



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | *2nd Sunday of Easter* | Sunday, April 27, 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

Loving God, place me in a circle of joy,

Where laughter bubbles like a flowing stream

And gladness dances like wind in the trees.

Place me in a community of joy,

Where children laugh and tears are kissed away

And the vitality is still in everyone's faith.

Place me in a church of joy,

Where God's surprises are expected and cherished

And people know how to sing praise, even in the midst of worry and difficulty.

Let the joy be sung!

Special Music

"An Easter Chant" G. Young

Praise & Rejoice Choir
Directed by: Kristy Tostenson

Opening Hymn

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

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Confession and Forgiveness

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

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 of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

Psalm

Psalm 118:14-29

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ **Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ **The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**

²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.**

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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Gospel Acclamation

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my

God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon "Past, Present & Future" Pastor Dan & Pastor Laura Overbo

Past – Rooted in Faith: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Present – Faithful Stewardship: "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another." Romans 13:8

Future: "A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children." Proverbs 13:22

Song of the Day "Hosanna"

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 "Jesus We Love You"

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/III: Katie Stavig, Dottie Ball, Michelle Buchheit- Friend of Robbyn Givens, JoLana Ehli, Jen Harms, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Gregg) DeSpiegler

Prayer Song "Jesus We Love 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:

Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center and Fallout Shelter Ministries



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| Offering needed each week to make budget. | |
| Pledged: \$13,360 | |
| Non-Pledged: \$6,734 | |
| <u>Offering 4/6 - 4/12</u> | <u>Received</u> |
| Pledged | \$20,107.50 |
| Non-Pledged | \$3,703.00 |
| Mission of the Month | \$251.74 |
| <u>Offering 4/13 - 4/19</u> | <u>Received</u> |
| Pledged | \$16,405.00 |
| Non-Pledged | \$3,624.00 |
| Mission of the Month | \$292.96 |

Offertory Response "Create In Me a Clean Heart" #185

Offering Prayer

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.**

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

Celebration Service for the Retirement of Debt

Exhortation:

Significant milestones in the life of a congregation require significant celebration and marking of such milestones with a sense of history of how it is that God has brought us to this place. Today we celebrate the retiring of the debt for our church mortgage and in due course give up our prayers or thanks with the ripping up of that mortgage.

God blesses us abundantly with good gifts in every season.

Give thanks and praise to the Lord, our God.

God brings to completion all his works.

Thank the Lord for working in our midst.

All things become possible with the Lord's help.

Let us follow the Lord in all that we do.

Prayer:

Let us pray. Most High God, whom the heavens cannot contain, we give you thanks for the gifts of those who have built our church, this house of prayer, and all our properties to your glory. We praise you for the fellowship of those who by their use have made this holy place. We pray that all who seek you here may find you and be filled with your joy and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers at the Retiring of a Debt of a Mortgage

Since the first donation to the church was made, there has hardly been a man, woman or child who has passed through our doors who has not in some way contributed to the growth of that vision of having a church up here in the middle of nowhere, the building of our church and the retirement of our debt which we celebrate today. Ice cream socials, bake sales, youth fundraising projects, rummage sales, raffles, matching funds, individual donations and memorials from the blessed saints and friends of our church who have died – all have contributed to bring us to this day. Let us raise our prayers of thanks to Almighty God for the good work God has done among us. As in Biblical times, we will let our prayers rise with incense to the altar of God with our prayers to become an acceptable offering to God.

Let our prayers rise before you as incense, O Lord:

And let our prayers and thanksgivings be a fragrant offering in your presence. Psalm 141:2, Philippians 4:18

For from the rising of the sun to its setting God's name is great among the nations,

And in every place incense is offered to his name; "for my name is great among the nations," says the Lord of hosts. Malachi 1:11

Almighty God, our prayers rise before you in thanksgiving for all that you have done among us – for your blessings of property, buildings, faith, purpose and mission. Fill us constantly with faith and the inspiration of your creative Spirit that we might follow your lead all our days, and continue to be visionaries in spreading our mission beyond ourselves for the sake of your holy kingdom. It is to you that we offer ourselves, our building and property, and now the retirement of our indebtedness. As this canceled mortgage is ripped up with all our prayers and thanksgivings, acceptable to you for the sake of Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

The mortgage is ripped in two. The pastor offers the following acclamation:

People of God, our prayers have been heard and accepted. We are blessed, and we are debt free!

Thanks be to God! *(The people may applaud the acclamation.)*

Blessing

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and may the word of Christ dwell in you, so that all that you do in word and deed, you will do in the name of the Lord. **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Jesus Messiah"

Call to Service

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Serving

Preaching: Pastor Dan Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Greeters:** Destry, Kelsey, Penelope & Genevieve Skjefte; **Lector:** Gary Grewing;

Ushers: Darren Likness, Gary Grewing, Allen & Jan Birkeland, Ryan & Jenni Nuttall, Bret & Gwen McGillivray;

Coffee Servers: Scott & Michelle Leitheiser; **Welcome Center:** Tammy Rohde, Gail Helland;

THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Men's Lunch Resumes April 30

Pack your lunch and join Pastor Dan for this Bible study and fellowship hour. Men's Lunch will resume Wednesday, April 30 at 12:15 p.m. in the Gathering Space.

Summer Junction & Route 56 Youth Group Schedule

June:

5th Junction
12th Rt. 56

July:

10th Junction
17th Rt. 56

August:

7th Junction
14th Rt. 56



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

VBS

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

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APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND
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WELCOME CENTER & IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT PASTOR
DAN AT (605) 886-2696.

Join
Our
Team

New Ink Cartridge Recycling Program

Donate your used ink cartridges to help the LCOOR Playground Fund. Empty Inkjet cartridges can be dropped in the green recycling can located near the Giving Tree in the Gathering Space. Have cartridges that you keep forgetting to bring in? You can mail them in at no cost to you! Visit planetgreenrecycle.com or scan the QR code and enter our **program ID code 32747** to receive your prepaid shipping label.

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HERE:



Senior Recognition

Our 2025 graduating seniors will be recognized during worship on **Wednesday, May 7 and Sunday, May 11**. Along with being recognized, seniors will be given a prayer blanket made by members of LCOOR.

LCOOR Family Fun Night: Bowling at Tommy's Lanes & Lounge!

Join us **Sunday, April 27 from 3:30-5:30PM**. \$5 per person for two games with no shoe fees! Space is limited so please sign up at the Welcome Center to reserve your spot.



Calendar & Attendance

Sunday April 27

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Burning of the Mortgage Celebration
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal
3:30-5:30 p.m. LCOOR Family Fun - Bowling at Tommy's Lanes

Monday April 28

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

Tuesday April 29

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

Wednesday April 30

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
4:45 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Church School
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop (Last Day)
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion & 8th Grade Confirmation
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Luther League 2.0

Thursday May 1

9:00 a.m. Quilting
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dan

Friday May 2

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

Saturday May 3

5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion & 8th Grade Confirmation

Sunday May 4

8:30 a.m. Church School (Last Day)
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. Worship with Holy Communion, Teacher Recognition & Senior Recognition
7:15 p.m. Luther League 2.0

Attendance

- **Sunday, April 6 YouTube:** 88
- **Saturday, April 12:** 69
- **Sunday, April 13:** 464
- **Sunday, April 13 YouTube:** 106
- **Maundy Thursday, April 17:** 280
- **Good Friday, April 18:** 161
- **Easter Sunday, April 20:**
(8:00 a.m.) 430; (10:00 a.m.) 650

Church Staff

Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

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Laura Overbo

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Wendy Kruger

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