Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | Confirmation Sunday | Sunday, April 26, 2026, 9:30 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 word and deed'.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Scout Henry

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!
Amen.
Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.
Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.
Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.
Amen.

Opening Song

"I Will Follow"

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

Madelyn Jorgenson

Let us pray. **O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music

"Amen, Amen" Arr. by Linda Lamb — Handbell Choir
Directed by Beverly Splinter

Children's Sermon

First Reading
Acts 2:42-47 — Parker Phillips

42 [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 Awe
came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 All who believed were together
and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had
need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and
generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those
who were being saved.

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

Psalm
Psalm 46 — Lexi Riley

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
6 The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.
7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
8 Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
10 "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."
11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Second Reading
1 Peter 2:19-25 — Wyatt Dahl

19 It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. 20 If you endure when you are
beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing
before God. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should
follow in his steps. 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 23 When he was abused, he did not return
abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in
his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you
were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Gospel Acclamation
"In Christ Alone"

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

Gospel *(Please Rise)*
John 10:1-10

[Jesus said:] 1 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief
and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the
sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of
them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because
they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was
saying to them. 7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are
thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in
and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it
abundantly."

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

Sermon
"Called by Name" — Pastor Laura Overbo

Hymn of the Day
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" — #504

(Confirmands stand and come forward)

Affirmation of Baptism

I present these confirmation students who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Confirmands: *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Confirmands: *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Confirmands: *I renounce them.*

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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.
Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*
(Confirmands face the congregation)

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Laying on of Hands

(Parents, sponsors, others may join each confirmand that came forward.)

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. *Stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.*
Amen.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ. **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayer Song "Lord, Listen to Your Children"

Prayers of the Church

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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:
Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin)

Offering Received (April 13-19)
Promised: $20,337.50
Non-Promised: $6,524.00
Mission of the Month: $155.37

Offering Response

"Father I Adore You"

Offertory Prayer

Charly Rossow

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

(Matthew 6:9-13)

Cillian Sutton

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.

Invitation to Communion of the Faithful

With love and spiritual care for God's people, and by our Lord's invitation, we welcome all to commune here at Lutheran Church of our Redeemer. We believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine to give us forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Sharing of Holy Communion

Communion Helpers: Andan Gossen, Madelyn Jorgenson, Scout Henry, Brayden Fisk, Dax Huber, Parker Phillips

Goldfish Helpers: Autumn Glines, Avery Kruse, Wyatt Dahl, Charly Rossow, Evelinn Renner, Lexi Riley

Post Communion Blessing

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Benediction

Brayden Fisk

May the grace of God cover you, the love of God fill you, and the Spirit of God lead you. **Amen.**

Sending Song

"This is Amazing Grace"

Dismissal

Avery Kruse

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! The Worship has ended, the Service Begins!

Altar Flowers: Red carnations in honor of our 8th grade confirmands.

