



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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7th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday July 16, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Voluntary (Croft)

“May Jesus Christ Be Praised” (arr. Brunner & Ritter)

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 the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

“This Is My Father’s World”

#824

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.**

Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

“This Is the Feast”

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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

Old Testament (Page 531) in Pew Bible

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, 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. 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. 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

Old Testament (Page 410) in Pew Bible

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

New Testament (Page 10) in Pew Bible

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 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. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. 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. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 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. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 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.**

Sermon

“Good Soil”

Jack Holmquest

Notes: _____

Hymn of the Day

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

#512

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

Following each prayer... *Leader:* Lord in your mercy; *Congregation:* **Hear our prayer.**

Hospitalized/ill: *Jessica Fischer, Alberta Frerichs, JoLana Ehli, Arlene Nelson- Mother of Caryn Isaacson, Julie Rude, Danny Lambert, Becca Weiss, Marcella Enstad- Mother of Dean (Lori) and Keith (Lynn) Enstad, Joyce Berg- Friend of Holly Schimmel, Doris Stowe,*

Death: *Bonnie Schwinger, Berdeva Hemme*

Pilgrimage: *Holy Land Pilgrimage Group*

Temple Talk

Church on the Street

Pastor Chris Matson

Offering and Announcements

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:
Church on the Street and Pueblo de Dios



Stewardship Moment

Offertory Response

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

#184

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Loving God, since we know that you love a cheerful giver, we offer these gifts to you with joy. Fill us with gladness as we celebrate all of the grace that we have received through Jesus Christ. May our gifts build up the church and testify to the world of your love. In Jesus' name. 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.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 Hymn

"On What Has Now Been Sown"

#550

Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please share the peace, as well as your name as you leave today.

Postlude

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" (arr. Hughes)

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Serving This Morning

Preaching: Jack Holmquest; **Presiding:** Pastor Chris Matson; **Organist:** AJ Sherrill;

Sound & Projection: Darian Givens and Evan Reiber; **Ushers:** Rory Olerud, Larry and Marlys Lenning;

Lector: Barb Cramer; **Communion Assistants:** Doug and Shelly Alvine; **Coffee Servers:** Joan Hohnstadt;



God grants to people the ability to earn that which is His already: money and wealth.

"Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all".

1 Chron. 29:12

JULY 16, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

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:

- What do you think it takes to be a good gardener and have a successful harvest?
- We can receive God's word in worship, by reading the Bible, and through prayer and conversations. What is a favorite way for you to receive God's word?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

Jesus compares the sower's seed to God's word that bears much fruit. The seed needs to be planted in good soil to grow. Jesus compares the soil to our lives and our ability to hear and receive God's word. We can wonder if we are the good soil that receives God's word, but it may be that at different times we exhibit all four soils. There are times God's word doesn't stick (the path); sometimes it takes root but quickly dries up (rocky ground); sometimes the word gets smothered by competing concerns (thorns); sometimes the word takes root and produces much fruit (good soil). Our lives can experience all of these moments. This parable can be a humble reminder for us to be open to God's word so that our lives bear the fruit of love and peace. No matter how God's word bears fruit in our lives, it grows into a surprising harvest. *Discuss:* How and when are you most attentive to God's word in your life?

Pray: Dear God, you who are the source of all living things, bless us with faith in your word and your work in our lives to bless the world through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others with the power of God's healing and forgiveness?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Gather four small pots. Fill the first with gravel to represent a path, the second with rocks, the third with thorns or thistles, and the fourth with good soil. Tell the parable of the sower in your own words. As you hold each pot, pray: **Lord God, keep us from having hearts that are hard, like a path. Keep us from having hearts that are shallow, like soil on rocky ground. Keep us from having hearts that are easily choked, like seeds among thorns. Instead, make our hearts like good soil, so that we gladly receive your word and accept it. Amen.**



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

SAVE THE DATE
 Milestone Ministries **August 7 | 7PM | LCOOR**
Team Planning Meeting
 Contact Pastor Laura for more information regarding Milestone Ministries.
Join Us

New Baby?
 We have a special gift for each new little blessing, and we don't want to miss anyone! Please give us a phone call to the church office (605-886-2696) or an email to Twila (Welcoming & Caring Ministries Coordinator) at twila@lcoorwatertown.org.

JULY MISSIONS OF THE MONTH
 Church on the Street & Pueblo de Dios
Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
We are collecting school kits in July & August.
 Instructions & school bags can be found at the Welcome Center or lake worship info table.

JUNCTION
 COFFEE TRAILER
DON'T FORGET THE COFFEE
 9:00am Memorial Park Worship

ADVENTURE DAYS!
 Registration forms for the Adventure Days are available online on our website (lcoorwatertown.org).
 3rd & 4th Grade August 1 9am-3pm
 5th & 6th Grade August 2 9am-3pm
 4 yr olds-2nd Grade August 3 9am-1pm

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!

BAKERS NEEDED
 Bakers are needed to make communion bread for worship. The sign-up sheet, recipe and instructions are available at the Welcome Center. For more information, call the church office at 886-2696 or send an e-mail to megan@lcoorwatertown.org.

PRAYER SHAWLS
 Available to All
 Crafted by many talented hands here at LCOOR serve as a tangible reminder that a person is being remembered in prayer. Our prayer shawls are available at no charge for anyone to share. They can be picked up at the Welcome Center, or near the church office.

ARE YOU INTERESTED??
CHAIR YOGA
 CONTACT MEGAN IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 886-2696 OR BY EMAIL AT MEGAN@LCOORWATERTOWN.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

July 16-July 23

Attendance & Offering

Sunday July 16

Stewardship Moment

Temple Talk- Church on the Street

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park w/ Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion

Monday July 17

August Newsletter Deadline

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday July 18

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

11:00 a.m. Text Study

Wednesday July 19

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

6:00 p.m. Fishing League

Thursday July 20

9:00 a.m. Quilting

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday July 21

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

9:00 a.m. Quilting

Saturday July 22

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship (Lay Led)

Sunday July 23

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

July 2 Live Stream- No livestream this week

Saturday, July 8- 41

Sunday, July 9- (9:00) 235; (10:30) 59

Offering (7/9):

General Fund: \$7,441; Debt Reduction: \$45;

Mission of the Month: \$235.03;

Simply Giving Offering (7/3-7/7):

General Fund: \$10,245.20;

Debt Reduction: \$133;

Mission of the Month: \$114.78; Other: \$351.65;

Serve

There are many ways to serve your congregation each month including volunteering before, during and after worship services. During the month of June, we had 71 slots to fill including greeters, ushers, lectors, communion assistants and coffee servers. We were able to fill 74.65% (53) of those available slots. Please consider signing up to serve by contacting Twila in the church office or sign up online at lcoorwatertown.org --> Serve --> Volunteer at Worship in July and August.

Staff

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**JULY 16, 2023 SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



God's word makes a difference for our lives.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Parable of the sower
Monday	Isaiah 55:10-13	God's word is powerful
Tuesday	Romans 8:1-11	Life in the Spirit
Wednesday	2 Timothy 3:10-17	Paul's charge to Timothy
Thursday	Joshua 1:1-9	God's commission to Joshua
Friday	Hebrews 4:8-13	The rest that God has promised
Saturday	Psalm 65	Thanksgiving for earth's bounty
Sunday	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Parable of the weeds

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Matthew 13:8-9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Creative God, your word accomplishes all that you desire; we thank you for your work of love that brings hope and healing through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Almighty God, by your strength you bring forth food from the earth. Thank you for the abundant harvest that we enjoy today. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's creative word bear fruit in your life through Christ.

