



# Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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## Season of Advent

Sunday November 12, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

### Welcome and Call to Worship *(please sign & pass the welcome pad down the pew)*

We gather today. —————> **It is time to worship!**

We listen for God. —————> **It is time to hear!**

We receive God's grace. ———> **It is time to be loved!**

We leave in peace. —————> **It is time to serve others!**

As we wait for Jesus' arrival, Emmanuel, God-with-us, is already here in this time and place.

### Confession and Forgiveness

People of God, when we think that we have nowhere left to turn, we can always turn to God. Whether we feel frozen or are rushing with no time to rest, whether it feels like life is happening to us too quickly or like our lives will never change, God is with us. For God, there is always time for forgiveness.

We trust God, and we confess our sins together. *(Silence is kept for reflection)* Holy One,

**We have not stayed awake. We have missed you when you appeared in our neighbors, in strangers half a world away, in the suffering planet. We have wasted the time and the skills that you gave us and assumed we were powerless to mend the breaches in our world. Sometimes, we even gave up on your mercy, justice, and love. God, is it too late for us? Speak tenderly to our anxious hearts.**

**Tear open the heavens and heal what we have done. Amen.**

People of God, God's judgment is certain and God's forgiveness is lightning fast. Hear this good news: in the name of Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven. Forgiveness gives us the courage we need. Wherever we wait for God's time to come, we will witness wonders. **Amen.**

### Opening Song

"Way Maker"

You are here moving in our midst I worship You I worship You

You are here working in this place I worship You I worship You (repeat verse)

(Chorus) You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper

Light in the darkness my God that is who You are (repeat chorus)

You are here touching ev'ry heart I worship You I worship You

You are here healing ev'ry heart I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around I worship You I worship You

You are here mending ev'ry heart I worship You I worship You (Chorus x2)

That is who You are That is who You are That is who You are That is who You are (x2)

## 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 justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Special Music

“My Song of Praise” arr. by Nancy Price & Don Besig

Praise & Rejoice Choir; Directed by: Tera McDonnell

## Children’s Message

### First Reading

Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

### Psalm

Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me. Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced. Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back because of their shame. Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!” But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”

(Chorus) Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You I want to see You (repeat)

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy Holy holy holy Holy holy holy I want to see You

Holy holy holy Holy holy holy Holy holy holy I want to see You (Chorus x2)

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

## Sermon

“The Uncertain Time”

Pastor Overbo

## 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

“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

*Following each prayer... Leader: Hurry, God. Hear Our Prayers;*

*Congregation: Tear the heavens and come down.*

*Hospitalized/III: Jessica Fischer, Ashlea West, Avery West, Marlys Tesch, Roberta Hagen, Dave Satter, Nora Hopper, Brian Chapman, Kevin Stark, Ric Holmquest, Jack Pereira, Judith Glembin, Lyle Grove- Father of Darla (Arlyn) Adolphsen*

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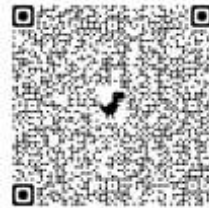
Here's my life Lord Here's my life Lord Here's my life Lord Speak what is true

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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: **Fallout Shelter Ministries***



## Offering Prayer

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

**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 God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name When I’m found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name

(Pre-Chorus) Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say

(Chorus) Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me

When the world's all as it should be Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name (Pre-Chorus & Chorus)

You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name

You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name

(Chorus)

## 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; **Sound & Projection:** Sam Langner, Roger Whittle, Ian McAreavey;  
**Worship Team;** **Lector:** Mason Iverson; **Acolyte:** Ainsley Falconer; **Ushers:** Hugh Bartels & Kevin Luoma, **Coffee Servers:** Kevin & Bernie Luoma; **Welcome Center:** Pam Luckhurst;

*Altar Flowers are given by Allen & Julie Rude in honor of their 50th  
Wedding Anniversary on November 10<sup>th</sup>*



God uses money as a test  
to help us grow.

"If then you have not been  
faithful with the dishonest  
wealth,  
who will entrust to you the  
true riches?"

Luke 16:11



# THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Sounds of the Seasons Community Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023  
3:00 & 7:00 P.M.

1st United Methodist Church

This is a free concert. Non-perishable food items and/or free-will donations for the Salvation Army Food Pantry will be received.



## YOUTH CHRISTMAS Bingo

2ND-12TH GRADE

We are asking for donations of new prizes or cash of a \$5-10 value for our Youth Christmas Bingo. Donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Center.



