



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER | THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT | SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026, 9:30AM

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'.

Call to Worship

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

The Lord is my light and my salvation; **whom shall I fear?**

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; **of whom shall I be afraid?**

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; **wait for the Lord!**

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Together we confess:

Almighty God, we do not always walk in the light of your Word. We turn away from your Word and will and follow our own sinful desires and the temptations of the world. We try to excuse ourselves and hide from you in the darkness of our sin. Have mercy on us and forgive us.

God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Light and our Savior. By his death and resurrection, Jesus has won forgiveness and eternal life for us. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Walk in the light of the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation!

Opening Song

"Here I Am to Worship"

New Members Received

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. **Lord Jesus, Light of the world, help us by the power of the Spirit to walk in the light of your love and forgiveness. Guide our steps according to the light that shines from your holy Word. Shield us from the darkness of sin and temptation and from the evil that surrounds us. Help us to live as shining lights in the world so that others will come to know and worship you as Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Children's Sermon (congregation please sing 'Jesus Loves Me' as children gather)

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

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

Psalm 95 (sung)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.

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

Special Music

"Amazing Grace" Arr. by Cathy Moglebust

Handbell Choir
Directed by Bev Splinter

Gospel Acclamation

"In Christ Alone"

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th Chapter.

Gospel Reading

John 8:12-16

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Sermon

"I Am the Light of the World"

Pastor Laura 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

"Jesus We Love You"

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Betsy Spartz- Daughter of Denise Schmahl and Sister of Alissa (Mark) Iverson, Katie Stavig, Bud Webb, Dave Wicks, Earl Lammler, Buck Schaack- Brother of Joyce (Marvin) McGillivray, Tammy Stoltenburg, Liz Ewald- Friend of Lesa Franken, Vince Brueggeman- Father of Karla Christensen, Karla Stimson, Brad Bergh- Son of Margaret Bergh, Robin Faulstich- Sister-in-law of Phyllis Bowersox, Lynn Bromley, Karen Larsen- Sister-in-law of Darlene Bailey, Lucy & Jesse Dunn- Great Grandchildren of Annette Gugel, Amy Pederson- Sister of Karla (Roger) Stimson and Brenda (Rick) Rorvick, and Aunt of Troy (Dana) Stimson, Michelle LeBlanc- Granddaughter of Bev Eggen, Marv Sherrill*

Death: *Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Gregg) DeSpiegler*

Prayer Song

"Jesus We Love You"

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:
Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center & Fallout Shelter Ministries*



Offering Received (February 23 – March 1)

Promised: \$11,633.50

Non-Promised: \$5,019.00

Mission of the Month: \$102.62

Lent: \$375.00

Offertory Response

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Offering Prayer

Your kingdom is breaking into our world, O God, just as Your kingdom has broken into our hearts. We pay you homage, O God, our King. We lay these gifts before you, even as we offer you our lives. Through 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.

Diminishing Lights Ceremony

Benediction

Jesus spoke to them, "I am the light of the world. **Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.**"

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Walk as children of light, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Song

"How Great is Our God"

Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Laura Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Lector:** Megan Major; **Welcome Center:** Pam Luckhurst;

Coffee Servers: Kevin & Bernie Luoma; **Ushers:** Kevin Luoma, Curt Friedrichsen;

THE WEEKLY WORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Fundraiser for LCOOR Preschool

For the whole month of March, we will have a "Giving Wall" by the Welcome Center to support our Preschool. We will also have **Rada Cutlery catalogs and order forms at the Welcome Center.** Please help us raise funds for this wonderful program and thank you for all you do to help us spread God's word.



Spring Plants for Easter

Help beautify our sanctuary by purchasing a spring plant in memory or honor of a loved one or to the Glory of God. **Cost of each plant is \$20.** Complete an order form (found at the Welcome Center or Church Office). **Order deadline - March 22.**

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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Redeemer's Kitchen - March 15

For the month of March, we will gather on **Sunday, March 15 following 9:30 a.m. worship.** More information, including pricing and sign-up, are available at the Welcome Center. **The deadline to sign-up is March 12 at noon.**

Redeemer's Kitchen will resume in September 2026. Thank you to all that participated in our meal prep group.

LCOOR Spring Festival - Fruit of the Spirit Celebration

All ages are invited to join us at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer on **Sunday, March 29 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** for our Spring Festival, Fruit of the Spirit Celebration!

Each of the nine gifts, called the Fruit of the Spirit, will be represented by a fun, hands-on activity station as we learn and grow together. We are looking for **24 volunteers** to help with the Spring Festival and the sign-up is located at the Welcome Center.

Global Health Ministries - Hospice Kits

Since 1987 Global Health Ministries (GHM) has sent almost 80,000 Hospice Kits to help the hands that heal around the world. Palliative care and hospice programs continue to be an important ministry of the church overseas in countries where thousands of people benefit every year from their special care for people living with HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other devastating illness. **The need has not diminished, and your gift of these Kits is a blessing to those who receive them. Kit Instructions can be found at the Welcome Center or online at www.ghm.org/hospice-kits.**

Do You Worship ONLINE? Let's Connect!

We know many of you worship with us from home or from out of town. We want to build a stronger online worship community.

If you worship with us online, please fill out this short form by scanning the QR code so we can learn how to better serve you!

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Calendar & Attendance

Sunday March 8

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
8:45 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. First Communion Class (2nd Grade)
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. LCOOR Mobile Soup Kitchen

Monday March 9

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
2:00 p.m. Martha Circle
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday March 10

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

Wednesday March 11

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle Serves at Grace Lutheran Lunch
2:00 p.m. Watertown Parkinson's Support Group
5:00 p.m. Community Meal (suggested donation \$3/person, \$10/family)
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
5:45 p.m. Church School with 3 Year Old Milestone
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday March 12

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday March 13

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

Saturday March 14

5:30 p.m. Worship

Sunday March 15

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
8:45 a.m. Church School with 3 Year Old Milestone
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Redeemer's Kitchen

Monday March 16

No Preschool March 16-19 (Spring Break)
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday March 17

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

Wednesday March 18

No Church School or Confirmation (Spring Break)
No Community Meal (Spring Break)
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Attendance

Sunday, February 22 YouTube: 144

Wednesday, February 25: 191

Saturday, February 28: 42

Sunday, March 1: 268

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:

Tell about a time when you felt like God was very close to you or your family.

