

NOW? NOW!



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | 3rd Sunday after Epiphany | Sunday, January 26, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome (please pass the black welcome pads)

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

Today we remember our mission.

We are making God known through word & deed.

Come to the light that God has sent into our world.

Let light flood our hearts and lives.

The light is meant for all the world.

We receive the light that we might share it with others.

Let us worship the God who has so graciously blessed us.

We praise and adore our God of light.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness.**

Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."

In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

Opening Song

"I Will Follow"

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. **Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹ All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

Psalm

Psalm 19

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

² **One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³ Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶ **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷ The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸ **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² **Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

Sermon

“Now? Now!”

Jack Holmquest

Hymn of the Day

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

#843

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

“More Precious than Silver”

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *Joyce Kraii, Michael Blais, Carol Maycroft- Sister of Caryn Isaacson, Lisa Ulrich, Marilyn Schimmel, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Gregg) DeSpiegler, Aiden Smith- Grandson of Leanne Johnson*

Death: *Don Linneman- Father of Doug (Nancy) Linneman*

Prayer Song

“More Precious than Silver”

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:*

LCOOR Youth Mission Trips



Offertory Response

“Create In Me a Clean Heart”

#185

Offering Prayer

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **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 Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

Sending Song

“All the People Said Amen”

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

Preaching: Jack Holmquest; **Worship Team;** **Greeters:** Lowell & Jeanne Zander; **Ushers:** Darren Likness & Gary Grewing; **Lector:** Gary Grewing; **Coffee Servers:** Scott & Michelle Leitheiser; **Welcome Center:** Tammy Rohde;

**Reminder: Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Sunday, January 26 at 10:30 a.m.**

*Copies of Taking Faith Home are available in the Gathering Space.



THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE CONGREGATION
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 | 10:30AM

ENROLLING NOW

2025-26 PRE-KINDERGARTEN
SCHOOL YEAR Monday-Thursday

Our preschool offers a Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 Pre-Kindergarten (4/5 year old) program, which is open to anyone not just church members. You can find an enrollment form at the Welcome Center, the Preschool classroom, or on our website at lcoorwatertown.org.

*Must be 4 by September 1, 2025. Open to the public.

Meals on Wheels Coordinator Needed at LCOOR

Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community? LCOOR is looking for a volunteer coordinator to organize drivers from our congregation for Meals on Wheels. For more information, please contact Twila at 605-886-2696.

CAN YOU HELP?

Sewing Ministry

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 | 9-2

We will be working on a variety of projects. Please bring your sewing machine. Non-sewers are welcome to help iron & assemble kits.



LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF

We are collecting baby care kits in January.

Instructions can be found at the Welcome Center or church office.

JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

LCOOR Youth Mission Trips

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



SERVE
BOLDLY

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Wednesday, February 19 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 February 22, 23 & 26.

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!



LET'S GET SOCIAL

DO YOU FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK?

Join our active Facebook community to receive frequent updates on church happenings and good news!

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Calendar: January 26-February 5

Sunday January 26

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Monday January 27

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

Tuesday January 28

9:00-2:00 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
5:30 p.m. Youth & Family Committee Meeting

Wednesday January 29

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
5:30 p.m. Church School
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:15 p.m. Bible Talk (9-12 Grade)
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday January 30

10:45 a.m. Preschool Chapel
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday January 31

Church Office Closes at Noon
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery

Saturday February 1

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal

Sunday February 2

8:30 a.m. Church School
8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Monday February 3

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

Tuesday February 4

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. Quilting Bible Study

Wednesday February 5

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
4:45 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Church School
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
7:15 p.m. Bible Talk (9-12 Grade)
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Attendance & Offering

January 12 Live Stream- 124
Saturday, January 18- 45
Sunday, January 19- 178
Wednesday, January 15- 110

Offering (1/13-1/19):

General Fund: \$18,003;
Mission of the Month: \$47.57;
Other: \$20; Church School: \$33.98;

Simply Giving Offering (1/13-1/17):

General Fund: \$11,047.70;
Debt Reduction: \$300;
Mission of the Month: \$140;
Other: \$165;

Staff

Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

Associate Pastor

Laura Overbo

Welcoming & Caring Ministries

Twila Schmitt

Business Manager

Jodi Spilde

Business Administrative Assistant

Megan Thyen

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Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher
Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional & Faith Formation Assistant

Sound & Technology

Zach Stanton

Custodian

Roman Gainor