



## Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday September 24, 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

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. *(Time of silence for reflection)* 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 Song

“Forever”

Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise  
With a mighty hand And an outstretched arm His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise Sing praise sing praise

(Chorus) Forever God is faithful Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever And by the grace of God  
We will carry on His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise Sing praise sing praise (Chorus 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

Lord God, early in the morning you have called us...

**We heard your voice rolling over baptism's waters.**

You bade us work in the vineyard...

**Work for a day's wage.**

Lord God, late in the day you have called others to your vineyard-

**Others who work for the same day's wage.**

Set our minds and our bodies to the tasks of your vineyard-

**The hard day's labor of spreading your love.**

And keep us from jealousy and condescension toward one another-

**For in your vineyard the last will be first.**

And in your vineyard, a day's wage...

**Is eternal life!**

Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now,

**and forever. Amen.**

## Special Music

“This Is My Father's World” Arranged by: Cathy Moglebust & David Moglebust

Handbell Choir and Praise & Rejoice Choir

Directed by: Bev Splinter and Tera McDonnell

## Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

New Testament (Page 152) in Pew Bible

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

## Psalm

Psalm 145:1-8

Old Testament (Page 451) in Pew Bible

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

## Gospel Acclamation

“Lord Have Mercy”

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy Lord have mercy on me

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy Lord have mercy on me (repeat from beginning)

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

New Testament (Page 17) in Pew Bible

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, "Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

## Sermon

Pastor Overbo

## Hymn of the Day

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

#669

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;  
redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;  
stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;  
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b.1936 Music: William H. Walter, 1825-1893 Augsburg Fortress

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

**Francis Olivia Koerlin**

*Daughter of Cadan & Jacklyn Koerlin*

*Sponsors: Rachel Zimmer & Ethan Koerlin*

## Prayer Song

“O Lord You’re Beautiful”

Oh Lord You're beautiful Your face is all I seek

And when Your eyes are on this child Your grace abounds to me

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## Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: *Jessica Fischer, Ashlea West, Alberta Frerichs,  
Joan Zarro, Avery West, Tammy Stoltenburg  
Kevin Stark, brother of Carol (Ron) Bergan*

Baptism: *Francis Oliva Koerlin*

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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:*

***St. Dymas***



### 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.

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### Offering Prayer

O God, the wage you have promised us is generous beyond imagination-  
**Life, forever, in paradise.**

Even so, O God, keep us mindful of the fact that it is a wage-  
**That we have responsibilities in the vineyard of your world.**

Accept these gifts as the fruit of our labor,  
**And the promise of work to be done.**

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.**

### Announcements

#### 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

“What A Beautiful Name”

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again

You have no rival You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus

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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; **Worship Team;** **Sound & Projection:** Kent Anderson & Pete Juba; **Ushers:** Terry & Brenda Rydell, Gary Grewing, Darren Likness; **Coffee Servers:** Verna Olson; **Welcome Center:** Gail Helland & Tammy Rohde; **Lector:** Chloe Ofstehage; **Projection:** Mason Iverson;

*Altar Flowers are given by Marian & Vaughn Neshiem in memory of grandson Brendan Downey.*

\*Notice: This worship service is livestreamed and shared on Youtube & LCOOR's Facebook page.



SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

To God Our Thanks We Give

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:

- When is a time you feel you were treated unfairly?
- How would you describe God's generosity? Give an example.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 20:1-16.

Fairness is in the eyes of the beholder. Most of us have experienced a time when we felt we were treated unfairly. It gets all the more frustrating when the sense of fairness is decided by God's grace. Who or what we see that should be last, may end up being first and a privileged recipient of God's generosity. There are times when the apparent unfairness of this parable can sound like good news when we are hurting, needing any help we can get, and can only take what is offered. This parable points to what God offers us—grace upon grace—something that is so much more than we deserve. As a result, our lives are able to respond with overwhelming gratitude. If gratitude is not our response to Jesus' parable, it may lead us to the observation that our sense of being first has missed the point; we may need to review the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-13) for God's sense of fairness and living rightly before God. Discuss: When have you experienced God's generosity? How did you respond?

