

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | SUNDAY, MAY 10, 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'.

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

"Blessed Be Your Name"

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. **Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' ²⁹ "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

Psalm

Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³ **I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.**

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ 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, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who 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 lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And 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, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Children's Church

Gospel Acclamation

“Awake My Soul”

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

Sermon

“Elevator Speech”

Pastor Laura Overbo

Hymn of the Day

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

#594 vs. 1-4

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

“Here’s My Heart”

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: **Katie Stavig, Bud Webb, Dave Wicks, Earl Lammle, Tammy Stoltenburg, Lynn Bromley, Gwen Anderson, Buck Schaack- Brother of Joyce (Marvin) McGillivray, Liz Ewald- Friend of Lesa Franken, Jeff Feldmeyer, Vince Brueggeman- Father of Karla Christensen, Karla Stimson, Robin Faulstich- Sister-in-law of Phyllis Bowersox, Michelle LeBlanc- Granddaughter of Bev Eggen, Darlene Jurgens- Aunt of Arlyn Adolphsen, Sophie Holida, Chad Jutting- Brother of Todd (Lesli) Jutting and Todd (Joy) Freimark, Larry Martin- Father of Codi (Ben) Storm, Larry Haaland- Friend of the Congregation**

Prayer Song

“Here’s My Heart”

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:*

Church on the Street



Offering Received (April 27 – May 3)

Promised: \$13,648.50

Non-Promised: \$7,263.00

Mission of the Month: \$208.88

Offertory Response

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

Offering Prayer

Recognize these gifts for what they are, O God. These gifts are responses to your endless care and signs of our thanks and praise. These gifts are the cries of your people. They are our prayers. 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.

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!

Serving

Preaching: Pastor Laura Overbo; **Worship Team;**

THE WEEKLY WORD

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Donations Needed for Our Youth

We are looking for donations of **new outdoor recreational balls** to help support our youth activities! Items like soccer balls, volleyballs, footballs, basketballs, gaga balls, and similar equipment are all greatly appreciated. If you're able to contribute, please bring your donation to the church office or Welcome Center. Thank you for helping create a fun, welcoming environment for our youth!

Global Health Ministries

The birth of a baby is one of the happiest of days but for too many women around the world, pregnancy and the anticipation of childbirth is frightening. **GHM Newborn Kits** are gifts that help a new mom celebrate and care for her baby. Kit instructions can be found at www.ghm.org/newborn-kits or stop by the Welcome Center.

The Latest Word - Monthly Newsletter

Please read our monthly newsletters for important information not covered in weekly announcements.

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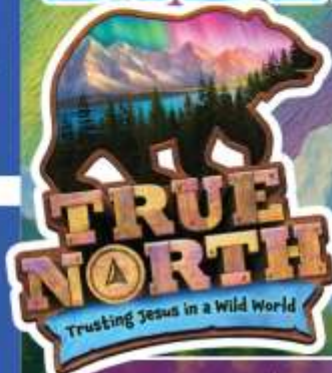
Volunteer at Worship

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

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PRE-K THRU
4TH GRADE

MAY 26-28, 2026
5-8PM | MEALS SERVED

REGISTER ON OUR
WEBSITE OR SCAN THE
QR CODE.

Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, May 24, 2026.

- Saturdays at LCOOR at 5:30 p.m.
- Sundays at Memorial Park at 9:00 a.m.
- Sundays at LCOOR at 10:30 a.m.

It's Road Ditch Time!

What a great family project. **Bags and instructions are available at the Welcome Center.** Grab bags and instructions for a section—pick up the trash—take the bags to your blue container—know you helped keep our environment clean. If you need a vest or have questions—call Al—605-553-6791. Let's clean this up before Memorial Day. Thank you for helping with this church service project.

Communion Bread Needed for Memorial Park Worship

We are in need of communion bread for our summer worship service at Memorial Park. **We need roughly 250-275 small, longer pieces of bread for intinction. When finished, communion bread can be put in the freezer in the kitchen.** The recipe for bread can be found at the Welcome Center.

Calendar & Attendance

Sunday May 10

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Choir, Handbell, & Worship Team Rehearsal

Monday May 11

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

Tuesday May 12

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

Wednesday May 13

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle
10:00 a.m. Preschool Graduation Program
2:00 p.m. Watertown Parkinson's Support Group
6:00 p.m. Luther League Service Project at Rachel's Hope
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday May 14

Last Day of Preschool
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday May 15

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

Saturday May 16

Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday May 17

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (Musician Appreciation Sunday)
10:30 a.m. Personnel Meeting

Attendance

Sunday, April 26 Livestream: 128

Wednesday, April 29: 294

Saturday, May 2: 110

Sunday, May 3: 305

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 is one thing you heard that made you think?

