



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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12th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday August 20, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Today we remember our mission. —————→ **We are making God known through word & deed.**
We gather together to ask God's blessing; —————→ **Blest be the tie that binds us together.**
We gather together to lift high our voices; —————→ **Blest be the song that brings life to our spirits.**
We gather together to praise God's holy name; —————→ **Blest be the God of grace and God of glory! Amen!**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Time of silence for reflection)*

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

"Shall We Gather at the River"

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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

Grant us perfect faith, O God- **Faith which overcomes all doubts.**

For yours is a kingdom of faith- **It is our belief that makes us one.**

For, as your Son, rejecting the Canaanite woman from Tyre... **“It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”**

...recognized in her a sturdy faith. **“Yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”**

...and gathered her into the kingdom **“Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”**

...so, too, recognize our faith. **And gather us, at last, into your eternal presence.**

Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now, **and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Old Testament (Page 531) in Pew Bible

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

Psalm

Psalm 67

Old Testament (Page 411) in Pew Bible

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, (Selah) that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. (Selah) Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a,29-3

New Testament (Page 122) in Pew Bible

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

New Testament (Page 13) in Pew Bible

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Sermon

Notes: _____

Hymn of the Day

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

#712 vs. 1, 2 & 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.

Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer... Leader: Lord in your mercy; Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Hospitalized/ill: *Jessica Fischer, Ashlea West, Alberta Frerichs, Michelle Hines*

Offering and Announcements

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



Stewardship Moment

Offertory Response

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

#186

Offering Prayer

You have called all people to your holy mountain. **And we are joyful in your house of prayer.**

Accept these offerings-sacrifices of praise, **And signs of our thankfulness.**

Through 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.

Special Music

"Old Rugged Cross"

Deb Tarnowski

Prayer after Communion

Your table is open to all, O Christ,

For you have come to gather both the lost sheep and the faithful dogs.

Here gathered, we are encouraged by this fellowship.

Lead us, now, to continue your work—to gather the lost sheep.

For, "Thus say the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

'I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.'"

We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

#772

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

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Piano:** Mary Wika; **Sound & Projection:** Evan Reiber and Pete Juba

Lector: Ryan Nuttall; **Head Usher:** Cal Weisner; **Communion Assistants:** Ryan & Jenni Nuttall

Coffee Servers:



Money is one of God's gifts to people.

"Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil – this is the gift of God".

Ecc. 5:19

NEW FALL SCHEDULE

WORSHIP & EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAYS

- 4:45pm Family Meal
- 5:30pm Church School
- 5:30pm Adult Education
- 6:30pm WOW Worship
- 7:15pm 7/8 Grade Confirmation

SATURDAYS

- 5:30pm Traditional Church
- 6:30pm Meal "First Saturday of the Month"

SUNDAYS

- 8:30am Church School
- 8:30am Adult Education
- 9:30am Blended Worship



Holy Communion served the 1st & 3rd Sunday and Wednesday and the Saturday preceding Sunday.

SAVE THE DATE

Ladies Night Out

NOVEMBER 13

TICKET SALES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1ST.



PRAYER SHAWLS

Available to All



Crafted by many talented hands here at LCOOR serve as a tangible reminder that a person is being remembered in prayer. Our prayer shawls are available at no charge for anyone to share. They can be picked up at the Welcome Center, or near the church office.

Altar Flower Sign Up



Opportunity to help beautify our Sanctuary with flowers. Please consider choosing a weekend to provide altar flowers in celebration or memory of a loved one. Sign up is at the Welcome Center.

Cost is \$60

Salvation Army

Boxed Potatoes & Hamburger Helper

The Salvation Army needs boxed potatoes and hamburger helper type meals. Please consider picking up a couple extra items while you are out shopping. Thank you.



BAKERS NEEDED

Bakers are needed to make communion bread for worship. The sign-up sheet, recipe and instructions are available at the Welcome Center. For more information, call the church office at 886-2696 or send an e-mail to megan@lcoorwatertown.org.



Let's CELEBRATE with our sister Congregation!

