



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 22, 2024, 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 words and deeds'.

Call to Worship

Come and worship the God who created us.

We come to sing praises and offer our prayers.

Come and listen to the God who speaks to us still.

In the Scriptures and in the sermon we listen for God to speak to us.

God is faithful and wants to speak words of life to all.

We are here, O God, to listen and to obey.

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.** *(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

“I Will Follow”

Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow Oh oh oh

All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone

Higher than my sight High above my life I will trust in You alone In You alone

(Chorus) Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow You

Whom You love I'll love How You serve I'll serve If this life I lose I will follow (You) Yeah

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Light into the world Light into my life I will live for You alone

You're the One I seek Knowing I will find All I need in You alone In You alone (Chorus)

Yeah I will follow You yeah

In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul

In You there's joy unending joy And I will follow (Chorus)

Yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah

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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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children.**

Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and

understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!” ²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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

Psalm

Psalm 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Second Reading

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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Gospel Acclamation

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand
No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

Sermon

“Belly Button Lint”

Pastor Dan Overbo

Special Music

“Be Thou My Vision” arr. Hal H. Hopson

Handbell Choir
Directed by: Bev Splinter

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

"Here's My Heart"

Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Speak what is true
 'Cause I am found I am Yours I am loved I'm made pure I have life I can breathe I am healed I am free
 Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Speak what is true

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: *De Ann Fyelling- Niece of Deanna & Dan Hickel, Tori Simon, Judy Cordell, Jerry Carlson, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler, Wayne Fish, Kay Suttan-Friend of Pam Luckhurst, Gene & Gloria Fastnacht- Friends of Rod & Doris Knight*

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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"

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song

“Your Grace is Enough”

Great is Your faithfulness O God You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart
(So) remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God
Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me
Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation And all Your people sing along
(So) remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God
Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me
Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me
(So) remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God
Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me
Yeah Your grace is enough Heaven reaches out to us Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough I'm covered in Your love Your grace is enough for me for me

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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

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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Dan Overbo; **Worship Team; Welcome Center:** Gail Helland & Tammy Rohde;

Ushers: Mike & Diane Madsen, Darren Likness, Gary Grewing; **Greeters:** Larry & Joyce Horstmeyer;

Lector: Charlene Loterbauer;

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 – 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Jesus calls us to be a servant to all*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is the greatest
Monday	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Plot to kill Jeremiah
Tuesday	James 3:13–4:3, 7-8a	Wisdom from above
Wednesday	Galatians 5:13-15	The nature of Christian freedom
Thursday	Psalms 31:14-24	A prayer for protection
Friday	2 Timothy 3:10-17	Paul's charge to Timothy
Saturday	Psalms 54	A cry to God for help
Sunday	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He [Jesus] sat down, called the twelve and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."
Mark 9:35 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week: God of power and might, give us wisdom and faith to see that being a servant to others is the path of life and greatness through our Lord Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer: Dear God, we thank you for your loving service that provides for us this gift of food through Jesus Christ, the one who came to be a servant of all. Amen.

A Blessing to Give: May God deliver you from every trouble. (Psalm 54:7)

HYMN OF THE WEEK - *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

WEEKLY MILESTONES - Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

- Who is the most important person you know? Describe what makes that person important.
- How does our general understanding of greatness differ from Jesus' focus on greatness through service?

DEVOTIONS - *Read:* Mark 9:30-37.

In this reading, Jesus' disciples clearly do not understand what Jesus is saying. They are afraid to even question Jesus. They seem clueless and pretty much end up imagining the opposite of what Jesus has been saying. They argued about who was the greatest among them. Jesus had to shake things up a bit to get them on the right track. Instead of greatness and power, Jesus used the example of a defenseless child. He reasoned that if you want to understand his kingdom, you must be like a small, powerless child. Whatever you consider to be the best and the greatest, put that last. Whatever you are tempted to dishonor, honor it for all to see. So, what does a follower of Jesus look like? (A servant of everyone else.) Instead of the greatness of being served, greatness for Jesus is serving. Giving your life's blood for the needs of others will fill them with good things and bless them with the presence of a gracious God. *Discuss:* How has someone served you and how did that make you feel?

