



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer |

Service of Confirmation

| Sunday, May 4, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Centering Time for Prayer and Meditation

Opening Song

“I Will Follow”

Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

Mackenzie Laura Stavig

Let us pray, **Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Teacher Recognition

First Reading

Acts 9:1-6

Graysn Allen McGillivray

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵ He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” [⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

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

Psalm

Psalm 30

Liam Merrill Urban

¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

² **O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

³ You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴ **Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

⁵ God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶ **While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.” Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸ **I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

⁹ “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?”

¹⁰ **Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper.”**

¹¹ You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹² **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

Brenden Thomas Glines

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

Gospel Acclamation

"Gospel Acclamation"

#175

Children's Church

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st Chapter. **Glory to you, O, Lord.**

Gospel (Please Rise)

John 21:1-19

Ian Jon McAreavey

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

Sermon

"This Story Isn't Finished"

Pastor Dan Overbo

Hymn of the Day

"Borning Cry"

#732

(Confirmands stand and come forward)

Prayer

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Statement of Faith

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in Holy Baptism Jesus received you and made you members of His church. In the community of God's people you have learned about God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Confirmands: Today we profess our faith in Jesus Christ and confess the faith in which we have been baptized.

Affirmation

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and to share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

Congregation: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Laying on of Hands

Parents, sponsors, others may join each confirmand that came forward.

Prayer

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her/his* faith, guide *her/his* life, empower *her/him* in serving, give *her/him* patience in suffering, and bring *her/him* to eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ:

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world. Amen.

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:
Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center and Fallout Shelter Ministries*



Offering needed each week to make budget.

Pledged: \$13,360

Non-Pledged: \$6,734

Offering 4/20 - 4/26

	<u>Received</u>
Pledged	\$10,452.50
Non-Pledged	\$8,005.00
Mission of the Month	\$617.96

Offering Response

"Give Thanks"

Offertory Prayer

Dray Douglas Dahlgren

Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

Holy Communion

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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

Colter Eugene Schmig

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.

Invitation to Communion of the Faithful

With love and spiritual care for God's people, and by our Lord's invitation, we welcome all to commune here at Lutheran Church of our Redeemer. We believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine to give us forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Sharing of Holy Communion

Communion Helpers: Caleb Charles Christensen, Patricia Jeanne Martinsen, Ian Jon McAreavey, Graysn Allen McGillivary, Nicholas Joseph Scott, Grady Thomas Johnson, Colter Eugene Schmig, Dray Douglas Dahlgren

Goldfish Helpers: Brenden Thomas Glines, Mackenzie Laura Stavig, Liam Merrill Urban, Khloe Marie Viessman

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Benediction

Khloe Marie Viessman

May the grace of God cover you, the love of God fill you, and the Spirit of God lead you. **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Everlasting God"

Dismissal

Lane Oliver Grabow

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Greet one another with a word of peace.

The Worship has ended, the Service Begins!

Altar Flowers: Red carnations in honor of our 8th grade confirmands.

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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Dan Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Ushers:** Bret & Gwen McGillivary; Cal Wiesner, Chuck Langner, Marlys Tesch;

Lector: Confirmation Students; **Communion Assistants:** Confirmation Students; **Coffee Servers:** Doug & Shelly Alvine;

Welcome Center: Pam Luckhurst, Lynn Langner; **Greeters:** Joe & Marlys Tesch;



*Copies of Taking Faith Home are available in the Gathering Space.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE



8th Grade Confirmands – Bible Verse

Kyndal Marie Bender- 1 Corinthians 10:13

“No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.”

Kaleb Wayne Bohling- Philippians 4:13

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Dace Brooks Brenden- 1 Peter 5:7

“Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.”

Jalen Lee Carpenter- Leviticus 19:17-18

“You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.”

Caleb Charles Christensen- Ephesians 3:20

“Let go and let God have his way in your life and he will bless you exceedingly, abundantly and above all that you can ask or think.”

Dray Douglas Dahlgren- Romans 8:11

“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.”

Colby Michael Engelhart- Joshua 1:9

“Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord our God is with you wherever you go.”

