



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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15th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 1, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” (arr. Wood & Young)

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 Noah story found in Genesis 6-9.)

God is troubled and saddened that the people of earth have turned away and forgotten how to live as God's people. Except for one person: Noah.

God promises the future of all humanity to Noah, and tells him to build a big boat to carry the start of a new creation. Noah does what God tells him to do.

At 600 years of age, Noah and his family, and two of every kind of living being, enter the ark.

It rains for 40 days and 40 nights, and Noah's family and every living thing spend 150 days together in the ark.

As the waters recede, the ark comes to rest on top of a high mountain, and Noah's family and every living creature again inhabit the earth.

And God paints a rainbow in the sky as a visible promise that there will never be another flood. We can trust this promise that comes from our God who is Three in One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 Hymn

“Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him”

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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, remind us each day that we can trust you and rest in your promises. Throughout all of human history, you have shown us that you are faithful. You are our safe place; a shelter from the storm. You provided for us and you will provide for us in the future. By faith, Noah followed you into the ark, and by faith we follow you in and through this faith community. Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

Psalm

Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of

the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” ¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. ²¹“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

Sermon

“Building an Ark”

Pastor Overbo

Hymn of the Day

“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art”

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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/III: *De Ann Fylling- Niece of Deanna & Dan Hickel, Tori Simon, Wayne Fish, Judy Cordell, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler,*

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

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray. **God, we are thankful for your daily provision of all that we need and the opportunity to share what we have with others who may have needs much like our own. May these offerings become a blessing and a visible sign of your goodness and mercy. We are your grateful, joy-filled people who share this mission and ministry together in Jesus' name. 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.

Communion Hymn

“Lamb of God”

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Distribution

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

Altar Flowers are given in honor of Don & Kathy Scharn 70th Wedding Anniversary.

Blessing

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

Call to Service

Go and rest in the rainbow promises of God. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Postlude

Psalm XIX: The Heavens Declare (Marcello)

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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Organist:** AJ Sherrill; **Ushers:** Kevin Luoma; **Lector:** Kevin Luoma;

Communion Assistants: Amanda Kienow & Steven Ays, Barb Lounsborough;

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The faithful heart is filled with compassion.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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| Sunday | Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 | Authentic faith |
| Monday | Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 | God commands obedience |
| Tuesday | James 1:17-27 | Hearing and doing the word |
| Wednesday | Exodus 20:1-17 | The Ten Commandments |
| Thursday | Psalm 103:1-14 | Thanksgiving for God's goodness |
| Friday | Colossians 3:12-17 | New life in Christ |
| Saturday | Psalm 15 | Who shall abide with God |
| Sunday | Mark 7:24-37 | Jesus heals the Gentiles |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. James 1:27 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING**A Prayer for the Week:**

Compassionate God, thank you for your commandments that not only show our misdeeds but also point us to the love of our neighbor through Jesus, the one who points us to you. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this meal, for your commandments, and for the ways you care for us that we may live lives full of compassion. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's love for you give you a caring heart.

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK 

When the Poor Ones



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 guidelines do you follow to live a good and healthy life?
- How are God's commandments a gift to us?

DEVOTIONS 

Read: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

In this reading, the Pharisees and scribes, who obey teachings of their ancestors, question the purity of the disciples. It is easy in our religious zeal to condemn certain conduct, like eating with unwashed hands, that misses the heart of the faith. This was true of Pharisees and scribes in the first century and followers of Jesus in the twenty-first century. What truly separates us from God's will is not our maintaining a superior cleanliness but not harming others with our conduct. The intent of God's commandments seeks to promote and protect life for individuals and for entire communities. Jesus mentions a number of sins, actions that destroy human relationships, like theft, murder, pride, deceit, and more, the kinds of actions condemned by the commandments of God. Jesus says, *"it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come"* (v. 21). It's the evil heart, destructive human intentions, that are so harmful to us and those around us. Following Jesus is about being freed from our own sins to care for others as God wills us to do.

