



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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1st Sunday in Lent

Sunday February 18, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Come to this space and time of repentance.

We gather as a people of God.

Come to this time and space of renewal.

We gather as a people of Christ.

Come to this space and time of grace.

We gather as a people of Spirit. We live as a people of hope.

Invocation

Walk with us on this journey, O God. Be present today on our paths to the cross even as you were with Jesus. May this journey have meaning for our worship together and for the lives we live daily. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Merciful Savior, **forgive us our sins. We confess that we do not hold you close in our daily lives.**

We confess that we separate our decisions from your will. We confess that we insist on paths of destruction rather than paths of life. We confess that we prefer to be admired rather than faithful. Forgive us we pray. Realign our wills with your hopes for us.

God's hope for us is here for the knowing. Be blessed with grace and peace as a forgiven people.

Opening Song

“Forever”

Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King His love endures forever

For He is good He is above all things His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand And an outstretched arm His love endures forever

For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise Sing praise sing praise

(Chorus) Forever God is faithful Forever God is strong Forever God is with us Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever And by the grace of God

We will carry on His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise Sing praise sing praise (Chorus x2)

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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

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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

“Now I Walk in Beauty” by Greg Smith

Praise & Rejoice Choir
Directed by Tera McDonnell
Robbyn Givens on Flute

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Acclamation

“All in All”

You are my strength When I am weak

You are the treasure That I seek You are my All in All

Seeking You as a precious jew'l Lord to give up I'd be a fool You are my All in All

(Chorus) Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin My cross my shame Rising again I bless Your name You are my All in All

When I fall down You pick me up When I am dry You fill my cup You are my All in All (Chorus)

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th Chapter.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:30-44

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." ³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And all ate and were filled; ⁴³and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Message

“Drawn to the Word”

Pastor Paul Oman

Song of the Day

“10,000 Reasons”

(Chorus) Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name

Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Chorus x2)

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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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.

Prayer Song

“Lord I Need You”

(Chorus) Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense your righteousness Oh God how I need You

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Tori Simon, Kevin Pierce, Randy Johnson, Mark Mandery, Nicole Rislov, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler, Daryl Bailey- Step-son of Darlene Bailey, Matt Schlaht-Friend of Rachel & Jesse Hauck,*

Deaths: *Joyce Foster, Jerry Rokusek*

Baptism: *Easton John Kjenstad*

Prayer Song

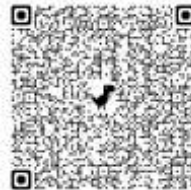
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Offering

*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:
Lutherans Outdoors of South Dakota*



Offertory Response

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and renew a right spirit within me.

Offering Prayer

For your gifts, we give you thanks. For your care, we give you thanks. For your sustenance, we give you thanks. May we in turn provide gifts, care and sustenance to those who are in need. **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

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

May the love of God bring you meaning and purpose. May the grace of God bring you peace. May the strength of God guide you into the world to create hope for all people! **Amen.**

Sending Song

“Your Grace is Enough”

Great is Your faithfulness O God You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart

(Chorus) So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God
Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation And all Your people sing along (Chorus x2)

Yeah Your grace is enough Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

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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.

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Serving This Morning

Presiding: Pastor Laura Overbo and Pastor Dan Overbo

Sound & Projection: Zach Stanton;

Worship Team

Ushers: Eric Beutler

Communion Assistants: Amanda Kienow, Steven Ays, Clea Urevig, Heather Rasmussen

Blessing Assistants: 4 needed

Lector: Tyllie Schlimgen

Welcome Center: Deb Ernst, Nancy Rogers

*This worship service is livestreamed on YouTube and the LCOOR Facebook page.

**FEBRUARY 18, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT**



Jesus brings the good news of God's reign.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	Temptation of Jesus
Monday	Genesis 9:8-17	God's promise to Noah
Tuesday	1 Peter 3:18-22	Suffering for doing right
Wednesday	Romans 14:13-23	Do not make someone stumble
Thursday	Psalms 16:5-11	Song of trust
Friday	James 3:13-18	Two kinds of wisdom
Saturday	Psalms 25:1-10	Prayer for guidance
Sunday	Mark 8:31-38	Jesus predicts his death

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news."

Mark 1:14-15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you love what you have created; we thank you for your protection and that you come to bring us peace, joy, and love through Jesus Christ, your Beloved Son. Amen.

Mealtide Prayer:

Dear God, you remember the lowly and the hungry; we thank you for remembering us with your love and with this meal that gives us strength. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the good news of Jesus give you joy.



THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday-Thursday
ENROLLING NOW 2024-25
PRE-KINDERGARTEN

We will fill the morning class first and if there's an interest, we will open an afternoon class. You can find an enrollment form at the Welcome Center, the Preschool classroom, or online.
**Must be 4 by September 1, 2024. Open to all, not just LCOOR members.*

SATURDAY MARCH 9

WORSHIP & MEAL

Coliseum - Sioux Falls

VOLUNTEER - SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER



CRAFT NIGHT
Mason Jar Flower Displays

Tuesday, Feb. 20 @ 6:30pm \$15
 SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER

Route 56 Youth Group
 5th-6th Graders

This month we will meet on **Monday, February 26 from 6-7:30 p.m.** for fellowship, snacks, crafts & more!

MEETS MONTHLY ON A MONDAY

TIMMERMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

More information and applications are available in the church office, at the Welcome Center or online at lcoorwatertown.org under the resources tab.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 30, 2024

HELPERS NEEDED TO DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS
FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 1

Please contact Twila at 605-886-2696 if you are available to help.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We are collecting fabric kits in February.

Instructions can be found at the Welcome Center or in the church office.

FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH
 Lutherans Outdoors of South Dakota

Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!

High School Students...Dual Credit Scholarships for LATC are available.
Talk to your school counselor for more information.

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS
Boxed Potatoes & Hamburger Helper

As you go grocery shopping, please consider picking up a couple extras to donate. Drop these items off at LCOOR and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thank you!



Sunday February 18

Stewardship Moment
8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship- Holy Communion

Monday February 19

No Preschool Class
No Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Edgewood Memory Care Communion
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday February 20

11:00 a.m. Area Pastor Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m. Joyce Foster Funeral
6:30 p.m. Craft Night

Wednesday February 21

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
4:45 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Church School
5:30 p.m. Zimbabwe Info Meeting
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Thursday February 22

9:00 a.m. Decorating Meeting
10:00 a.m. Book Club
10:45 a.m. Preschool Chapel
1:15 p.m. Chair Yoga
2:00 p.m. Edgewood Communion
3:00 p.m. Stoneybrook Communion
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday February 23

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

Saturday February 24

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday February 25

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
8:30 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship
6:00pm Luther League 2.0 (7-12 grade)

Attendance & Offering

February 4 Live Stream- 107
Saturday, February 10 - 39
Sunday, February 11 - 232
Wednesday, February 14 (12:15)- 76
Wednesday, February 14 (6:30)- 171
Offering (2/11):
General Fund: \$8,365;
Debt Reduction: \$200;
Mission of the Month: \$42.90;
Church School: \$27.90
Simply Giving Offering (2/5-2/9):
General Fund: \$4,859.54;
Debt Reduction: \$155 Other: \$184.65;
Mission of the Month: \$34.78

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FEBRUARY 18, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Jesus Calls Us; o'er
The Tumult*



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:

- How would you survive in the wilderness?
- How would you describe God's reign to someone?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 1:9-15.

It is easy to miss the power and drama of Jesus' message that now is the time for the kingdom of God. His message seems so brief. Yet, in Jesus, God's reign is taking on all other claims to power and glory. The arrest of John the Baptist calls attention to another kind of power, the kind that seeks to control and destroy. In a world ordered by inequalities, unfairness, and brutality, another power is needed that can take on such harmful ways. That power is seen in Jesus' ability to take on Satan's deceitful testing of him. We also see it in Jesus being protected from wild beasts that could otherwise cause harm. God's justice and mercy has always championed life, love, and peace. Jesus, the Beloved Son of God, now steps out of his baptismal waters with the power of God's Spirit and takes on all forms of evil and death. We are now called to join this kingdom by turning away from destructive powers and trusting this good and awesome news and kingdom that Jesus brings.

Discuss: How do you see God's kingdom in Jesus bringing you and the world good news?

Pray: Merciful and loving God, give us courage to trust the power and presence of your reign of life, love, and peace through Jesus Christ, your Beloved Son, our Redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you bring Jesus' message of love and peace to others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The cross is an ancient symbol of the Christian faith. It reminds us Jesus died that we may live with God forever and is a reminder of a way of life for Jesus' followers. Lay out a purple cloth (the color for repentance and Lent) and place seven votive candles or battery-operated votive candles in the shape of a cross on the cloth. Light one of the candles this first week in Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

Then pray: Dear God, we give you thanks for your steadfast love and goodness that forgives and renews us in Christ. Amen.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org