

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER



PARABLE OF THE SOWER

7th Sunday after Pentecost | Sunday, July 12, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

Prelude

“This Is My Father’s World” (arr. Parks & Jordan)

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 word and deed’.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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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

Let us pray. **Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

Psalm

Psalm 65:9-13

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th Chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!” ¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

Hymn of the Day

"We All Are One in Mission"

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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.

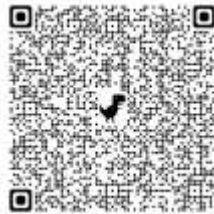
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: **Earl Lammle**, **Tammy Stoltenburg**, **Dianna Lambert**, **Sophie Holida**, **Karla Stimson**,
Larry Haaland- Friend of the Congregation, **Michelle LeBlanc**- Granddaughter of Bev Eggen,
Chad Jutting- Brother of Todd (Lesli) Jutting and Joy (Todd) Freimark, **Barb Johnson**

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:
St. Dymas of South Dakota



Offering: June 28 – July 4
Promised \$10,630.83
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Mission of the Month \$118.05

Offertory Response

"Create In Me a Clean Heart"

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Offering Prayer

You call us, loving Savior, "Come unto me." We have come. Accept our burdens. Receive our thanks. And saddle us with your enjoyable yoke. You are the Lord forevermore. **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

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

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Call to Service

Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

Please greet one another with a word of peace as well as your name.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune (Frith)

Serving

Preaching: Pastor Dave Nerdig; **Organist:** AJ Sherrill; **Lector:** Marian Neshiem;

THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

NOW HIRING: Part-Time Youth Ministry Position

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer is seeking an enthusiastic and faith-filled individual to lead our Middle School Youth Ministry Programs.

Details:

Part-time position 10 - 15 hours per month
Wednesday Afternoon/Evening Programs
Build relationships with youth and families
Work with Middle School & High School
Work alongside church staff and volunteers

Qualifications:

Passion for sharing God's love with youth
Strong communications & leadership
Ability to create an inclusive environment
Experience working with youth is preferred

If you have a heart for helping young people growing in their faith and want to make a difference in their lives, **we would love to hear from you.**

The Latest Word - Monthly Newsletter

Please read our monthly newsletters for important information not covered in weekly announcements.

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Volunteer at Worship

We are always seeking volunteers to assist during worship services. We encourage you to sign up!

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July Mission of the Month: St. Dysmas of South Dakota

Our Mission of the Month for July is St. Dysmas of South Dakota. This ministry shares the love, hope, and forgiveness of Christ with incarcerated individuals. Through worship services, Bible studies, mentoring, and compassionate support, St. Dysmas helps bring encouragement and spiritual guidance to those who are often forgotten.

Special offerings designated for Mission of the Month will help support the ongoing work and outreach of St. Dysmas of South Dakota. Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to sharing Christ's love with others.

Stepping Stone Project Day

Join us on **July 26 at 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall** for a special garden stepping stone project! Please sign-up at the Welcome Center if you plan to participate.

Individuals, children, grandparents, and families are all invited to create and decorate a stepping stone that will become part of our church prayer garden and outdoor youth area. This is a wonderful opportunity to add to our prayer garden and outdoor activity areas.

No artistic experience is needed — just come ready to create and enjoy time together. **A meal will be served, and all are welcome!**

Lutheran World Relief - School Kits

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. LWR School Kits contain essential supplies to help children continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. We are collecting School Kits in July & August. Instructions and school bags can be found at the Welcome Center or Memorial Park worship table. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

Junction & Route 56 Youth Group

Junction, a youth group for **1st-4th grade** and Route 56, a youth group for **5th-6th grade** will meet together in the summer months. We look forward to seeing all 1-6 graders on:

- **Thursday, July 16 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

Join us for fun summer activities! Friends are always welcome!

Calendar & Attendance

Sunday July 12

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park
10:30 a.m. Worship at LCOOR

Monday July 13

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

Tuesday July 14

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

Wednesday July 15

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:00 p.m. Fishing League

Thursday July 16

9:00 a.m. Quilting
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00-7:00 p.m. Junction (1-4 Grade) & Route 56 (5-6 Grade) Youth Group

Friday July 17

Church Office Closes at Noon
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:00 a.m. Quilting

Saturday July 18

5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday July 19

9:00 a.m. Worship at memorial Park with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Worship at LCOOR with Holy Communion

Attendance

Sunday, June 28 Livestream: 84

Saturday, July 4: N/A

Sunday, July 5 Town: 65

Sunday, July 5 Lake: 263

Church Staff

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