Colby Jackson Fischer- John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

Brenden Thomas Glines- John 3:16

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Lane Oliver Grabow- 1 Corinthians 3:8

“The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each.”

Colton Donald Hansen- 2 Peter 1:4

“Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature; having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”

Harper Jo Hlavacek- Psalm 46:5

“God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.”

Jayla Mae Hochstatter- John 14:8

“If God is all you have, you have all you need.”

Grady Thomas Johnson- Philippians 4:19

“Very soon you will smile and say, God this is more than what I asked for.”

Gannon Christian Keever- Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

Wyatt Lee Kretzschmar- John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, thus whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Max Quinton Larson- Proverbs 30:5

"Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him."

Patricia Jeanne Martinsen- Matthew 6:34

"Therefore don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself."

Ian Jon McAreavey- Proverbs 2:4-5

"If you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God."

Grace Lori McElroy- Romans 8:39

"Nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Graysn Allen McGillivary- Corinthians 16:13-14

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."

Kamelia Kenza Mjoun John 14:8

"If God is all you have, you have all you need."

Kole Marvin Muller- Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Tyllie Marie Schlimgen- Luke 6:31

"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Zachary David Schmeling- Joshua 1:9

"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Colter Eugene Schmig- Micah 6:8

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Nicholas Joseph Scott- John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

Mackenzie Laura Stavig- John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

Liam Merrill Urban- Matthew 22:20-21 & John 8:7

"Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." & "When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

Sophie Adair Ann Wishard- Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Brooklynn Kay Varilek- Colossians 3:12

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."

Khloe Marie Viessman- Joshua 1:9

"Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord our God is with you wherever you go."

THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

May Mission of the Month

Lutheran Campus Ministries serves young adults in higher education, rooted in a deep theological heritage while engaging the realities of modern university life. Please consider giving above and beyond your regular offering to support LuMin.



Last Day of Church School

The last day of church school is **Sunday, May 4 & Wednesday, May 7**. The last Wednesday evening worship is Wednesday, May 7. See you in the fall!

2025 ROAD DITCH CLEANUP

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—call Al—605-553-6791. Let's clean this up before Memorial Day. Thank you for helping with this community service project.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"WOMAN AT THE WELL - LIVING WATER"

VBS

MAY 28-29 | 5-8PM | MEALS SERVED
PRE-K TO 4TH GRADE

REGISTER ON
OUR WEBSITE OR
SCAN THE QR
CODE BELOW:



LCOOR GARDEN



Our church garden is ready for another season of growth! If you are interested in tending your own section of the garden this year, we would love to have you join us. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, there's a place for you. Please reach out to Pastor Laura or Megan if you would like to reserve a spot or learn more about getting involved.

Global Health Newborn Kits

Newborn Kit Challenge! This year, help GHM send 10,000 Newborn Kits to waiting partners overseas, so more moms and their babies can thrive! The gift of a GHM Newborn Kit is a blessing for the woman who receives it, providing basic items to help her clothe and care for her child, and celebrate new life! The Newborn Kit is a blessing multiplier! Kit Instructions can be picked up at the Welcome Center.

Calendar & Attendance

Sunday May 4

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion & Teacher Recognition

10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Monday May 5

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday May 6

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

3:00 p.m. Quilting Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday May 7 (Last Worship until Fall)

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle

12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch

4:45 p.m. Community Meal

5:30 p.m. Church School (Last Day)

6:30 p.m. Timmerman Scholarship Presentation

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion, Teacher Recognition & Senior Recognition

7:15 p.m. Luther League 2.0

Thursday May 8

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

5:30 p.m. Faith Formation Committee Meeting

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dan

Friday May 9

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday May 10

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday May 11

9:30 a.m. Timmerman Scholarship Presentation

9:30 a.m. Worship with Musician & Senior Recognition

Monday May 12

Church Office Closes at 2 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon



Tuesday May 13

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting

6:00 p.m. Executive Committee

6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday May 14

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

10:00 a.m. Preschool Graduation

Attendance

- **Sunday, April 20 Livestream:** 78
- **Wednesday, April 23:** 116
- **Saturday, April 26:** 55
- **Sunday, April 27:** 259

Church Staff

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Dan Overbo

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