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18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday October 1, 2023, 9:30 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 God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin. (Silence is kept for reflection)

Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding. God’s compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

Opening Song

“I Will Follow”

Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow Oh oh oh

All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone

Higher than my sight High above my life I will trust in You alone

(Chorus) Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow You

Whom You love I'll love How You serve I'll serve If this life I lose I will follow (You) Yeah

(Interlude) Yeah I will follow You yeah

Light into the world Light into my life I will live for You alone You're the One I seek Knowing I will find

All I need in You alone In You alone (Repeat Chorus & Interlude)

In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul

In You there's joy unending joy And I will follow (Chorus)

Yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah

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

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Gospel Acclamation

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand
No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Hymn of the Day

“Faith of Our Fathers”

#812

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.

Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word.

(Chorus) Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.

The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free;
and blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee. (Chorus)

Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
proclaim thee too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life. (Chorus)

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Gus Bradley Hodenfield

Son of Todd & Chelsea Hodenfield

Sponsors: Adam & Courtni Erickson

Prayer Song

“Here’s My Heart”

Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Speak what is true

'Cause I am found I am Yours I am loved I'm made pure

I have life I can breathe I am healed I am free

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: *Jessica Fischer, Ashlea West, Alberta Frerichs, Doug Schimmel,
Joan Zarro, Avery West, Tammy Stoltenburg
Kevin Stark, brother of Carol (Ron) Bergan*

Baptism: *Gus Bradley Hodenfield*

Prayer Song

“Here’s My Heart”

Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Speak what is true

Here's my life Lord Here's my life Lord Here's my life Lord Speak what is true

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Offering

*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:*

St. Dymas



Offertory Response

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

#184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Your Son gave his life, O God,

That we may live.

We give our lives to you this day, O God.

Use them, with these gifts, that your kingdom may grow!

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.**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself-

Emptied yourself into this cup... into this bread.

Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself...

... that we may be filled.

Fill, now, our hearts, O Lord-

Fill our hearts with your active obedience.

You are the Lord forevermore.

Amen.

Announcements

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 Song

“Jesus Messiah”

He became sin who knew no sin That we might become His righteousness

He humbled Himself and carried the cross Love so amazing love so amazing

(Chorus) Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel

The Rescue for sinners The Ransom from heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love

The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn Love so amazing love so amazing (Chorus)

All our hope is in You All our hope is in You

All the glory to You God The Light of the world

Jesus Messiah Lord of all

The Lord of all The Lord of all

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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; **Worship Team; Sound & Projection:** Kent Anderson; **Lector:** Colter

Schmig; **Acolyte:** Avery & Addison Kruse; **Projection:** Conner Dahl; **Blessing Assistant:** Paisley Neale;

Ushers: Cal Wiesner; **Communion Assistants:** Amanda Kienow, Steven Ays, Bob & Deb Hoover, Avery

& Addison Kruse; **Coffee Servers:** Doug & Shelly Alvine; **Welcome Center:** Darlene Bailey & Pam

Luckhurst;

*Flowers on the altar are given in memory of Allen Andersh
and Arden Stave by Burt & Barb Andersh*

*Notice: This worship service is livestreamed and shared on Youtube & LCOOR's Facebook page.

OCTOBER 1, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Send Me, Jesus



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:

- When is a time you questioned someone's actions in government, school, or other organization?
- How does Jesus' leadership differ from other leaders?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 21:23-32.

The chief priests and elders are intended to be leaders of the Jewish people. Jesus challenges their authority and leadership by wanting them to make a commitment—pro or con— regarding John the Baptist. They are not able to do that because they do not truly represent the people who supported John. These leaders are actually servants of Rome, the occupation force in Judea. Their wealth and power are at the pleasure of Rome, not the people of Judea. The leaders have a difficult task to balance between worshipping God and an allegiance to Rome. It is reminiscent of Jesus saying that one cannot serve two masters (Matthew 6:24). The authority Jesus serves is only God's kingdom. In words and actions, Jesus is the obedient Son who triumphs over all other authorities on earth. It is an obedience that will lead to Jesus' death at the hands of those loyal to Rome but will bring hope for all people burdened by powers of fear and death.

Discuss: How does Jesus' authority and obedience to serve only God's kingdom make a difference for all people?