Pray: **Almighty God, give us ears to hear and eyes to see the life you want for us as servants that all may know your love through Christ Jesus, the one who died that we may live. Amen.**

SERVICE – Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you be a servant to someone?

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to:
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THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sewing Day

Tuesday, Sept. 24 | 9am - 2pm

We will be working on a variety of sewing projects. Please bring your sewing machine.



PUMPKINS NEEDED FOR HARVEST Fest

We are looking for people to donate small and medium sized pumpkins to be used at Harvest Fest on Wednesday, October 9th. Pumpkins can be brought to the church office until Tuesday, October 8th. Please contact Wendy or Philip at the church with any questions.

HARVEST Fest

FOOD | GAMES | FELLOWSHIP

5:00
7:30
9
OCTOBER

RAIN OR SHINE!

ALL AGES
WELCOME

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Save
THE
Date

NOVEMBER 11

TICKETS ON SALE SEPT. 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | DESSERTS & COFFEE | FELLOWSHIP



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 & 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 MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024.

4TH, 5TH & 6TH GRADERS

Acolyte Reminder

4th, 5th & 6th Graders don't forget to sign up to be a worship acolyte on either Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings. Even if you did not go to the acolyte training, we would love to have you acolyte at worship. Please visit our church website (www.lcoorwatertown.org) and sign up under the serve tab.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Wednesday, September 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 September 28, 29 and October 2.

5TH & 6TH GRADE ROUTE 56

Join us from 6-7:30 p.m. for games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome.

NOW ON THURSDAYS!
THURSDAY, SEPT. 26



LCOOR NEEDS MUSICIANS!

SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM WORSHIP

PRACTICE ONE HOUR PRIOR TO WORSHIP

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM WORSHIP

PRACTICE ONE HOUR PRIOR TO WORSHIP

WE NEED:

- PIANO PLAYERS
- GUITARISTS
- DRUMMERS
- SINGERS

For more information or to sign up, contact Julianne or Megan at (605) 886-2696 or megan@lcoorwatertown.org.

September 22-29

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

Sunday September 22

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Capital Campaign Celebration & Dedication
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Monday September 23

October Newsletter Deadline
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday September 24

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sewing Ministry Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday September 25

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
4:45 p.m. Community Meal
5:15 p.m. New Member Orientation
5:30 p.m. 4 Year Old Keys of Forgiveness & Spark Bible Milestone
5:30 p.m. Church School
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
6:30 p.m. Worship

7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Capital Campaign Celebration & Dedication

Thursday September 26

10:00 a.m. Book Club
10:45 a.m. Preschool Chapel Time
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Miracles of Jesus Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Rt. 56 Youth Group (5-6 Grade)

Friday September 27

Church Office Closes at Noon
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery
2:00-4:00 p.m. Christy Barkley Visitation
4:00 p.m. Christy Barkley Memorial Service
5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Courtney Holt & Tyler Dailey)

Saturday September 28

4:00 p.m. Wedding (Courtney Holt & Tyler Dailey)
5:30 p.m. New Members Received
5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday September 29

8:30 a.m. Church School
8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
9:30 a.m. New Members Received
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal
3:00-6:00 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)

Attendance & Offering

September 8 Live Stream- 66
Saturday, Sept. 14- 45
Sunday, Sept. 15- 292
Wednesday, Sept. 11-281

Offering (9/15):

General Fund: \$9,735.10;
Mission of the Month: \$115.55;
Church School: \$1.13; Other: \$235;
Debt Reduction: \$40

Simply Giving Offering (9/9-9/13):

General Fund: \$5,135.02;
Debt Reduction: \$180; Other: \$50;
Mission of the Month: \$80;

Staff

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