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21st Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday October 22, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

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

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

(Chorus) Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Chorus x2)

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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. **Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

“He Never Failed Me Yet” arr. by Robert Ray

Praise & Rejoice Choir

Directed by: Tera McDonnell

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

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

Psalm

Psalm 96:1-9

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God’s salvation from day to day. Declare God’s glory among the nations and God’s wonders among all peoples. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods. As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens. Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power. Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

Gospel Acclamation

“All The People Said Amen”

You are not alone if you are lonely When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on But thank God it's all you need

(Chorus) And all the people said amen whoa And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends And all the people said amen

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world He sent His son to save us all (Chorus)

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

(Chorus x2)

And all the people said Amen

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Sermon

Pastor Overbo

Hymn of the Day

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

#623

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Slade Anthony Struwe

Son of Anthony & Joslyn Struwe

Sponsors: Aaron & Nickole Borns

Jake Arthur Anderson

Son of Brett & Emma Anderson

Sponsors: Nick & Erin Ellingson

Prayer Song

"Lord Be Glorified"

In my life Lord be glorified be glorified In my life Lord be glorified today

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: *Jessica Fischer, Ashlea West, Doug Schimmel, Avery West, Laura Oldre, Joan Hakeman, Kevin Stark, brother of Carol (Ron) Bergan, Verdelle Anderson, Hunter Riddle, Marv Stavig, Ric Holmquest- Brother of Jack Holmquest, Jack Pereira- Friend of Jack Holmquest,*

Prayer Song

“Lord Be Glorified”

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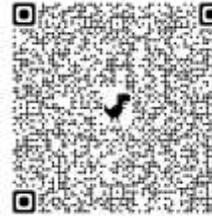
Offering

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: **Cameroon Partner Ministry***

Special Offering

*To provide Bibles in the Shona and Ndebele languages for people in Zimbabwe
Ndebele Bible costs \$15 each & Shona Bible costs \$20 each*



Offertory Response

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

#186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Offering Prayer

You bid us give to Caesar that which is Caesar’s, O God-

To respect the governments of this world.

You bid us give to you that which is yours.

We give you our lives. We give you our all.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

“Love the Lord”

Love the Lord your God with all your heart With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength (REPEAT)

With all your heart with all your soul With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

I will serve the Lord With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength (REPEAT)

With all my heart with all my soul With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

I will love You (I will love You) I will praise You (I will praise You)
I will serve You (I will serve You) I will trust You Lord (I will trust You)

With all my heart with all my soul With all my mind with all my strength (REPEAT)

I will love You Lord with all my heart With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength (REPEAT 2X)

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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, Graysn McGillivray;

Worship Team; **Lector:** Wyatt Kretzschmar; **Greeters;** **Ushers:** Darren Likness & Gary Grewing;

Coffee Servers: Verna Olson; **Welcome Center:** Gail Helland & Tammy Rohde;

*Altar Flowers are given by Bill & Sharon Malcom
in thankfulness for 65 years of marriage.*

OCTOBER 22, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Lead Me, Guide Me



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:

- Doing the right thing is not always easy. What is something you have struggled with?
- A false god can be anything that we worship and trust to make us feel safe and secure. What false gods have you been tempted to worship in your life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 22:15-22.

A surprising point of this story concerns trust in God, not false gods. Jesus had just successfully opposed religious leaders in the temple. Now those leaders go from debate to entrapment by getting Jesus to take a position that would place him against the Roman government (a deadly decision) or against the Hebrew Scriptures (an unfaithful position). Jesus navigates between these traps by tricking his opponents. He asks to see the coin used for the tax. It's a "gotcha" moment. The Jewish leaders should not have had the Roman coin in the temple. It has the face of the Roman Emperor on it and a confession that Emperor Augustus is the Son of God! With the coin they show Jesus the image and confession of an idol. Jesus says give back to Caesar the idolatry of the empire. Everything else is God's. These religious leaders had not considered that Jesus would outwit them, but he did. His words leave his opponents amazed and speechless. Idolatry to false gods can easily trip us all.

Discuss: What challenges you to be faithful to God above everything else?

Pray: **Almighty God, give us wisdom to turn away from false gods in our life and courage to follow you and you alone through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you care for those who are struggling to trust God?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Paul wrote that the Christians in Thessalonica had become imitators of Jesus. Play a game of Simon Says. Then have a discussion about ways in which we imitate others in our lives—both in good and bad ways. Talk or think about what it means to be an example of Christian faith, hope, and love to others.

