



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | *2nd Sunday in Lent* | Sunday, March 16, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome (please pass the black welcome pads)

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

Come to this holy space and time in humility.

We come with heads bowed and hearts open.

Center mind and heart on the journey of Jesus.

We take on the mind of Christ Jesus.

Still the voices that make noise in the head.

We turn our attention to you, O Christ. We worship with awe the one who takes us to Jerusalem.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love. *(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Compassionate One, **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God’s arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering one’s home. In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God’s house forever.

Amen.

Opening Song

“Christ Is Enough”

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 of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Lenten Service of Diminishing Lights

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates." Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 27

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
² **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**
³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
⁴ **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**
⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.
⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**
⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
⁸ **My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**
⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.
¹⁰ **Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.**
¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.
¹² **Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**
¹³ This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17—4:1

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

"Awake My Soul"

Children's Church

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th Chapter.

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:31-35

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

Sermon

"Caution!"

Pastor Dan Overbo

Song of the Day

"Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)"

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, Listen to Your Children"

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Joyce Kraii, Pastor Sam Hatlestad, Jim Wollan, Katie Stavig, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Gregg) DeSpiegler,*

Prayer Song

"Lord, Listen to Your Children"

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:*

LCOOR Preschool



Offering needed each week to make budget.

Pledged: \$13,360

Non-Pledged: \$6,734

Offering 3/2 – 3/8

	<u>Received</u>
Pledged	\$12,323.33
Non-Pledged	\$5,837.00
Mission of the Month	\$164.09

Offertory Response

"Give Thanks"

Offering Prayer

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **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.

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

“Make Me an Instrument”

Call to Service and Car Question

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God.

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

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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Dan Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Lector:** Chelsea Hodenfield; **Ushers:** Eric Beutler, Mark & Nancy Reishus; **Communion Assistants:** Amanda Kienow, Steven Ays, Allen & Julie Rude; **Coffee Servers:** Verna Olson; **Welcome Center:** Nancy Rogers & Deb Ernst;



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



THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

WE ARE HIRING!

POSITION: SOUND & TECHNOLOGY

JOB DESCRIPTION & APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE, AT THE WELCOME CENTER & IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. QUESTIONS? CONTACT PASTOR DAN AT (605) 886-2696.

Join us in congratulating Zach Stanton, our Sound & Technology Team Member. Blessings to you as you graduate from LATC and step into the next exciting chapter of your journey! 🎉



Route 56 | March 27 | 6:00-7:00PM

5th & 6th graders are invited to join us for a bible verse, games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!



Luther League | Wednesdays at 7:20PM

9-12 grade parents and students are encouraged to sign up for the Remind app to receive notifications for Luther League activities. There will be no LL on March 19 due to spring break. See you March 26 for a service project!



Timmerman Scholarships | Deadline: March 31

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

BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE CEREMONY

JOIN US ON APRIL 27TH, BOTH DURING AND AFTER WORSHIP, AS WE CELEBRATE THE GENEROUS DONATION THAT HAS ALLOWED US TO FULLY PAY OFF THE REMAINDER OF OUR MORTGAGE.



Mission of the Month | LCOOR Preschool

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



LCOOR Preschool Fundraiser | Rada Cutlery

Our preschool will be selling Rada Cutlery to help raise funds for the preschool program. Catalogs and order forms can be found at the Welcome Center.



LCOOR
PRESCHOOL

Watertown Community Ecumenical Lenten Services

All services are held at First Congregational Church (121 1st Ave. SE) and begin at 12:05 p.m. with a light lunch to follow.

March 19 - Leader: IC/Holy Name
March 26 - Leader: Grace Lutheran
April 2 - Leader: 1st Congregational
April 9 - Leader: LCOOR

EASTER PLANTS



Help beautify our sanctuary for Easter. Plants cost \$20 each and order forms can be found at the Welcome Center. Order Deadline is April 13.

JOIN PASTORS DAN & LAURA

BEST OF EGYPT

JAN. 28 - FEB. 7, 2026

Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in more information!

Calendar & Attendance



Sunday March 16

8:30 a.m. Church School
8:30 a.m. Confirmation
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Monday March 17

April Newsletter Deadline
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
2:00 p.m. Martha Circle
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday March 18

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday March 19

No Church School/Confirmation
No Preschool (Spring Break)
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle
6:30 p.m. Worship

Thursday March 20

9:00 a.m. Quilting
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study

Friday March 21

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

Saturday March 22

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday March 23

No Church School/Confirmation
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Monday March 24

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday March 25

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Sewing Ministry Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday March 26

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
4:45 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Church School
5:30 p.m. Confirmation (Faith Books)
6:30 p.m. Worship with Youth Music Team
7:15 p.m. Luther League 2.0 Service Project

Attendance

- **Sunday, March 2 YouTube** 120
- **Saturday, March 8:** 73
- **Sunday, March 9:** 268
- **Wednesday, March 5:**
12:15 p.m. (78); 6:30 p.m. (432)

Church Staff

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