



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday September 3, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” (arr. Held & Wood)

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

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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

Eternal Father, your Son walked suffering’s path for our sake,

“Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering and be killed”

And would let nothing stand in the way.

“Get behind me, Satan!”

For his way was the way toward salvation-

It was the way of the cross.

Humble us by his example, O Father. Teach us his obedience.

Help us to shoulder our crosses.

And let nothing get in the way of our chosen path.

For it is the path toward you.

Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now,

and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Old Testament (Page 556) in Pew Bible

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

New Testament (Page 124) in Pew Bible

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

New Testament (Page 14) in Pew Bible

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Sermon

Pastor Overbo

Hymn of the Day

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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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

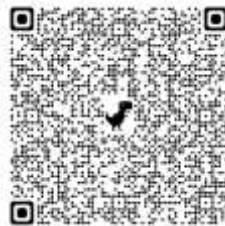
*Following each prayer... Leader: Lord in your mercy; Congregation: **Hear our prayer.***

Hospitalized/ill: *Jessica Fischer, Rod Knight, Ashlea West, Alberta Frerichs, Marty VanHeel,*

Baptism: *Eloise Kjenstad*

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:
St. Dymas*



Offertory Response

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Offering Prayer

Eternal Father, your Son bids us give up our lives.

Your Son bids us die. “For those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

We offer these things to you, O Father.

With them we offer our lives.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you chose the path of suffering for our sakes-

Offering your body...shedding your blood.

In this meal we proclaim your suffering... we proclaim your death...

...until you come again in power.

Lead us by your humble example, O Christ.

Help us to carry our crosses.

You are the Lord forevermore.

Amen.

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 Hymn

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

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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.

Postlude

Praise We Sing to Thee (Haydn)

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Serving This Morning

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Organist:** AJ Sherrill; **Sound & Projection:** Roger Whittle; **Lector:** Bob

Hoover; **Ushers:** Bob and Deb Hoover;



We are personally accountable to God for how we use the money He has entrusted to us.

"For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil".

2 Cor. 5:10

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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:

- When is a time you experienced pain or suffering?
- How does your faith in Christ help you when you are in pain or suffering?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 16:21-28.

In general, we do our best to avoid pain and suffering. Peter wanted Jesus—and himself—to avoid suffering, and so he rebuked Jesus. However, some suffering is necessary in life. There are times when the path in life is not easy. Fighting for justice on behalf of others and God’s creation and defending God’s mercy and forgiveness when hatred and vengeance is pursued by others are examples of times when suffering is warranted. Peter failed to understand this. Jesus called him out as one who was following the path of evil. The path Jesus chose picks up a cross. Jesus picked up his cross for the salvation of all that God has created. It was a very costly cross for Jesus. It led to torment, false accusations, suffering and death. It is what is referred to as the “theology of the cross,” that is, out of suffering God brings healing, new life, and salvation.

Discuss: When is a time in your life you avoided the harder path? What happened?

Pray: Compassionate God, give us courage and strength to follow you where truth and justice are needed, to paths that bring healing and hope 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, how might you serve by risking your own comfort for the sake of others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The cross is a Christian symbol. It reminds us that Jesus is with us through hard times. We see crosses in many places in our lives. As a follower of Jesus, notice the number of crosses you see in your home and in the community this week. Each time you see one, take a moment to pray:

Thank you Jesus for dying on the cross to save us. 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

NEW FALL SCHEDULE

WORSHIP & EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAYS

- 4:45pm Family Meal
- 5:30pm Church School
- 5:30pm Adult Education
- 6:30pm WOW Worship
- 7:15pm 7/8 Grade Confirmation

SATURDAYS

- 5:30pm Traditional Church
- 6:30pm Meal *1st Saturday of the Month*

SUNDAYS

- 8:30am Church School
- 8:30am Adult Education
- 9:30am Blended Worship

Holy Communion served the 1st & 3rd Sunday and Wednesday and the Saturday preceeding Sunday.



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

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

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!

SAVE THE DATE

Ladies Night Out

NOVEMBER 13

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



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.



Salvation Army Fruit Cups and Granola Bars

The Salvation Army needs fruit cups 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.

Let's CELEBRATE with our sister Congregation!

Sunday, September 17

10:30am Worship Service @ Grace

meal to follow

\$5 in advance; \$6 at the door;

Children 3 & under Free

RSVP to Kat Anderson 605-886-5737

LCOOR will have a shortened 9:30am worship so everyone can join Grace in celebration!



Church School Teachers Needed


Sundays and Wednesdays

Contact Phil for more information

605-886-2696

phil@lcoorwatertown.org

Teacher Training Tuesday, September 5 at 6pm

September 3-10	Attendance & Offering
<p>Sunday September 3 9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>Monday September 4 <i>Church Office Closed- Labor Day</i> 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon</p> <p>Tuesday September 5 <i>Preschool Class Begins</i> 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group 11:00 a.m. Text Study 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church School Small Group Leaders Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday September 6 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch 4:45 p.m. Community Meal 5:30 p.m. Back to School Student Blessings 5:30 p.m. Church School 6:30 p.m. Worship 7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation 7:15 p.m. Handbell & Choir Combined Rehearsal 7:15 p.m. HS Hang-out in Youth Room</p> <p>Thursday September 7 9:00 a.m. Quilting 1:00-1:30 p.m. Chair Yoga 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon</p> <p>Friday September 8 <i>Church Office Closes at Noon</i> 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry</p> <p>Saturday September 9 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship</p> <p>Sunday September 10 8:30 a.m. Grandparents' Day Milestone 8:30 a.m. Back to School Student Blessings 8:30 a.m. Church School 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship</p>	<p>August 20 Live Stream- 48 Saturday, August 29- 54 Sunday, August 27- (9:00) 159; (10:30) 68</p> <p><u>Offering (8/27):</u> General Fund: \$6,595; Other: \$120; Debt Reduction: \$195; Mission of the Month: \$30.40;</p> <p><u>Simply Giving Offering (8/21-8/25):</u> General Fund: \$4,261.38; Debt Reduction: \$80; Other: \$340; Mission of the Month: \$130;</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Staff</p> <p>Senior Pastor Dan Overbo</p> <p>Associate Pastor Laura Overbo</p> <p>Welcoming & Caring Ministries Twila Schmitt</p> <p>Director of Faith Formation Philip Lickei</p> <p>Business Manager Jodi Spilde</p> <p>Business Administrative Assistant Megan Thyen</p> <p>Preschool Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional</p> <p>Custodian Adam Lauseng</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

Following Jesus is not an easy path.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 16:21-28	Take up your cross and follow
Monday	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Jeremiah is reassured
Tuesday	Romans 12:9-21	Rules for Christian living
Wednesday	2 Timothy 4:1-5	Paul's instructions to Timothy
Thursday	Philippians 1:27-30	Live your life in a worthy manner
Friday	1 Corinthians 12:12-26	One body with many members
Saturday	Psalms 26:1-8	Prayer of an innocent person
Sunday	Matthew 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to pick up our crosses, suffer, and follow Jesus for what is right, just, and loving. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Let there be a goodly share on every table, everywhere. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the cross of Christ free you to care for all.

