

# EPIPHANY OF OUR

# Lord

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 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 words and deeds'.

## Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**Stand up, a new day is dawning,**

A new year is born,

**Fresh and clean.**

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**Emmanuel, God is with us**

On every path we take,

**No matter where we go.**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,

**And the stars still shine**

Where Christ is present

**And voices sing in praise!**

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God, **we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.**

God's grace upon grace flows over you. <sup>☩</sup> Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad! **Amen.**

## Opening Song

"You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

## 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. **O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Children's Sermon

(congregation please sing 'Jesus Loves Me' as children gather)

### First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

### Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

<sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;  
<sup>2</sup> **that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**  
<sup>3</sup> that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup> **Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**  
<sup>5</sup> May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.  
<sup>6</sup> **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**  
<sup>7</sup> In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
<sup>10</sup> **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**  
<sup>11</sup> May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.  
<sup>12</sup> **For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**  
<sup>13</sup> He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.  
<sup>14</sup> **From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.**

### Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup> This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, <sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you <sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup> In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup> that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ <sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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### Gospel Acclamation

"He is Exalted"

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' " <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

## Sermon

"Following the Light"

Pastor Laura Overbo

## Hymn of the Day

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

#302 vs. 1-3

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

**Laci Ann Rasmussen**

*Daughter of Michaela & Spencer Rasmussen*

*Sponsors: Billy & Bailey Deslauriers*

### Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*(Congregation may be seated.)*

### Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.**

## Prayer Song

"Lord I Need You"

## Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/III: *Betsy Spartz- Daughter of Denise Schmahl and Sister of Alissa (Mark) Iverson, Katie Stavig, Bud Webb, Ed Knadle, JoAnn Roti, Carter Silvernail- Son-in-law of Ron & Carol Bergan, Dave Wicks, Lucille Olson, Ava Schulte, Buck Schaack- Brother of Joyce (Marvin) McGillivary, Liz Ewald- Friend of Lesa Franken, Dianna Lambert, Vince Brueggeman- Father of Karla Christensen, Brad Bergh- Son of Margaret Bergh, Tammy Stoltenburg, Robin Faulstich- Sister-in-law of Phyllis Bowersox, Karla Stimson, Kevin Stark- Brother of Carol (Ron) Bergan, Karen Larsen- Sister-in-law of Darlene Bailey*

Death: *Brent Osthuis- Father of Chad (Kristi) Osthuis*

## Prayer Song

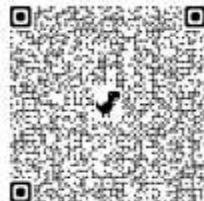
“Lord I Need You”

## 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:*

**ELCA World Hunger**



### **Offering Received (January 1-4)**

**Promised:** \$33,188.29

**Non-Promised:** \$3,915.00

**Mission of the Month:** \$109.79

## Offertory Response

“Spirit Song”

## Offering Prayer

Show us what it truly means to give, O God. Show us who you truly are, that in fact, with you, we may give away all that we have and see it, by that motion, all return. First, we know, we jump. Then we get our wings. Thanks be to you, O God. **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

The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, ☩ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy. **Amen.**

## Sending Song

“Your Grace is Enough”

## Call to Service

Glory to God in the highest!

**And peace to God's people on earth!**

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Serving

**Preaching:** Pastor Laura Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Lector:** Deanna Hickel; **Ushers:** Bruce & Colleen Hestad;

**Greeters:** Darrel & Ruth Haugerud;

# THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

## Redeemer's Kitchen - Jan. 18

Tired of trying to figure out what to make for supper? Redeemer's Kitchen will meet on Sunday, January 18 at 10:30 a.m. to prep seven freezer meals. More information, including pricing and sign-up, are available at the Welcome Center or by contacting Karri in the church office at (605) 886-2696.



## Route 56 Youth Group

Route 56, a youth group for 5th-6th grade, will be meeting on **Thursday, January 22, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** This will be a fun **volleyball night** in the Great Hall, so come ready to play! It's a great chance to grow in your faith while hang out with friends and meeting new ones.

## Men's Lunch

Men's Lunch will resume on **Wednesday, January 14**. Men are welcome to join each Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. in the Gathering Space for a Bible study led by Pastor Dan Overbo. Be sure to pack a lunch!

**SIGN-UP TO  
SERVE AT  
WORSHIP!**

SCAN HERE



## Family Fun Night: Ice Skating

Join us **Wednesday, January 14 from 7:45-8:45 p.m.** for an evening of ice skating at the Prairie Lakes Ice Arena. The cost of skate rentals will be covered for church members and a freewill offering will be collected to cover negative lunch accounts at the Watertown School District. See you at the ice arena for a night of fun and fellowship!



## Luther League

Luther League, a youth group for 9th-12th grade, will meet every Wednesday after worship. Please join us for fellowship and learning as we explore Bible studies, enjoy treats and games, and make God known through word and deed with service projects. **There will be no Luther League, Wednesday, January 14**, as we encourage you to attend the family fun event following worship.

## LCOOR Preschool - ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!

Our preschool offers a Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 Pre-Kindergarten (4/5 year old) program, which is open to anyone not just church members. Our curriculum includes introducing letters and sounds, numbers, first/last names, shapes, and colors. We also socialize and play, listen to a lot of books, and sing songs along with many other learning activities. The students also learn about God's love, hear and learn stories and songs about Jesus.

You can find an enrollment form at the Welcome Center, the Preschool classroom, or online. We would love for your child to be part of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Preschool!! Any questions please call Miss Nikki or Miss Wendy at 886-2696 or email us at [preschool@lcoorwatertown.org](mailto:preschool@lcoorwatertown.org).

# Calendar & Attendance

## Sunday January 11

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop  
8:45 a.m. Church School  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. LCOOR Mobile Soup Kitchen

## Monday January 12

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
4:45 p.m. Serve at the Watertown Banquet  
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

## Tuesday January 13

11:00 a.m. Text Study  
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
2:00 p.m. Quilting Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee  
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

## Wednesday January 14

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle  
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch  
2:00 p.m. Watertown Parkinson's Support Group  
5:00 p.m. Community Meal  
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop  
5:45 p.m. Church School  
6:30 p.m. Worship  
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal  
7:45-8:45 p.m. Family Fun Night: Ice Skating at the Prairie Lakes Ice Arena

## Thursday January 15

9:00 a.m. Quilting  
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

## Friday January 16

Church Office Closes at Noon  
9:00 a.m. Quilting

## Saturday January 17

5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

## Sunday January 18

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop  
8:45 a.m. Church School  
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. Redeemer's Kitchen  
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

## Monday January 19

Church Office Closed  
No Preschool - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

## Tuesday January 20

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

## Wednesday January 21

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch  
5:00 p.m. Community Meal  
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop  
5:45 p.m. Church School  
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
7:15 p.m. Luther League (9-12 Grade)

## Attendance

- **Sunday, December 28 Livestream:** 106
- **Saturday, January 3:** 81
- **Sunday, January 4:** 206

## 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 a promise of God that you have clung to during a difficult experience?



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