

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

# JESUS PRAYS FOR US

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026, 9:30 A.M.

## 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

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Opening Song

"What a Beautiful Name"

## Musician Appreciation

## 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 glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

<sup>6</sup> When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

## Psalm

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

<sup>1</sup> Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup> **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;  
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

<sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;  
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

<sup>5</sup> In your holy habitation, O God,  
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

<sup>6</sup> **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

<sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup> **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup> You sent a bountiful rain, O God;  
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

<sup>10</sup> **Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

<sup>32</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup> **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup> Ascribe power to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup> **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,  
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. <sup>5:6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

## Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup> "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

## Sermon

"Jesus Prays For Us"

Pastor Laura Overbo

## 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

"Holy Spirit"

## Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: **Katie Stavig, Bud Webb, Dave Wicks, Earl Lammler, Tammy Stoltenburg, Lynn Bromley, Gwen Anderson, Liz Ewald- Friend of Lesa Franken, Jeff Feldmeyer, Robin Faulstich- Sister-in-law of Phyllis Bowersox, Vince Brueggeman- Father of Karla Christensen, Karla Stimson, Larry Haaland- Friend of the Congregation, Michelle LeBlanc- Granddaughter of Bev Eggen, Sophie Holida, Larry Martin- Father of Codi (Ben) Storm, Chad Jutting- Brother of Todd (Lesli) Jutting and Todd (Joy) Freimark**

Deaths: **Buck Schaack- Brother of Joyce (Marvin) McGillivray, Darlene Jurgens- Aunt of Arlyn Adolphsen, Mel Cook- Son-in-law of Doris Stowe & Brother-in-law of Kris (Don) Rigdon & Stacey Christensen**

## Prayer Song

"Holy Spirit"

## 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:

### Church on the Street



#### Offering Received (May 4-10)

**Promised: \$7,001.83**

**Non-Promised: \$4,434.00**

**Mission of the Month: \$87.12**

## Offering Prayer

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

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.**

## Distribution

## Post Communion Prayer

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## Announcements

## Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace  
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending Song

“Your Grace is Enough”

## Call to Service

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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## Serving

**Preaching:** Pastor Laura Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Lector:** Megan Major; **Ushers:** Russ & Joan Porath, Darwin Brinkman, McGillivray Family; **Communion Assistants:** Megan Major & Devyn Bollinger, Linda Koch, Char Loterbauer, Krisma DeWitt, Diane & Mike Madsen;

# THE WEEKLY WORD

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## Donations Needed for Our Youth

We are looking for donations of **new outdoor recreational balls** to help support our youth activities! Items like soccer balls, volleyballs, footballs, basketballs, gaga balls, and similar equipment are all greatly appreciated. If you're able to contribute, please bring your donation to the church office or Welcome Center. Thank you for helping create a fun, welcoming environment for our youth!

## Global Health Ministries

The birth of a baby is one of the happiest of days but for too many women around the world, pregnancy and the anticipation of childbirth is frightening. **GHM Newborn Kits** are gifts that help a new mom celebrate and care for her baby. Kit instructions can be found at [www.ghm.org/newborn-kits](http://www.ghm.org/newborn-kits) or stop by the Welcome Center.

## The Latest Word - Monthly Newsletter

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

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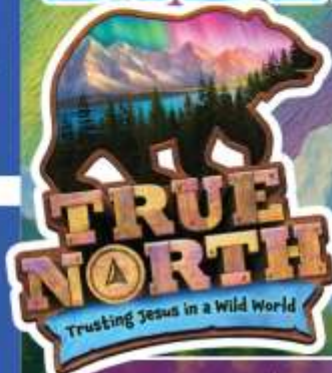
## Volunteer at Worship

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

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## Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, May 24, 2026.

- Saturdays at LCOOR at 5:30 p.m.
- Sundays at Memorial Park at 9:00 a.m.
- Sundays at LCOOR at 10:30 a.m.

## It's Road Ditch Time!

What a great family project. **Bags and instructions are available at the Welcome Center.** Grab bags and instructions for a section—pick up the trash—take the bags to your blue container—know you helped keep our environment clean. If you need a vest or have questions—call Al—605-553-6791. Let's clean this up before Memorial Day. Thank you for helping with this church service project.

## Communion Bread Needed for Memorial Park Worship

We are in need of communion bread for our summer worship service at Memorial Park. **We need roughly 250-275 small, longer pieces of bread for intinction. When finished, communion bread can be put in the freezer in the kitchen.** The recipe for bread can be found at the Welcome Center.

# Calendar & Attendance



## Sunday May 17

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
(Musician Appreciation Sunday)  
10:30 a.m. Personnel Meeting

## Monday May 18

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

## Tuesday May 19

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

## Wednesday May 20

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

## Thursday May 21

June/July Newsletter Deadline  
9:00 a.m. Quilting  
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

## Friday May 22

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

## Saturday May 23

5:30 p.m. Worship

## Sunday May 24

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

## Attendance

**Sunday, May 3 Livestream:** 106

**Wednesday, May 6:** 78

**Saturday, May 9:** 55

**Sunday, May 10:** 252

## Church Staff

### Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

### Associate Pastor

Laura Overbo

### Director of Faith Formation

Wendy Kruger

### Welcoming & Caring Ministries

Karri Willhite

### Business Manager

Jodi Spilde

### Business Administrative Assistant

Megan Thyen

### Preschool

Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher

Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional

### Sound & Technology

Sam Langner

### Custodian

Roman Gainor



## CAR QUESTION FOR THE RIDE HOME:

What is one thing you are thankful to God for today?



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