



# GRIEF

## LET US BREATHE TOGETHER

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | 2nd Sunday after Pentecost | Sunday, June 22, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

### Prelude

Voluntary in C Major (Albrechtsberger)  
“This Is My Father’s World” (arr. Parks & Jordan)

### 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 God has made. **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**  
Let us give God thanks and praise. **Let us worship together.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.* Merciful God,

**you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

“I Come with Joy”

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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. **O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 65:1-9

<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. <sup>2</sup> I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; <sup>4</sup> who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; <sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. <sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps <sup>7</sup> their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. <sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup> I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

## Psalm

Psalms 22:19-28

<sup>19</sup> But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

<sup>20</sup> **Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

<sup>21</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup> **I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> **For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup> **For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

## Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25-32

<sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup> Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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*The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.*

## Gospel Reading

Luke 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup> Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" — <sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

Sermon

"Grief: Let Us Breathe Together"

Pastor Overbo

Hymn of the Day

"Come, All You People"

#819

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/III: Katie Stavig, Dottie Ball, Pastor Sam Hatlestad, Carter Silvernail- Son-in-law of Ron & Carol Bergan, Bud Webb, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Gregg) DeSpiegler, Howard Schneekloth


Church on the Street Video

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:

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Offering needed each week to make budget.

Pledged: \$13,360

Non-Pledged: \$6,734

Offering 6/8-6/14

	Received
Pledged	\$14,275.00
Non-Pledged	\$7,214.25
Mission of the Month	\$235.35

Offertory Response

"Create In Me a Clean Heart"

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Offering Prayer

Eternal Father, you do not need what we bring, for all things are yours. Accept our offerings, gladly given and humbly offered, not given at a master's demands but out of a child's love. Use them to increase our family that all people may believe. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Trumpet March (Frith)

Serving

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; Organist: AJ Sherrill;

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# THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

## Sewing Ministry Group

LCOOR's Sewing Ministry Group will meet **Tuesday, June 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in Assembly A. Please bring your sewing machine. Non-sewers are welcome to join and help with ironing, assembling, etc. Please contact Nyla Bergan or Pastor Laura for more information.



## Shop & Earn - Support Our Preschool!

Make fundraising a part of your everyday life with gift cards from RaiseRight. Whether you're buying groceries, dining out, or shopping online, you can earn money for our preschool just by using gift cards for your purchases! Stop by the church office during the week and see Jodi Spilde—we have a variety of gift cards on hand and will continue placing orders throughout the summer.

## Personal Care Kits

Whether you make one or a few Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits, every kit you make will be cherished by the person who receives it. Kit instructions can be picked up at the Welcome Center and completed kits can be returned to the Blessing Exchange.

## Serve Church on the Street

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR | JULY 12, 2025**



LCOOR will be heading to Sioux Falls to serve a meal in Heritage Park to approximately 200 people. Service starts at 11:00 am. **We need 12+ volunteers and people of all ages to visit and worship.** Bring your lawn chair. Signup Genius link is available on our website on the SERVE tab for items that we will need for this event and for volunteers. Contact Jodi Spilde in the church office if you have a Thrivent Action Team Grant available and would like to use it for this project. Monetary donations will be accepted as well. If you would like to carpool, we will leave from the LCOOR at 8am on Saturday, July 12.

## Teachers Needed

Church school teachers will be needed for Wednesday night church school this fall. Please consider giving of your time and talents to share the word with our youth. Church school runs for approximately 45 minutes before WOW service at 6:30 p.m. If you don't want to teach alone – consider finding a friend and taking turns or teaching it together. Volunteers will be needed to make the coming school year successful for our kids – please prayerfully consider being a part of our Wednesday night team.

# Calendar & Attendance

## Sunday June 22

Milwaukee Youth Mission Trip (June 22-27)

9:00 a.m. Worship at LCOOR

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park

## Monday June 23

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

## Tuesday June 24

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Sewing Ministry Group

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

## Wednesday June 25

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

6:00 p.m. Fishing League

## Thursday June 26

10:00 a.m. Book Club

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

## Friday June 27

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

## Saturday June 28

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

## Sunday June 29

9:00 a.m. Worship at LCOOR

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park

## Attendance

- **Sunday, June 8 Livestream:** N/A
- **Saturday, June 14:** 40
- **Sunday, June 15 (Town):** 97
- **Sunday, June 15 (Lake):** 144

## Church Staff

### Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

### Associate Pastor

Laura Overbo

### Director of Faith Formation

Wendy Kruger

### Welcoming & Caring Ministries

Karri Willhite

### Business Manager

Jodi Spilde

### Business Administrative Assistant

Megan Thyen

### Preschool

Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher

Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional

### Sound & Technology

Sam Langner

### Custodian

Roman Gainor



## Car Question for the Ride Home:

How do you define the word *love*?

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