

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER | SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026, 9:30 A.M.

On the Road to Emmaus by Paul Oman

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

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

"Love the Lord"

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 God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-7, 12-19

¹ I love the LORD because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

² **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴ **Then I called on the name of the LORD, "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"**

⁵ Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is merciful.

⁶ **The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

¹² **What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?**

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD;

¹⁴ **I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.**

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶ **O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.**

¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸ **I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,**

¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. ²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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Children's Church

Gospel Acclamation

"Awesome God/Humble Thyself"

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

First Nations Version- An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament

¹³ On the same day, two of the followers of Creator Sets Free (Jesus) were walking to Village of Warm Springs (Emmaus), seven miles out from Village of Peace (Jerusalem). ¹⁴ As they walked along, they were talking about all that had happened. ¹⁵ Creator Sets Free (Jesus) came alongside them as they walked, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from seeing who he was. ¹⁷ He said to them, "What are you talking about?" They stopped walking and a look of sadness fell over their faces. ¹⁸ One of the men, Honored by His Father (Cleopas), answered him, "How can you not know about the things that have happened in Village of Peace (Jerusalem)? You must be coming from far away." ¹⁹ "What things are you talking about?" he asked. "About Creator Sets Free (Jesus) from Seed Planter Village (Nazareth). He was a prophet from the Great Spirit, with powerful medicine, who did many good things among all the people. ²⁰ The head holy men and other leaders handed him over to the People of Iron (Romans) to be put to death on the cross. ²¹ We had hoped that he would free the tribes of Wrestles with Creator (Israel) from the People of Iron (Romans). It is now the third day since they killed him on the cross, ²²⁻²³ but today some women told us an amazing story. Early this morning they went to his burial cave and found that his body was not there. They told us about visions of spirit-messengers who told them he was alive! ²⁴ Some of our men went to see with their own eyes and found the empty cave, but they did not see Creator Sets Free (Jesus)." ²⁵ "Why are your hearts so slow to believe the words of the prophets?" he said. ²⁶ "It should be clear to you that the Chosen One would suffer first before he would be lifted up and honored above all." ²⁷ So Creator Sets Free (Jesus) told them his story, beginning with Drawn from the Water (Moses) and all the prophets. He showed them how all the ancient Sacred Teachings were written about the Chosen One and pointed the way to him. ²⁸ As they entered the village, he walked on as if to go farther. ²⁹ They said to him, "Please, stay with us. It is late, and the sun will soon set." So he went into the lodging house with them. ³⁰ When they sat down to eat a meal together, Creator Sets Free (Jesus) took some frybread into his hands. He gave thanks and broke it, giving each of them a piece. ³¹ Suddenly, their eyes were opened and they knew who he was, but he vanished right in front of them. ³² The men looked at each other in wide-eyed wonder and said, "It felt like our hearts were on fire when he was talking with us on the road, showing us the meaning of the Sacred Teachings!" ³³ They got up without finishing their meal and walked back to Village of Peace (Jerusalem) as fast as they could, for the sun was setting. They found where the eleven had gathered together with the others. ³⁴ They were saying, "Our Wisdom-keeper is alive! He has shown himself to One Who Hears (Simon)." ³⁵ So the two men told them what happened on the road and how their eyes were opened when Creator Sets Free (Jesus) broke the frybread into pieces.

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

Song of the Day

"Forever"

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.

Prayer Song

"Lord I Need You"

Prayers of the Church

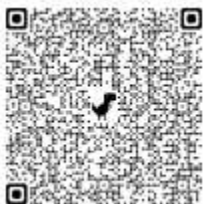
Hospitalized/ill: *Betsy Spartz- Daughter of Denise Schmahl and Sister of Alissa (Mark) Iverson, Katie Stavig, Bud Webb, Dave Wicks, Earl Lammler, Buck Schaack- Brother of Joyce (Marvin) McGillivary, Tammy Stoltenburg, Liz Ewald- Friend of Lesa Franken, Vince Brueggeman- Father of Karla Christensen, Karla Stimson, Robin Faulstich- Sister-in-law of Phyllis Bowersox, Lynn Bromley, Gwen Anderson, Marty VanHeel, Shannon Tesch- Sister-in-law of Joe (Marlys) Tesch, Michelle LeBlanc- Granddaughter of Bev Eggen, Chad Jutting- Brother of Todd (Lesli) Jutting and Todd (Joy) Freimark, Jeff Feldmeyer*

Prayer Song

"Lord I Need You"

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 6-12)****Promised: \$7,943.50****Non-Promised: \$5,965.00****Mission of the Month: \$144.59****Lent: \$50.00****Offertory Response**

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

Offering Prayer

You have given us so much more than our lives and our possessions, O God. You have given us a new birth. You have given us a living hope. What can we give in response to such a gift? We give our new lives to you. Alleluia! Christ is risen and so are we. Through the same 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.

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

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.**

Announcements

Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

“Everlasting God”

Call to Service

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Dan Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Ushers:** Eric Beutler, Ryan Nuttall, Clea Urevig; **Lector:** Megan Major;
Communion Assistants: Megan Major & Devyn Bollinger, Marlys & Joe Tesch; **Coffee Servers:** Verna Olson;
Greeters: Jeannette Beutler;

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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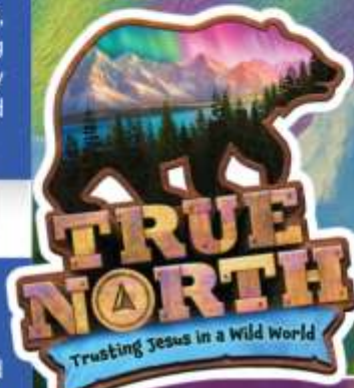
Volunteer at Worship

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

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Lutheran World Relief: Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund

When we make LWR Quilts and Kits, we join countless others across the country who reach out to people in need around the world through this ministry. LWR spends around \$3.3 million to operate this program each year. LWR's approximate cost to transport, process, store and deliver quilts and kits near and far is \$4.00 per item. **You can help!** Consider giving a gift toward the Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund. Clearly mark you donation Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund.

Covered from Top to Bottom

First United Methodist Church (4 2nd Ave SE, Watertown) is hosting a giveaway event on **Sunday, April 19 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.**

This event is a combination of Sandy's Closet (free kids clothing), Stable Blessings (shelf stable meals in a bag), and Bundles of Hope (diapers and wipes). **These items are available to anyone in need of these items.**

Calendar & Attendance

Sunday April 19

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
8:45 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Monday April 20

May Newsletter Deadline
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday April 21

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study

Wednesday April 22

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)
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
5:45 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Luther League (9-12 Grade)

Thursday April 23

No Preschool (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
10:00 a.m. Book Club
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday April 24

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

Saturday April 25

5:30 p.m. Worship

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)

Attendance

Sunday, April 5 Livestream: 166

Wednesday, April 8: 120

Saturday, April 11: 81

Sunday, April 12: 367

Church Staff

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CAR QUESTION FOR THE RIDE HOME:

What is one of the hardest questions you've been asked about what you believe? How did you respond?