## CHRISTMAS Eve POINSETTIAS

\$20

ORDER A POINSETTIA IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR TO THE GLORY OF GOD TO BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE.

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATION OFFERING

We will be accepting donations of canned goods, boxed stuffing and potatoes during the following Worship Services:

Wednesday, November 15  
Saturday, November 18  
Sunday, November 19



## OUT OF TIME ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

NOW AVAILABLE AT THE  
WELCOME CENTER

## ADVENT TOUR OF NATIVITIES

NOV. 24-27 | 1-5PM | GREAT HALL



DO YOU HAVE A NATIVITY SCENE THAT YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE? PICK UP A REGISTRATION FORM AT THE WELCOME CENTER!  
SEE THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFO.

## NO CHAIR YOGA



ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 & 23.

## 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 & drop them off at the church. Thank you!



## LCOOR Preschool ADVENT CALENDARS

Support our Preschool by purchasing a Hershey's and/or Reese's Advent Calendar! **\$10 each.**



## Sewing Day

NOVEMBER 28 | 9:30AM

Please bring your sewing machine & white/grey thread.  
Non-sewers welcome to help iron & assemble kits.



**Sunday November 12**

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan  
 8:30 a.m. Church School  
 8:30 a.m. 4 Year Old's Milestone  
 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship  
 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group  
 7:00 p.m. Youth Music Team Practice

**Monday November 13**

2:00 p.m. Martha Circle (Youth Room)  
 6:00 p.m. Ladies Night Out  
 6:00 p.m. Rt. 56 Youth Group  
 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

**Tuesday November 14**

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

**Wednesday November 15**

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
 12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch  
 2:00 p.m. Retired ELCA Pastor Gathering  
 4:45 p.m. Community Meal  
 5:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan  
 5:30 p.m. Church School  
 5:30 p.m. 1st Grade Nativity Scene Milestone  
 6:30 p.m. Worship  
 7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation  
 7:15 p.m. HS Hang-out in Youth Room  
 7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday November 16**

*No Preschool- Parent Teacher Conferences*  
 9:00 a.m. Quilting  
 10:00 a.m. Book Club  
 10:00 a.m. Pastors Conference  
 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

**Friday November 17**

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

**Saturday November 18**

*Stewardship Moment*  
 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion

**Sunday November 19**

*Stewardship Moment*  
 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan  
 8:30 a.m. Church School  
 8:30 a.m. 1st Grade Nativity Scene Milestone  
 8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship w/ Holy Communion  
 10:30 a.m. Coffee & Cake in honor of Doris Stowe's 80th Birthday  
 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group

**Attendance & Offering**

October 29 Live Stream- 90  
 Saturday, November 4- 94  
 Sunday, November 5- 314  
 Wednesday, November 8- 137  
Offering (11/5):  
 General Fund: \$15,263.50;  
 Church School: \$46.86;  
 Debt Reduction: \$85; Other: \$1,250;  
 Mission of the Month: \$104.83;  
Simply Giving Offering (10/30-11/3):  
 General Fund: \$9,435.19;  
 Debt Reduction: \$33; Other: \$425.29;  
 Mission of the Month: \$80;

**Staff**

**Senior Pastor**  
 Dan Overbo  
**Associate Pastor**  
 Laura Overbo  
**Welcoming & Caring Ministries**  
 Twila Schmitt  
**Director of Faith Formation**  
 Philip Lickei  
**Business Manager**  
 Jodi Spilde  
**Business Administrative Assistant**  
 Megan Thyen  
**Preschool**  
 Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher  
 Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional  
**Custodian**  
 Adam Lauseng

**NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 25:1-13</b>	<b>A parable of the ten bridesmaids</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Amos 5:18-24</b>	<b>What the Lord requires</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</b>	<b>The coming of the Lord</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Psalms 106:1-12</b>	<b>A confession of Israel's sins</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Isaiah 1:10-17</b>	<b>Justice is needed, not sacrifices</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 16:18-20</b>	<b>Treat everyone with justice</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 70</b>	<b>God is wonderful</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 25:14-30</b>	<b>Parable of the talents</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*  
**Amos 5:24 (NRSV)**

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Why is care for those in need so important?
- What type of worship do you think pleases God? Explain.

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Almighty God, we thank you for your call for justice and mercy that gives hope to our lives and to the generations to come through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed; and let there be a goodly share on every table, everywhere. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the God who shows mercy on the poor deliver you from harm. (Psalm 70:5)

