

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

SALT & LIGHT



5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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'.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

Opening Song

"Here I Am to Worship"

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. **Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Sermon (congregation please sing 'Jesus Loves Me' as children gather)

Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.” ^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

Psalm

Psalm 112:1-10

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God’s commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Gospel Acclamation

“Way Maker”

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

[Jesus said:] ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 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. ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

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.

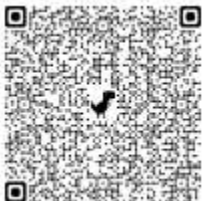
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Betsy Spartz- Daughter of Denise Schmahl and Sister of Alissa (Mark) Iverson, Katie Stavig, Bud Webb, Ed Knadle, JoAnn Roti, Carter Silvernail- Son-in-law of Ron & Carol Bergan, Dave Wicks, Ava Schulte, Buck Schaack- Brother of Joyce (Marvin) McGillivray, Liz Ewald- Friend of Lesa Franken, Dianna Lambert, Vince Brueggeman- Father of Karla Christensen, Brad Bergh- Son of Margaret Bergh, Tammy Stoltenburg, Robin Faulstich- Sister-in-law of Phyllis Bowersox, Karla Stimson, Kevin Stark- Brother of Carol (Ron) Bergan, Karen Larsen- Sister-in-law of Darlene Bailey, Matthew Harty- Brother of Megan (Ryan) Thyen, Ron Moehring, Liz Jaragoske- Daughter of Annette Gugel & Sister of Bev (Steve) Splinter, Earl Lammle, Bob Reiner*

Offering & Announcements

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:
LCOOR Preschool



Offering Received (Jan. 26 – Feb. 1)

Promised: \$6,822.50

Non-Promised: \$5,627.00

Mission of the Month: \$123.76

Offering Prayer

You call us to shine with your holiness, to shine with your perfect love, O God. Yet, we cannot shine without you. So make us mirrors, O God. Help us to reflect the light and love that come only from you, even as these gifts are reflections of our gratitude. 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

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise \mp bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

“Everlasting God”

Call to Service

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

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Serving

Preaching: Jack Holmquest; **Worship Team;** **Greeters:** Julie Rude; **Ushers:** Allen Rude;

THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Join the LCOOR Team! Now Hiring Faith Formation Assistant

The Faith Formation Assistant plays an important role in supporting middle school and high school ministries, including weekly faith experiences, service opportunities, confirmation support, and special events throughout the year. This is a part-time position of 15-20 hours per week.

Job description and application are available on our website at www.lcoorwatertown.org, in the church office, or at the Welcome Center. **Applications must be submitted by Thursday, March 5.**

February Mission of the Month

LCOOR Preschool nurtures young children through Christ-centered learning while welcoming families into our church community. **You are invited to support this ministry through special gifts and our Noisy Can Offering.**

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

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Tickets on Sale NOW

We are thrilled to welcome Melanie A. Brown, a dynamic, faith-based keynote speaker, to Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer on **Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 PM for a 90 minute presentation.** Tickets are available for \$5 in the church office.

Junction Youth Group

Junction, a youth group for **1st-4th grade**, will be meeting on **Thursday, February 12, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** We'd love to have your child join us for an evening filled with fun and faith.

Youth Music Team

Students in 9 to 12 grade are encouraged to join the Youth Music Team (YMT) to sing during worship throughout the Lenten season. **YMT will meet Wednesday, February 11 after the Wednesday church service** to practice and pick songs for the upcoming services. **Questions?? Contact Wendy Kruger in the church office.**

Ash Wednesday at LCOOR

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer will offer **two** Ash Wednesday worship services on **Wednesday, February 18 at 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** All are welcome to join us in the Great Hall following the 12:15 p.m. worship service for a soup luncheon. Please note that there will be no Wednesday evening community meal, confirmation or church school on Wednesday, February 18.

Route 56 Youth Group - VOLLEYBALL NIGHT

Route 56, a youth group for **5th-6th grade**, will be meeting on **Thursday, February 19 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** This will be a fun volleyball night in the Great Hall, so come ready to play! It's a great chance to grow in your faith while hang out with friends and meeting new ones.

Redeemer's Kitchen - February 15

Redeemer's Kitchen will meet the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 9:30 a.m. worship to prep seven freezer meals. For the month of February, we will gather on **Sunday, February 15.** More information, including menu, pricing and sign-up are available at the Welcome Center or by contacting Karri in the church office at karri@lcoorwatertown.org or (605) 886-2696. **The deadline to sign-up is February 12 at noon.**

Calendar & Attendance

Sunday February 8

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
8:45 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. LCOOR Mobile Soup Kitchen

Monday February 9

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

Tuesday February 10

11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
4:00 p.m. BeFriender Ministry Meeting
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday February 11

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle Bible Study
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
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (Great Hall)
7:15 p.m. Youth Music Team (9-12 Grade)

Thursday February 12

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00-7:00 p.m. Junction Youth Group (1-4 Grade)

Friday February 13

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

Saturday February 14

5:30 p.m. Worship

Sunday February 15

No Church School or Confirmation (Presidents' Day Break)
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir
10:30 a.m. Redeemer's Kitchen

Monday February 16

Church Office Closed & No Preschool (Presidents' Day)
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday February 17

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m. Quilting Bible Study

Wednesday February 18

No Church School or Confirmation (Ash Wednesday)
No Wednesday Evening Community Meal
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion with Soup Luncheon to Follow
5:00 p.m. Luther League (9-12 Grade)
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Attendance

- **Sunday, January 25 Livestream:** 154
- **Wednesday, January 28:** 141
- **Saturday, January 31:** 62
- **Sunday, February 1:** 230

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:

What was the most difficult question a child asked you about what you believe?

