online at lcoorwatertown.org --> Serve --> Volunteer at Worship in June, July and August.

Staff

Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

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Facility Manager

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**JUNE 25, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



Freed from fear, we live in newness of life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 10:24-39	The call and cost of discipleship
Monday	Jeremiah 20:7-13	Jeremiah denounces his persecutors
Tuesday	Romans 6:1b-11	Dying and rising with Christ
Wednesday	Ephesians 4:17-24	The old life and the new
Thursday	Isaiah 12:1-6	Thanksgiving and praise
Friday	Romans 8:9-17	Life in the Spirit
Saturday	Psalms 69:7-18	God can be trusted
Sunday	Matthew 10:40-42	Receiving and serving others

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. **Romans 6:4 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for the power and gift of baptism and our new life in Christ that frees us from fear so that we can be Christ's faithful followers in the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, with this gift of food give us strength to overcome our fears and to serve others through the power of Christ's love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of steadfast love, bless you with mercy all the days of your life. (Psalm 69:16)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Take My Life,
That I May Be*



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 describe your own life's goals, values and beliefs?
- If someone were to ask you about your faith and what you believe, how would you respond?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 6:1b-11.

Just before this reading, Paul writes: "where sin increased, grace abounded all the more" (Romans 5:20b). Paul responds to this statement in Romans 6:1b with an understandable question, "Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?" Then he answers, "By no means!" (v. 2a). Paul is emphatic that seeking a life of sin is out of the question. He describes this conviction by using the language of baptism. We are joined with Christ through baptism. In baptism, we die with Christ and are raised with Christ "so we too might walk in newness of life" (v. 4b). We are joined to Christ's life. His story of death and resurrection is now our story. We die to a way of living and thinking that finds pleasure in sin and separation from God. The power of sin over our lives dies with Christ through baptism. Our lives are then freed from the power of sin and death to live a new life filled with love and grace for our neighbor and world.

Discuss: What questions do you have about baptism?

Pray: **God of abundant love, we thank you for the gift of baptism that binds us to Christ and gives us new life filled with hope, joy, and love for all. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you be freed from fear to joyfully serve those in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



"Do not fear" is a recurring theme in Matthew 10:24-39. Think or talk about things that you are afraid of. Naming and talking about your fears can be helpful. Draw a cross on a sheet of paper. Write the fears you named around the cross. Take a moment to look at your list of fears and say them out loud.

Pray: **Dear God, may our life in Christ draw us nearer to you and free us from our fears. Amen.**



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