



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 4, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

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 (based on the Exodus 16 text for the day.)

The whole company of the people of Israel entered the wilderness, and there they complained against Moses and Aaron.

"Why didn't God let us die in Egypt? There we at least had food to eat, and a comfortable life compared to this. You've brought us out here to die."

But God said to Moses, "I'm going to cause bread to rain down from the sky, and there will be plenty to eat for each day, and you'll realize that I'm God, your God."

And in the evening, quail flew in and covered the ground, and in the morning, there was dew on the ground, and after it lifted it revealed the bread that God had provided. We worship our faithful God who is always with us, a Three-in-One God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

The same God who rained manna from heaven and sent quail into camp of the Israelites is present with us here, now, and in every moment of life. Sometimes God's presence is best seen when we look back and remember God's faithfulness in our past. God, we know that you are faithful, and we are just like the complaining, untrusting Israelites who wandered the wilderness.

We sin and we are sorry. We fail and we need forgiveness. We complain about our circumstances. We don't trust that you can provide. We run and hide from you and your hope and dreams for all of us. We are dead in sin. Forgive us. *(Silence for confession.)*

God, we give you thanks and praise that you are present and providing in every circumstance of life. In difficult times, we easily believe you are not with us, or are angry with us.

Help us to see the cross of Jesus Christ as your statement that you meet us in the depth of life's darkest moments. Help us to see the empty tomb as your statement that death does not get the last word. You do! Amen.

Opening Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

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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. **God, open our eyes to the abundant blessings from you in our lives. Empower us and set us free to see life through the lens of gratitude so that we can become a blessing to others. Help us to trust that you provide exactly what we need. Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.” ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’” ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

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

Psalm

Psalm 78:23-29

²³So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴**raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.**

²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

²⁶**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,**

²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

²⁸**letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.**

²⁹So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, “When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.” ⁹(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be

apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

John 6:24-35

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

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

Sermon

“Providing Food in a Faith Crisis”

Pastor Overbo

Hymn of the Day

“All Who Hunger, Gladly Gather”

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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.

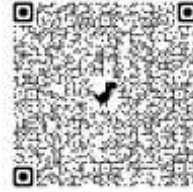
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: De Ann Fyelling- Niece of Deanna & Dan Hickel, Tori Simon,
Ric Holmquest- Brother of Jack Holmquest, Judy Cordell, Duane Knebel,
Gene & Gloria Fastnact, Willy Selzler, Mara Lukonen,
Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler

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:
Watertown Sandwich Ministry



Offertory Response

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray. **God, your abundance, and faithfulness are outrageous and incomprehensible. We simply cannot grasp how much you love us, and how you fulfill the promises that you make. Allow these offerings to become living signs of your abundance and faithfulness as they touch many people in many ways. We are honored and grateful to be part of your mission for the world, in Jesus' name. 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.

Communion Hymn

“Lamb of God”

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Post Communion Prayer

In this sacrament, God renews, restores, and reconciles us as the body of Christ, and sends us out in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news of the risen Christ. **Amen!**

Announcements

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

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Call to Service

Go and trust that God is present and providing in every circumstance of life.
Go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please share the peace, as well as your name when you leave today.

Postlude

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AUGUST 4, 2024 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus is the bread of life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	John 6:24-35	Christ, the bread of life
Monday	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Raining bread from heaven
Tuesday	Ephesians 4:1-16	Unity in the body of Christ
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Greetings to the Corinthians
Thursday	Psalms 55:16-19	Betrayed by a friend
Friday	Acts 6:1-7	Seven chosen to serve
Saturday	Psalms 78:23-29	God feeds the people
Sunday	John 6:35, 41-51	Bread from heaven

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“I [the LORD] have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’” Exodus 16:12 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Living God, we thank you that even when we complain and do not see your goodness in our midst, you respond to our cries for help through Christ Jesus, our bread of life. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, as we receive this food, help us to remember with thanksgiving all your good gifts to us through Christ Jesus our Lord and our bread of life. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus, the bread of life, fill you with good things.

HYMN OF THE WEEK *Drawn to the Light*

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:

- What is something that happened recently that you did not understand?
- If you could complain to Jesus about something, what would it be?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 6:24-35 and Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15.

In both readings people lack understanding. In John 6, the crowds witness the miracles but do not see the signs as leading them to believe in Jesus as the one God has sent. In Exodus 16, the people do not understand what they have just experienced. They do not remember that God just delivered them out of a harsh life in Egypt. Instead, they incorrectly recall living the good life in Egypt when they ate their fill of meat and bread. Nor do they initially grasp that God answers their complaining by giving them bread to eat. Exodus 16 gives a biblical understanding of our human condition. We have short memories and forget God's goodness to us. We become fearful because of it, and we end up complaining and being unfaithful to God. Moses and Jesus show God's saving presence that overcomes ignorance, complaining, and fears. In John 6, to trust in God is to believe that Jesus is the one sent by God as the bread of life to respond to our needs (v. 35).

Discuss: When have you felt that Jesus, the bread of life, has responded to your needs?

Pray: **Ever-present God, help us to see and trust that your saving work is in our midst so that we may not fear, complain, or forget your goodness to us through Jesus Christ our 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 help someone overcome something that worries them?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Ephesians 4 states that the leaders in the congregation, are *"to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ"* (vv. 11-12). Pastors and staff are not the only ministers. All people are ministers to build up one another in faith by *"speaking the truth in love"* so that all may *"grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ"* (v. 15). Draw the outline of a body on a sheet of paper. Name spiritual gifts (talents) that you or others you know have. Write them inside the body.

Then pray: **May the Holy Spirit give us the faith and the gifts to grow together in care for one another through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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Photography Dates
Aug 28 - 30 2pm - 8:30pm
Aug 31 10am - 4:30pm
Sept 3 - 5 2pm - 8:30pm

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CHURCH SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION
REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

Scan the QR codes to register your child for church school or confirmation.

Church School & Confirmation begins on Sunday, Sept. 8th & Wednesday, Sept. 11th

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

Cereal

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. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Save THE Date

NOVEMBER 11
TICKETS ON SALE SEPT. 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | DESSERTS & COFFEE | FELLOWSHIP

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 & drop them off at the church. Thank you!

TEACHERS NEEDED

- WEDNESDAY CHURCH SCHOOL
- SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL

Talk to Phil or Wendy for more information.

1ST - 4TH GRADE JUNCTION

Join us from 6-7:30 p.m. for games, crafts, snacks and fellowship.

Friends are always welcome!

1st-4th Grade

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We are collecting school kits in August.

Instructions & school bags can be found at the Welcome Center or lake worship info table.

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH

Watertown Sandwich Ministry

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

5TH & 6TH GRADE ROUTE 56

Join us from 6-7:30 p.m. for games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

August 4-11

Print too small? Large print bulletins are available at all worship services.

Sunday August 4

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Monday August 5

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

6:00 p.m. Junction Youth Group (1-4 Grade)

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday August 6

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday August 7

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Thursday August 8

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday August 9

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday August 10

3:00 p.m. Wedding (Determan & Hansen)

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday August 11

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Attendance & Offering

July 21 Live Stream- 48

Saturday, July 27- 55

Sunday, July 28 (9:00)- 204

Sunday, July 28 (9:30)- 65

Offering (7/28):

General Fund: \$5,303;

Mission of the Month: \$48.17;

Other: \$50; Debt Reduction: \$70;

Simply Giving Offering (7/22-7/26):

General Fund: \$3,986.62;

Debt Reduction: \$105;

Other: \$150;

Mission of the Month: \$130;

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