Pray: **Almighty God, we thank you for Jesus' obedience to your power of grace and mercy so that sinners and tax collectors enter into your kingdom through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you help someone who feels weighed down by the burdens of life?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Philippians 2:3 says, *"Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves."* Name this "Humility Week" in your household. Secretly decide on one act of service you (and others) can perform that will show concern for the interests of others. If you live alone, find someone outside your home to do this with. At the end of the week, think or talk about your acts of "secret service" and what it felt like to show concern for others.

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



THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAIL FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

DO YOU KNOW A COLLEGE STUDENT WHO WOULD ENJOY RECEIVING FUN MAIL FROM US? WE WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE IN THIS NEW CHAPTER OF LIFE.

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 886-2696 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PROVIDE US WITH THEIR MAILING ADDRESS.

COOKIES NEEDED



Sandwich Ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the Welcome Center or church office.

You can also bake your own cookies and drop them off at the church. Thank you!

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

NO SANDWICH MINISTRY

October 8 & 9, 2023

Sandwich Ministry will resume Wednesday, October 11, 2023.



Adult Bible Study

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAVIOR: FOLLOWING JESUS THROUGH THE HOLY LAND

Study Guide \$10

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in **Word Alone** classroom

Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the **Youth Room**



Mission and Endowment Grant Applications



The Mission and Endowment Committee of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer is inviting groups from LCOOR to apply for a grant for special ministry projects. Application forms can be picked up in the church office. **Deadline is Tuesday, October 31, 2023.**

We Need Piano Players!

To play with our Worship Teams on Wednesday Evenings & Sunday Mornings.



Contact Megan in the church office at 886-2696 or meganalcoorwatertown.org

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

St. Dysmas



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

SAVE THE DATE

Ladies Night Out

NOVEMBER 13

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER OR CHURCH OFFICE.



"God's Work. Our Hands"

We are collecting items for "Hospice Kits" for Global Health Ministries and helping to replenish the "Undercover Closet" at Church on the Street in Sioux Falls. **Watch for drop off bins in the gathering space during September & October.**

SEE THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFO

Sunday October 1

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
 8:30 a.m. Church School
 8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship w/ Holy Communion

Monday October 2

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
 6:00 p.m. Junction Youth Group (2nd-4th Grade)
 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday October 3

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

Wednesday October 4

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
 12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
 4:45 p.m. Community Meal- Tacos
 5:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
 5:30 p.m. Church School
 5:30 p.m. Teaching: 3rd Grade Bibles
 6:30 p.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion
 7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
 7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
 7:15 p.m. HS Hang-out in Youth Room
 7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Thursday October 5

9:00 a.m. Quilting
 1:00 p.m. Chair Yoga
 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday October 6

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

Saturday October 7

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion
 6:30 p.m. Diamond Dinner & Saturday Evening Meal

Sunday October 8

8:30 a.m. Church School
 8:30 a.m. Teaching: 3rd Grade Bibles
 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Attendance & Offering

September 17 Live Stream- N/A
 Saturday, September 16- 44
 Sunday, September 17- 339
 Wednesday, September 27- 159
Offering (9/24 & 9/27):
 General Fund: \$9,657.40;
 Church School: \$43.41;
 Debt Reduction: \$20; Other: \$473
 Mission of the Month: \$298.37;
Simply Giving Offering (9/18-9/22):
 General Fund: \$4,849.77;
 Debt Reduction: \$50; Other: \$230;
 Mission of the Month: \$130;

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**OCTOBER 1, 2023
 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
 AFTER PENTECOST**

Jesus' humble obedience brings hope for all people.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 21:23-32	Parable of the two sons
Monday	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	God's ways are fair
Tuesday	Philippians 2:1-13	Christ shows us humility
Wednesday	Hebrews 13:1-8	Service well-pleasing to God
Thursday	Exodus 18:13-27	Jethro's advice
Friday	John 13:12-20	Jesus washes the disciples' feet
Saturday	Psalms 25:1-9	Prayer for guidance and help
Sunday	Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the vineyard tenants

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*[Jesus] humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name. **Philippians 2:8-9 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of the nations, you rule with steadfast love and mercy; help us to recognize our need for you and to worship you alone through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may this food strengthen us in body and soul that we may desire your good pleasure and act in ways that serve others in love. Amen. (Philippians 2:13)

A Blessing to Give:

May the humility of our Lord Jesus Christ give you strength and courage.