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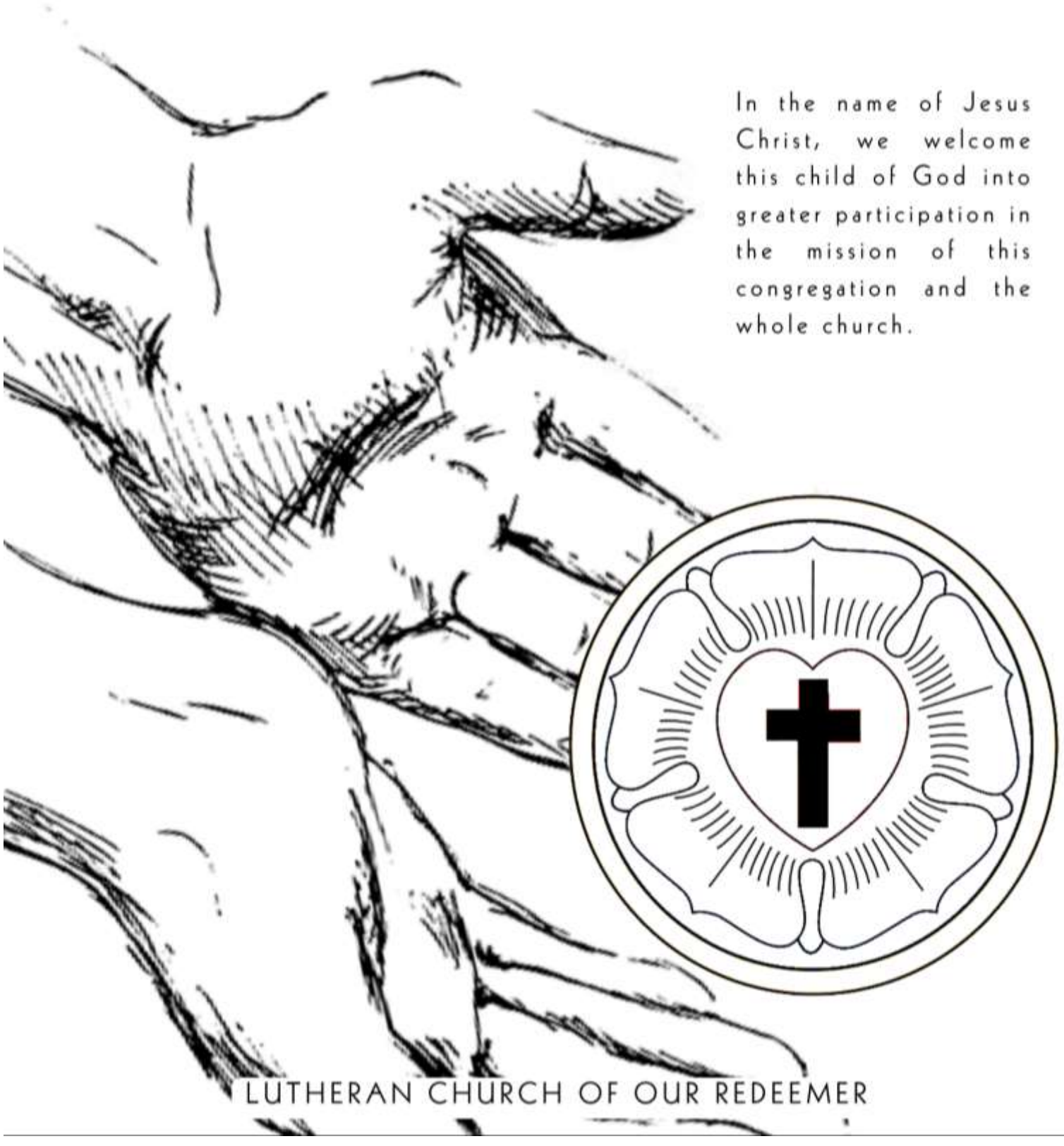
Serving

Preaching: Pastor Laura Overbo; **Worship Team; Acolytes:** Austin Dahl & Tucker Dahl; **8th Grade Confirmation Students;**
Ushers: Gary Grewing, Darren Likness; **Welcome Center:** Gail Helland;

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION



In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome this child of God into greater participation in the mission of this congregation and the whole church.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

BIBLE VERSE

Wyatt Joseph Dahl - Matthew 5:16
"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Brayden Patrick Fisk – Deuteronomy 6:5
"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

Autumn Kathryn Glines – Jeremiah 29:11
"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Andan Louis Gossen – Isaiah 40:30-31
"Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted, but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

Scout Henry –Psalm 28:7
"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy; with my song I praise Him."

Daxton Marc Huber – Philippians 4:13
"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Madelyn Marie Jorgenson – John 8:12
"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Avery Marie Kruse – John 8:12
"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Parker James Phillips – Philippians 4:13
"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Evelinn Diann Renner – Jobs 1:21
"Always be humble because what God gives, he can also take away."

Lexi LeAnn Riley – Matthew 6:34
"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Charly Ben Rossow – Philippians 4:13
"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Cillian Nathan-Feil Sutton – 1 John 4:8
"Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."

BIBLE VERSE

Karsyn Lynn Boyd – Isaiah 41:10
"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

Thomas James Boyens – Isaiah 41:10
"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

Sirena Nichol Brandlee – 1 John 4:19
"We love because he first loved us."

Ainsley Sue Falconer – Psalm 33:4-5
"For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord."

Mikaela Rae Fuerstenau – Ecclesiastes 3:11
"God makes everything happen at the right time. Yet none of us can ever fully understand all he has done and he puts questions in our minds about the past and the future."

Ava Ann Givens – Isaiah 43:2
"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you."

William Isaac Harms – Proverbs 3:5
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight."

Brooklyn Rae Horning – Jeremiah 31:3
"I have loved you with everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."

Cayden James Kluckman – Isaiah 6:8
"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Madilynn Kay Koll – Romans 8:18
"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."

Zea Michele Kruse – Psalm 136:1
"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

Carsen Arvid Petersen – Joshua 1:9
"I hereby command you: be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Kinzley Kay Swenson – 2 Chronicles 15:7
"But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded!"

Logan Jack Thompson – Philippians 4:13
"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Sean Payton West – Genesis 1:3
"And God said let there be light, and there was light."

A PRAYER FROM YOUR PASTORS

Gracious and loving God,

We thank you for each confirmand here today. You have woven their lives with purpose, and You've been with them through every moment, shaping them in ways seen and unseen. Now, they stand ready to affirm their faith and take another step in their journey with You.