Sunday, September 17

10:30am Worship Service @ Grace

meal to follow

(\$10 adults/\$5 Kids 4-10/Free Kids 3 and under)

RSVP to Kat Anderson 605-886-5737



BOCCE BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS FROM 1-2:15PM BEGINNING THIS FALL

SIGN UP AT THE CHURCH WELCOME CENTER



Church School Teachers Needed

Sundays and Wednesdays

Contact Phil for more information

605-886-2696

phil@lcoorwatertown.org

Teacher Training

Tuesday, August 29 - 6pm

August 20-27

Attendance & Offering

Sunday August 20

Stewardship Moment

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

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion

Monday August 21

Newsletter Deadline

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. LATC Kick-Off Street Fair

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday August 22

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

11:00 a.m. Text Study

6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Wednesday August 23

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Thursday August 24

10:00 a.m. Book Club

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday August 25

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday August 26

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship (Lay Led)

Sunday August 27

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Saturday, August 12- 45

Sunday, August 13- (9:00)cancelled ; (10:30) 131

Offering (8/13):

General Fund: \$10,276.00; Other: \$910.00;

Debt Reduction: \$165.00;

Mission of the Month: \$18.21;

Simply Giving Offering (8/7-8/11):

General Fund: \$4,841.90;

Debt Reduction: \$160.00;

Mission of the Month: \$64.78;

Other: \$209.65

Serve

There are many ways to serve your congregation each month including volunteering before, during and after worship services. During the month of July, we had 91 slots to fill including greeters, ushers, lectors, communion assistants and coffee servers. We were able to fill 74.75% (68) of those available slots. Please consider signing up to serve by contacting Twila in the church office or sign up online at lcoorwatertown.org --> Serve --> Volunteer at Worship in August.

Staff

Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

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AUGUST 20, 2023
TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



God blesses us to go into the world with mercy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 15:10-28	A woman's faith
Monday	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	God's saving power is everywhere
Tuesday	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	God saves Jews and Gentiles
Wednesday	Jude 1:17-23	Warnings and exhortations
Thursday	Jeremiah 42:7-17	The Lord will grant you mercy
Friday	Deuteronomy 4:25-31	Moses commands obedience
Saturday	Psalms 67	Tell the nations to praise God
Sunday	Matthew 16:13-20	Peter's confession of Christ

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, (Selah) that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Psalm 67:1-2 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, you have chosen us and blessed us to bless the world. Give us compassionate hearts to do your will through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for blessing us with the fruitfulness of the earth that gives us food each day we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God be gracious to you and bless you for the sake of the whole world. (Psalm 67:1-2)



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AUGUST 20, 2023
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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 have you been blessed by others?
- How have you blessed others with the love of God?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Psalm 67.

God's mercy is shown through two distinct divine actions. First, God saves us through forgiveness, rescuing us from harm, and by saving us from death. God does a second great act that we sometimes overlook. God blesses us. God blesses us with the fruit of the earth, comfort, and joy. Psalm 67 asks for God's blessings and also affirms that God has already blessed us with abundance. God intends joy for all the earth (all the nations). We are blessed to bless the nations with joy and gladness by knowing the goodness, justice, and mercy of God. In Matthew 15:21-28 that joy is experienced by the Canaanite woman, a foreigner, who is relentless in seeking help for her daughter. Jesus, who was sent "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (v. 24) resists her requests, but her persistence gains Jesus' mercy. She is acknowledged for having great faith and Jesus' mission expands to those beyond Israel. The point of both Bible texts: God's saving work and blessings are for all.

Discuss: Like the Canaanite woman, when have you persisted in asking for God's mercy?

Pray: **Blessing God, you care for us throughout our lives. Give us your joy and gladness and the heart to bless others with your goodness and mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others who are not part of your group or nation?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The prophet Isaiah declared God's intention to make God's house (a temple in Jerusalem) a "house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7). Think or talk about prayer in your home. Is there a special place to pray? Is there a special time to pray? Is there a special way to pray? Do you pray alone or with others? In what ways do you feel your own home is a "house of prayer"? Pray the Lord's Prayer and then say: **Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you.** (Psalm 67:5)



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