Pray: God of justice and mercy, help us to see as you see and to live with compassion for all and with gratitude for what we receive through Jesus 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 can you show an act of undeserved kindness to someone this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalms 145:4 tells us: "One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts." Think or talk about people from older or younger generations who have shown and taught you about God's love and generosity through Jesus. Consider drawing a picture, writing a note, or calling them to say thank you. As a reminder of God's generosity, prayerfully recite: "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." (Psalm 145:8)

In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)



taking faith home

THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAIL FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

DO YOU KNOW A COLLEGE STUDENT WHO WOULD ENJOY RECEIVING FUN MAIL FROM US? WE WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE IN THIS NEW CHAPTER OF LIFE.

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 886-2696 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PROVIDE US WITH THEIR MAILING ADDRESS.



Adult Bible Study

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAVIOR: FOLLOWING JESUS THROUGH THE HOLY LAND Study Guide \$10

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Word Alone classroom

Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the Youth Room



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!

ROAD DITCH CLEAN UP

See the September Newsletter or stop by the Welcome Center for more information.

Additional Questions? Contact Al Raeder 553-6791 or Pam Raeder 553-6784

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

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@coorwatertown.org](mailto:megan@coorwatertown.org)



Lift the World Heavenly Harp Concert

Wednesday, September 27, 6:30pm



SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

St. Dysmas



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

Ladies Night Out



SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 13

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER OR CHURCH OFFICE.

"God's Work. Our Hands"

We are collecting items for "Hospice Kits" for Global Health Ministries and helping to replenish the "Undercover Closet" at Church on the Street in Sioux Falls. Watch for drop off bins in the gathering space during September & October.

SEE THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFO



**Sunday September 24**

Stewardship Moment

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan

8:30 a.m. 3 Year Old's Prayer Pillow

Milestone

8:30 a.m. Church School

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

**Monday September 25**

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

2:00 p.m. Communion at Maple Place

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

**Tuesday September 26**

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Craft Night

**Wednesday September 27**

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch

4:45 p.m. Community Meal- Pizza

5:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan

5:30 p.m. Church School

6:30 p.m. Worship (Harp Concert)

7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

7:15 p.m. HS Hang-out in Youth Room

7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday September 28**

10:00 a.m. Book Club

1:00-1:30 p.m. Chair Yoga

2:00 p.m. Communion at Edgewood

3:00 p.m. Communion at Stoneybrook

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

**Friday September 29**

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

**Saturday September 30**

Watertown Handbell Event

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

**Sunday October 1**

Companion Synod Sunday

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan

8:30 a.m. Church School

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship w/ Holy

Communion

**Attendance & Offering**

September 10 Live Stream- 100

Saturday, September 16- 55

Sunday, September 17- 247

Wednesday, September 20- 130

Offering (9/17):

General Fund: \$11,276.95;

Church School: \$32.34;

Debt Reduction: \$100;

Mission of the Month: \$49.65;

Simply Giving Offering (9/11-9/15):

General Fund: \$11,193.50;

Debt Reduction: \$130; Other: \$65;

Mission of the Month: \$80; Other: \$445

**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

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2023  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

*Responding to God's generosity with gratitude.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

**Sunday**      **Matthew 20:1-16**      **Parable of the vineyard workers**

**Monday**      **Jonah 3:10-4:11**      **Jonah goes to Nineveh**

**Tuesday**      **Philippians 1:21-30**      **What life means to Paul**

**Wednesday**      **Psalms 136**      **God's love never fails**

**Thursday**      **Matthew 5:3-12**      **The Beatitudes**

**Friday**      **Acts 20:32-38**      **Paul says goodbye**

**Saturday**      **Psalms 145:1-8**      **The Lord is kind and merciful**

**Sunday**      **Matthew 21:23-32**      **Parable of the two sons**

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*"Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last."* **Matthew 20:15-16 (NRSV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, you are more generous than we can imagine or deserve. Thank you for your love and mercy that has no end through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for this gift of food and all that you give, for you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Amen. (Psalm 145:8)

**A Blessing to Give:**

May you be reminded of God's love and generosity each day.

