



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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4th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 16, 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 (based on the Psalm 92 text for the day)

It is a good and beautiful thing when we give praise to God.

From sun-up to sundown, and even all through the night, we will sing of your faithfulness.

We'll use every instrument and all the notes in the musical scale.

We'll sing melodies and harmonies and pound out great rhythms in praise of our God.

We will be like a seed planted in the courtyard of God that grows into a towering tree that yields fruit.

We'll live in God's presence forever and give witness to the great acts of God who is Three-in-One:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Confession and Forgiveness

You take a seed, place it in the soil, and sometimes, by God's grace, it grows. Our faith is much like this ancient agricultural practice. The seed of God's Word, planted in good soil, grows into faith in full bloom and bears fruit in God's Kingdom. God, we admit before you and one another that we are bound in sin and we cannot break free on our own.

As in your parables of the lost coin and the lost sheep, you are the One who seeks us and finds us. You are the One who welcomes us home after we've run away and squandered your treasure. Forgive us.

You are the One who finds us by the side of the road, and binds up our wounds, and cares for us.

You are the One who grows faith in the good soil of open hearts. Make us like a lamp on a stand for the whole city to see. Make us like hidden treasure and the pearl of great price. Make us like the wise builders who chose rock instead of sand for their foundation. We belong to you. You have named us and claimed us as your own. You forgive us. We give you our thanks and praise. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"O Bread of Life from Heaven"

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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. **God who grows faith in us, help us to clearly hear your good news, and then allow it to engage our hearts and minds. Grow curiosity and wonder in us about the intersection of the Kingdom and our everyday life. Allow the seed of your Word to invite us into daily relationship and conversation with you. Amen.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

Psalm

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²**to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Sermon

"Sowing and Growing"

Pastor Overbo

Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

#512

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.

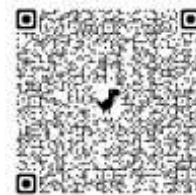
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: *De Ann Fylling- Niece of Deanna & Dan Hickel, Tori Simon, Alan Schultz, Beth Garnos, Ric Holmquest- Brother of Jack Holmquest, Kevin Stark- Brother of Carol (Ron) Bergan, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler
Linda Lindgren- Friend of the congregation, Dan Schutte, Judi Glembin*

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:
Campus Ministry (LuMin)*



Offertory Response

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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Offering Prayer

God of every blessing, **we are thankful for your calling on our lives to make a difference in this world. May these gifts, given in thankfulness, be put to work to bring mercy and grace to those lives they will touch. We offer them to you in gratefulness for the privilege we share in being your church in this place, at this time in history. Amen.**

Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Post Communion Prayer

In this sacrament, God renews, restores, and reconciles us as the body of Christ, and sends us out in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news of the risen Christ. **Amen!**

Announcements

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

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Call to Service

Now go and live your life at the intersection of the Kingdom of God and everyday life.

Go in peace and 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: Pastor Overbo; **Piano:** Wyatt Kruger; **Lector:** Marian Neshiem;

Communion Assistants: Barb Lounsbrough; **Ushers:** Darren Likness;

THE WEEKLY WORD- ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAGIC NEEDLERS QUILT GUILD
COMMUNITY SEW DAY
 AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER



JUNE 22
9AM-3PM

NEW AND EXPERIENCED SEWERS WELCOME. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

YOU'RE INVITED!

Don & Janet Seim's 60th wedding anniversary and Janet's 80th birthday open house.

SATURDAY, JULY 6 | 2-5PM
 LIFESONG EVENT SPACE
 405 16TH AVE NE

RSVP TO JULIE AT:
 qwye1gal@yahoo.com or 209.597.8128

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

Cereal



As you go grocery shopping, please consider picking up a couple extras to donate. Drop these items off at LCOOR and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH

Campus Ministry (LuMin)

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

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!



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 meganelcoorwatertown.org

1ST - 4TH GRADE JUNCTION

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

Friends are always welcome!