Pray: **Lord Jesus, open our hearts to receive the gospel with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit so that we may become examples to all believers. Amen. (1Thessalonians 1:6-7)**

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

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

New Member orientation is **Wednesday, October 25 at 5:15 p.m.**

If you are interested in attending please contact Twila in the church office at (605) 886-2696. *New Members will be recognized during worship services on October 25, 28, & 29th.*

"Say Cheese!"



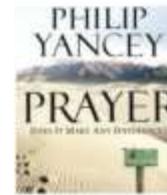
STOP BY OUR "PHOTO STUDIO" IN THE GATHERING SPACE TO UPDATE YOUR PHOTO FOR OUR ONLINE DIRECTORY!

Adult Bible Study

Prayer- Does It Make Any Difference?
New Bible Study Begins **Wednesday, October 25th.**

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in **Word Alone** classroom
Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the **Youth Room**

\$8 Study Guide



SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

Canned Soups

As the weather cools down, let's help replenish the shelves at the Salvation Army Food Pantry with canned soups. You may drop off your donations in Kathy's Karts here at the church. Thanks for your generosity!



OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

Cameroon Partner Ministry
Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!



\$15 OCTOBER CRAFT NIGHT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Join us in the Gathering Space at 6:30 p.m. to make your own wooden scarecrow!

Sign up at the Welcome Center.



We Need Piano Players!

To play with our Worship Teams on **Wednesday Evenings & Sunday Mornings.**

Contact Megan in the church office at 886-2696 or megan@lcoorwatertown.org



Altar Flower Sign Up

Opportunity to help beautify our Sanctuary with flowers. Please consider choosing a weekend to provide altar flowers in celebration or memory of a loved one. Sign up is at the Welcome Center.

Cost is \$60



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!



MISSION & ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Mission & Endowment Committee at LCOOR is inviting groups to apply for a grant for special ministry projects. Application forms can be picked up in the church office.



DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023.

October 22-29

Print too small? Large print bulletins are available at all worship services.

Sunday October 22

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
- 8:30 a.m. Church School
- 9:30 a.m. 3rd Grade Bible Worship Recognition
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship
- 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Music Team Practice

Monday October 23

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

Tuesday October 24

- 11:00 a.m. Text Study
- 1:00 p.m. Policy Committee Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Craft Night

Wednesday October 25

- 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
- 12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
- 4:45 p.m. Community Meal- Goulash
- 5:15 p.m. New Member Orientation
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Church School
- 6:30 p.m. Church School Kids Sing at Worship
- 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 October 26

- 10:00 a.m. Book Club
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Chapel
- 1:00 p.m. Chair Yoga
- 2:00 p.m. Communion at Edgewood
- 3:45 p.m. Communion at Stoneybrook
- 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday October 27

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

Saturday October 28

- 5:30 p.m. New Members Received
- 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday October 29

- 8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
- 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Church School
- 9:30 a.m. Church School Kids Sing at Worship
- 9:30 a.m. New Members Received
- 9:30a.m. Blended Worship
- 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group

Join us Tuesday, October 31st at 9:00 a.m. in the Great Hall to pass out candy to our LCOOR Preschoolers. Those who are interested should bring candy for 20 students. Unable to purchase candy but still interested in the fun? Contact the church office at 605-886-2696.



Attendance & Offering

October 8 Live Stream- 96
 Saturday, October 14- 42
 Sunday, October 15- 322
 Wednesday, October 18- 169
Offering (10/15):
 General Fund: \$9,885.01;
 Church School: \$37.97;
 Debt Reduction: \$165; Other: \$341.15
 Mission of the Month: \$68.14;
Simply Giving Offering (10/9-10/13):
 General Fund: \$5,701.23;
 Debt Reduction: \$30; Other: \$180;
 Mission of the Month: \$30;

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OCTOBER 22, 2023 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Love and trust God above everything else.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes
Monday	Isaiah 45:1-7	Cyrus serves the Lord
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	The example of faith
Wednesday	Psalms 28	Prayer for help
Thursday	Proverbs 3:1-6	Trust God
Friday	Jeremiah 17:5-8	Trust the Lord
Saturday	Psalms 96	Sing a new song
Sunday	Matthew 22:34-46	Loving God and neighbor

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For the people of those regions [Macedonia and Achaia] report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God. 1 Thessalonians 1:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of the nations, you alone are worthy of worship and praise; give us wisdom to see the false gods around us and remain true to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you made the heavens and the earth to praise you. We praise you now for this food that strengthens the body and gladdens the heart. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with joy and the steadfast love of Jesus.

