



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | 25th Sunday after Pentecost | Sunday, November 10, 2024, 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

We come here today on this day because God INcluded us and is worthy of our praise and adoration and we are INvested in Him.

I'm IN. We worship today because we are grateful for all God has done for us.

We come here to sing, pray, confess, listen, and give because we are INvested.

I'm IN. We come here to share our faith with each other.

We are here to worship God and are INvested wholeheartedly expecting nothing in return.

I'm IN. Let us rejoice in what God will do in us because God is gracious.

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)*

We confess to you, our good Shepherd, and before one another that we have sinned. We are drawn away by the sights and sounds around us. When you call us to follow, we prefer to stay where we are. Forgive us and bring us once more into your fold and teach us to trust you and follow you as we are INvested to treat one another with kindness and compassion. Amen.

The Good Shepherd never deserts the flock. He desires to bring us to a land of good pasture and abundant water. He desires to fulfill all the deepest needs of our souls. God forgives us and calls us to follow our shepherd with faithfulness and joy. Amen.

Opening Song

"10,000 Reasons"

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, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

First Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.” ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

Psalm

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

Gospel Acclamation

“God, You’re So Good”

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸As Jesus was teaching, he said: Guard against the teachers of the Law of Moses! They love to walk around in long robes and be greeted in the market. ³⁹They like the front seats in the synagogues and the best seats at banquets. ⁴⁰But they cheat widows out of their homes and pray long prayers just to show off. They will be punished most of all. ⁴¹Jesus was sitting in the temple near the offering box and watching people put in their gifts. He noticed that many rich people were giving a lot of money. ⁴²Finally, a poor widow came up and put in two coins worth only a few pennies. ⁴³Jesus told his disciples to gather around him. Then he said: I tell you that this poor widow has put in more than all the others. ⁴⁴Everyone else gave what they didn't need. But she is very poor and gave everything she had. Now she doesn't have a cent to live on.

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

Hymn of the Day

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

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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.

Prayer Song

"Holy Spirit"

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: DeAnn Fylling- Niece of Deanna & Dan Hickel, Arlyn Adolphsen, Sandy Sheehan, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler, Gene & Gloria Fastnacht- Friends of Rod & Doris Knight, Christy Buresh- Niece of Bernie (Kevin) Luoma, David Norgaard- Father of Heidi (Lance) Hochstetter

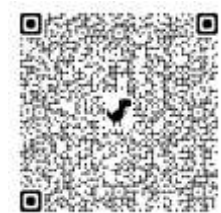
Deaths: Kay Suttan

Prayer Song

"Holy Spirit"

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:
Fallout Shelter Ministries & Salvation Army "One Roof Program"



Offertory Response

"Give Thanks"

Offering Prayer

Thank you, God, for our church. We thank you for the doors that were once opened to us, INViting all INlove into this holy space as we are INcluded and INvested here. We thank you for the fellowship of believers we encounter each time we come to worship. We pray that you would take the gifts we bring today and use them to keep the doors of our church always open. Enable these gifts as we INvest in all people who walk or drive by each day. Use our offerings to extend Christ's all-encompassing love to all people, bringing more and more people to you. **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

May God go before us to show us the way, behind us to encourage us, above us to watch over us, below us to lift us up, and within us, so others might always see the light of Christ shining through our lives as we are INvested in one another while we experience and hear the Gospel. **Amen.**

Sending Song

“Jesus Messiah”

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: Pastor Laura Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Sound & Projection:** Zach Stanton & Pete Juba; **Lector:** Kevin Luoma;

Ushers: Kevin Luoma & Curt Friedrichsen; **Coffee Servers:** Bernie & Kevin Luoma; **Welcome Center:** Pam Luckhurst;



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THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCOOR PRESCHOOL Advent Calendar Fundraiser



Advent Tour of *Nativities*

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

November 29 - December 2 | 1-5PM

Featuring Nativities from LCOOR Members

THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATION OFFERING

We will be accepting donations of canned goods, boxed stuffing and potatoes during the following Worship Services:

Wednesday, November 20
Saturday, November 23
Sunday, November 24



FAMILY CHRISTMAS BINGO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 6-7:30 PM

PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED:

- Prizes for children, families and older individuals
- Prizes do not need to be extravagant or expensive
- Donations can be dropped off in the church office until Thursday, December 12th

Along with playing Christmas Bingo we will have children's crafts and snacks available. The Family Christmas Bingo is for **all ages**, because we all belong to the LCOOR family!

LAST CHANCE: SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO FOR THE DIRECTORY NOW!

You can submit a photo, free of charge. If you submit a photo the cost to purchase a directory is \$15.