In this scared moment, we pray that they would feel the depth of Your love for them – a love that knows no bounds, that calls them by name, and that meets them exactly where they are.

Strengthen them for the journey ahead. When doubts creep in or life becomes overwhelming, may they find refuge in Your presence. When they're faced with decisions, may they listen for the gentle whisper of Your Spirit guiding them toward truth and goodness.

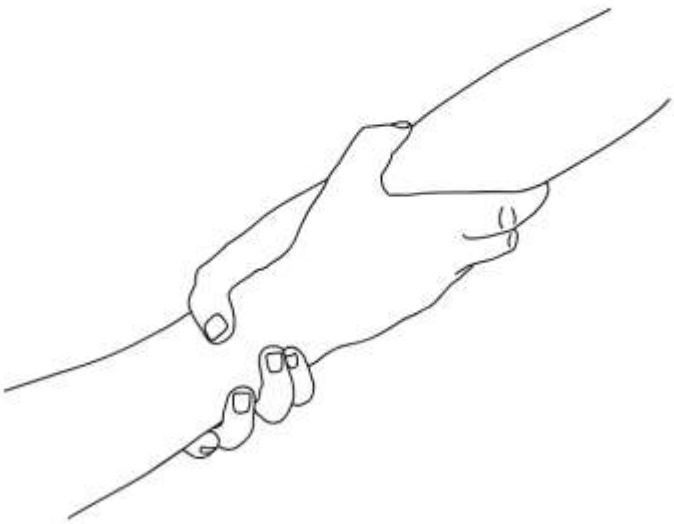
Give them boldness to live out their faith in a way that is authentic and full of grace, to love as You love, and to serve as You served. Surround them with support of this community, so they may never feel alone.

Bless them, Lord, with peace, Joy, and a sense of purpose as they continue to grow in faith and wisdom. May they always know that they are Your beloved children, held in Your care, today and always.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend, we Pray. Amen.

~Blessings~

Pastor Dan and Pastor Laura



THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Spring Market: Craft Show and Vendor Fair - Saturday, May 9

Join us for our Spring Market: Craft Show and Vendor Fair at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Watertown, SD on **Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

With over 50 vendors, you'll find a wide variety of handmade crafts, unique gifts, home décor, and specialty items. Bring your friends and family and spend the day browsing, supporting local creators, and celebrating spring with us!

Senior Recognition & Teacher Appreciation

High School Senior Recognition and Teacher Appreciation will be held **Sunday, May 3 at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m.** This is also the last day for church school for the school year.

The Latest Word - Monthly Newsletter

Please read our monthly newsletters for important information not covered in weekly announcements.

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Volunteer at Worship

We are always seeking volunteers to assist during worship services. We encourage you to sign up!

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Cookies Needed for Watertown Sandwich Ministry

The Watertown Sandwich Ministry is running low on cookies and they need your help! Cookie kits are available at the Blessing Exchange or in the church office, making it easy to get involved. Once your cookies are baked, simply return them to the church kitchen and place them in the freezer. Thank you for your support.

Sewing Ministry Group

The Sewing Ministry Group will meet on **Tuesday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in Assembly A. This dedicated group works on a variety of projects, including hospice gowns and baby diapers. Please bring your sewing machine.

Junction and Route 56 Youth Group

Junction, a youth group for **1st-4th grade** and Route 56, a youth group for **5th-6th grade** will meet together on **Thursday, April 30, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Join us for a bible verse, games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

ROUTE 56 5th-6th
JUNCTION 1st-4th Grade

Calendar & Attendance

Sunday April 26
8:45 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (8th Grade Confirmation)
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal
Monday April 27
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon
Tuesday April 28
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sewing Ministry Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
Wednesday April 29
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
5:00 p.m. Community Meal (suggested donation $3/person; $10/family)
5:45 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion (8th Grade Confirmation)
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Luther League (9-12 Grade)
Thursday April 30
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Junction and Route 56 Youth Group
Friday May 1
Church Office Closes at Noon
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
Saturday May 2
5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal
Sunday May 3 (Last Day of Church School)
8:45 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion, Senior Recognition, Teacher Recognition, and Timmerman Scholarship Presentation
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal
Monday May 4
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon
Tuesday May 5
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
Wednesday May 6 (Last Day of Worship/Activities)
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
5:00 p.m. Community Meal (suggested donation $3/person; $10/family)
5:45 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion, Senior Recognition, Teacher Recognition, and Timmerman Scholarship Presentation
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Luther League (9-12 Grade)

Attendance

Sunday, April 12 Livestream: 156
Wednesday, April 15: 81
Saturday, April 18: 73
Sunday, April 19: 271

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CAR QUESTION FOR THE RIDE HOME:
What does the phrase "unless you become like a child you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven" mean to you?

faith forward
families passing faith on

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