Discuss: How do God's commandments protect you and others?

Pray: **Righteous God, thank you for leading us to acts of love and mercy through Jesus, the one who came that we may be freed from all that separates us from you. 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 show kindness and mercy to others this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS 

In James 1:17-27, we are told to *"be doers of the word"* (v. 22). Christian spirituality involves a life of action, a life of service. Take a moment to think or talk about what this means to you. Open your Bible to this reading. Highlight or underline words that describe ways to be a doer of God's word.

Pray: **Lord God, help me to be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, and a doer, not merely a hearer of your word. In Jesus' name, amen.**

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

70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join Don & Kathy Scharn in celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 | 1-4PM
THE ELKS LODGE



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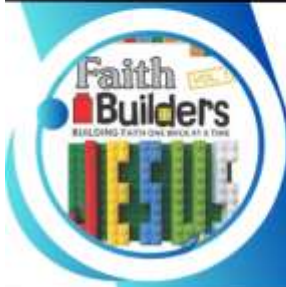
CONFIRMATION

Scan the QR codes to register your child for church school or confirmation.

Church School & Confirmation begins on Sunday, Sept. 8th & Wednesday, Sept. 11th

FAITH FOR THOUGHT LEGO STYLE

Join Pastor Dan after 9:30 a.m. worship on **Sunday, September 8** for an all ages activity. You will have the opportunity to construct Lego's and discuss a story from the Bible.



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!



TEACHERS NEEDED

- WEDNESDAY CHURCH SCHOOL
- SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL

Talk to Phil or Wendy for more information.

"God's Work. Our Hands."

AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Two projects will take place after worship. Cleaning headstones at Mt. Hope with Pastor Dan and assembling newborn kits at LCOOR with Pastor Laura.

SEE THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFO

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

NOW ON THURSDAYS! THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

Luther League 7-12 Grade

For the month of September we will get together on Sunday, September 15 (TBA) and on Sunday, September 29 from 3-6 pm.

LCOOR NEEDS MUSICIANS!

WE NEED:

- PIANO PLAYERS
- GUITARISTS
- DRUMMERS
- SINGERS

SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM WORSHIP
PRACTICE ONE HOUR PRIOR TO WORSHIP

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM WORSHIP
PRACTICE ONE HOUR PRIOR TO WORSHIP

For more information or to sign up, contact
Julianne or Megan at (605) 886-2696 or
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September 1-8

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

Sunday September 1

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park with Holy Communion (Last Lake Worship)
9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Monday September 2

Church Office Closed
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday September 3

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
2:00-8:30 p.m. Church Directory Photos

Wednesday September 4

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
2:00-8:30 p.m. Church Directory Photos
5:30 p.m. Church School Teacher Meeting
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting
7:00 p.m. Handbell Info & Polishing Meeting

Thursday September 5

9:00 a.m. Quilting
2:00-8:30 p.m. Church Directory Photos
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
5:15 p.m. Mission & Endowment Committee Meeting

Friday September 6

Church Office Closes at Noon
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday September 7

2:00 p.m. Wedding (Robin Howell & Zach Holler)
5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal

Sunday September 8

8:30 a.m. 7th & 8th Grade Lutheran Study
Bible Milestone

8:30 a.m. Back to School Student Blessing
8:30 a.m. Church School
8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
9:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. 7th & 8th Grade Lutheran Study
Bible Milestone Worship Recognition
9:30 a.m. Teacher Installation
10:30 a.m. Faith For Thought- Lego Style

Attendance & Offering

August 18 Live Stream- N/A
Saturday, August 24- 64
Sunday, August 25 (9:00)- 164
Sunday, August 25 (9:30)- 78

Offering (8/25):

General Fund: \$8,309;
Mission of the Month: \$165.33;
Garden Produce/Corn: \$200.25;
Other: \$35;

Simply Giving Offering (8/19-8/23):

General Fund: \$4,397.72;
Debt Reduction: \$180;
Mission of the Month: \$130;

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