Email your photo to meganelcoorwatertown.org or bring your photo into the church office by **November 10**. If sending your photo via email, please include the names you wish to appear in the directory, your mailing address, and email address.



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Wednesday, December 4 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 December 7, 8 & 11.

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!



Luther League 7-12 Grade

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Please keep a look out for a "Remind" text for dates and times that we gather. For the month of November we will get together on Sunday, November 17th.

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

Canned Soup

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. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



NOVEMBER MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

Fallout Shelter Ministries & Salvation Army "One Roof Program"

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



Calendar: November 10-20

Sunday November 10

9:00-11:00 a.m. Book Signing - *The Gift* with Dave Nerdig & Linda Schoepp
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Monday November 11

Church Office Closed - Veteran's Day
No Preschool - Veteran's Day
2:00 p.m. Martha Circle
6:00-9:00 p.m. Ladies Night Out
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday November 12

11:00 a.m. Text Study
5:15 p.m. tHis Love Quilting Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday November 13

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
4:45 p.m. Community Meal - Tacos
5:30 p.m. Church School
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Book Signing - *The Gift* with Dave Nerdig & Linda Schoepp
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday November 14

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. 'Follow' Bible Study with Pastor Dan

Friday November 15

Church Office Closes at Noon
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:00 a.m. Quilting

Saturday November 16

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday November 17

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 November 18

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

Tuesday November 19

9:00-2:00 p.m. Sewing Ministry Group
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
5:15 p.m. tHis Love Quilting Bible Study

Wednesday November 20

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
4:45 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. 1st Grade Christmas Story Milestone
5:30 p.m. Church School
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Attendance & Offering

October 27 Live Stream- 142
Saturday, November 2- 120
Sunday, November 3- 335
Wednesday, October 30- 282

Offering (10/30-11/3):

General Fund: \$9,566;
Church School: \$23.31;
Mission of the Month: \$134.27;
Debt Reduction: \$35;
Other: \$24;

Simply Giving Offering (10/28-11/1):

General Fund: \$10,329.81;
Debt Reduction: \$183;
Mission of the Month: \$80;
Other: \$147;

Staff

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NOVEMBER 10, 2024

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The mercy of God reaches out in unexpected ways.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering
Monday	1 Kings 17:8-16	Elijah helps a widow
Tuesday	Hebrews 9:24-28	Christ's great sacrifice
Wednesday	Luke 6:32-36	Love for enemies
Thursday	Deuteronomy 4:25-31	The Lord is merciful
Friday	Joel 2:12-14	Return to the Lord
Saturday	Psalms 146	Praise for God's help
Sunday	Mark 13:1-8	The signs of the end of the age

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Go [God says to Elijah] now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you."

1 Kings 17:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, your ways are not our ways; help us to be open to your surprising grace that reaches out to all through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, to you who made heaven and earth and give justice to those who are burdened, we give thanks for the gift of this food. In Jesus' name, amen. (Psalm 146:6-7)

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with mercy to share with others.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK 

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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 have you learned from someone who is from another country?
- Think or tell about someone you know from another faith tradition.

DEVOTIONS 

Read: 1 Kings 17:8-16.

This story from the Old Testament is surprising. How can a man of God go to a poor, non-Hebrew widow, who is economically, religiously, and socially “marginalized”, and ask for help? To get to the heart of this message, understanding the background is helpful. King Ahab of Israel had married the foreign princess Jezebel from Sidon. She brought her Baal worship to Israel and tried to put an end to the worship of the God of Israel. As a result, there was fear of—and a distancing from—foreigners in portions of the Old Testament. The widow, like Jezebel, is from Sidon. Despite that, God directs Elijah to receive the aid of a woman, who is widowed, who is poor to the point of death, and who is a Baal worshiper. Elijah is fed and the widow receives miraculous assistance. This passage is a reminder that the grace and mercy of God is for all. We are to pray and look for that grace in unexpected places and for people who seem to be the furthest from God’s reign.

Discuss: How has someone from another faith tradition helped you understand your own faith better?

Pray: **Merciful God, just as you served Elijah through the work of a foreign widow, help us to be open to how you extend your grace and mercy through those unlike us. In Jesus’ name, 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 care for someone who seems ignored by others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS 

Generosity is giving to others freely and abundantly. Mark 12:38-44 is the story of a widow who gave two small coins, all that she had to live on, as an offering. In the same way that the widow gave to the Lord, we also should give. Money isn’t all that we can give. Generosity is the giving of time, talent, and treasure. Write a list of ways you can show generosity to others. Take a moment to talk about or reflect on your list.

Pray: **Dear God, as you have been generous and kind to me, help me to be generous and kind to others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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