1st-4th Grade

SUMMER DATES: JUNE 17, JULY 15, AUGUST 5

5TH & 6TH GRADE ROUTE 56

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



SUMMER DATES: JUNE 17, JULY 22, AUGUST 12

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We are collecting personal care kits in June.

Instructions can be found at the Welcome Center.



ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Our Wednesday and Sunday Church School Offering brought in \$1430! We were able to purchase 2 Family Farms!

Each Family Farm - cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training can create a world of opportunity for a family living in poverty. With eggs, milk and meat to eat and sell, and tools and training to increase the harvest, this gift can make all the difference.



GOOD NEWS!

June 16-23

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

Sunday June 16

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Monday June 17

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

1:15 p.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting

6:00 p.m. Junction & Rt. 56 Youth Group

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday June 18

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday June 19

Church Office Closed

6:00 p.m. Fishing League

Thursday June 20

9:00 a.m. Quilting

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday June 21

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

9:00 a.m. Quilting

Saturday June 22

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Community Sewing Day

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday June 23

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship



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Attendance & Offering

June 2 Live Stream- 94

Saturday, June 8- 46

Sunday, June 9 (9:00)- 243

Sunday, June 9 (9:30) - 90

Offering (6/9):

General Fund: \$6,541;

Debt Reduction: \$5;

Mission of the Month: \$45.59;

Simply Giving Offering (6/3-6/7):

General Fund: \$9,842.04;

Debt Reduction: \$158;

Other: \$196.65;

Mission of the Month: \$84.78;

Staff

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JUNE 16, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We walk by faith, not by sight.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 4:26-34	Parables of Jesus
Monday	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Israel to return from exile
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	The ministry of reconciliation
Wednesday	Hebrews 11:1-3	The meaning of faith
Thursday	Romans 14:1-12	Do not judge another
Friday	1 Peter 1:3-9	A living hope
Saturday	Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15	Song for the sabbath day
Sunday	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms the waters

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:6-7 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Creator God, in the midst of things we cannot understand or accept, give us confidence that your goodness and mercy will triumph through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you bring a harvest full of good things; we thank you for this food and all that you do to guide our lives through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the power and wisdom of God be your strength.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

We Walk by Faith



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:

- What is something that is happening in your life or world that seems hard to understand?
- What is your understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 4:26-34.

The Gospel of Mark was written around 70 A.D. during a very chaotic period of history in Jerusalem and in the surrounding Jewish lands. Roman soldiers were everywhere and the holy temple, with all its hope and promise for the people, was doomed to destruction. The earliest followers of Jesus were unsure how to be disciples, who was to be included in the community of faith, and how to address Gentiles and ruling powers alike. Mark writes about the kingdom of God that grows like a seed sown by a farmer. The seed grows one stage at a time even while the farmer sleeps. The farmer who planted the seeds is not sure how it is all happening just as the disciples are unsure about growing God's kingdom. Nothing stops the growing seed and nothing stops the kingdom of God. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:7 that "[W]e walk by faith, not by sight". We are part of a kingdom whose standards and powers are not fully understood. Especially when things are confusing, we trust God's work, God's promises, and God's judgments. Faith trusts that God is in control.

Discuss: When you experience confusing times in your life, does faith in God give you confidence?

Pray: **God of the harvest, we thank you for the work of your kingdom that brings hope where there is pain, and confidence where there is uncertainty, through Christ our Lord. 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 help someone who is struggling with a decision?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



This Sunday is Father's Day. It is an opportunity to honor all men who have cared for you and others as well. Take time to talk about, give thanks, and reach out to the men who have parented and cared for you.

Pray: **Dear God, we thank you for fathers and all men who care for us. We especially give thanks for [name/s of men] who have been a blessing to our lives. Amen.**

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

www.milestonesministry.org



Welcome to the Garden



New to LCCOR - the LCCOR garden & produce stand!
If you haven't yet, we encourage everyone to stop by our garden space and take a peek! Located on the west side of the church, behind the garage. Our produce stand is located in the Gathering Space, near the Welcome Center. We'd love for you to drop off any extra produce you may have or take any produce from the stand that you may need.



LCCOR garden & produce stand

