



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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13th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 18, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (arr. Hopson & Keller)

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 Jonah 3-4 text for today.)

God comes to Jonah a second time and says, "Get up on your feet and go to Nineveh and preach to them. They need to hear what I have to say."

God gives Jonah one simple message to share. "In 40 days, Nineveh will be overthrown."

The people not only listen to Jonah but declare a city-wide fast. Everyone and everything dresses in burlap as an outward sign of their repentance.

Even the king dresses in burlap and declares that everyone must turn around, turn back from living in evil ways, in the hope that God's mind will be changed.

God's mind is changed, and the city is spared.

Jonah is furious and yells at God, because once again God's plan for punishment turns into a plan for forgiveness, love and mercy. We worship our God who is Three in One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Throughout the scriptures, there's a common theme for God's people. All is well, and then they decide to go their own way and do their own thing. They fall away from God and begin to live in evil ways. In our Jonah story, this describes the city of Nineveh. In our own story, this describes us. God...

we confess that we have turned away from you and decided to live as if we can be in control of our lives and our future. Forgive us. The paths we have chosen lead to death and destruction. Sin has us in its grip and it won't let go. Forgive our sin.

Opening Hymn

"All Are Welcome"

#641 vs. 1, 3, 5

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 of love, we are grateful that you give us many opportunities in our life to choose the right thing and say what you would have us say. Help us to learn from Jonah how a clear message proclaimed at exactly the right time can have a profound and transforming effect in our world. Give us obedient hearts that listen for your voice and respond to your call every day. Amen.**

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5,3:10,4:1-5

¹The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. ¹But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

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

Psalm

Psalm 34:9-14

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood

abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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

Sermon

“Swallowing Jonah”

Pastor Overbo

Hymn of the Day

“Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word”

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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.

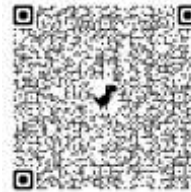
Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: *De Ann Fylling- Niece of Deanna & Dan Hickel, Tori Simon, Willy Selzler, Mara Lukonen, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler, Wayne Fish*

Death: *Christy Barkley, daughter of Linda Barkley, sister of Cathy (Chris) Bartelt, niece of Cathy (Bill) Zubke*

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:
Watertown Sandwich Ministry*



Offertory Response

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray. **Loving God, accept and bless these gifts that come from what you have first given to us. You are the giver of every good and perfect gift, and we offer all that we have and all that we will become to be used in your Kingdom's work. Fill our hearts with greater joy for the ministry and mission we share together in this church and the churches around the world. 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

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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Call to Service

Go and trust that God is faithful even when we are not.

Go with God's blessing to love God and one another. 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

Prelude in Classic Style (Young)

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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Organist:** AJ Sherrill; **Sound & Projection:** Pete Juba & Kent Anderson;

Lector: Linda Koch

AUGUST 18, 2024

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus came to give us eternal life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 6:51-58	Christ, the true food and drink
Monday	Proverbs 9:1-6	Wisdom's feast
Tuesday	Ephesians 5:15-20	Be filled with the Holy Spirit
Wednesday	Matthew 26:26-30	The Lord's Supper
Thursday	Exodus 16:27-36	Bread from heaven
Friday	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	The Lord's Supper
Saturday	Psalm 34:9-14	God teaches the fear of the Lord
Sunday	John 6:56-69	Many disciples desert Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day." **John 6:54 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Eternal God, give us wisdom to receive Jesus, the one who comes as the bread of life to fill us with life and love and hope. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this meal; let it remind us of Jesus, the bread of life, who has come into our lives to give us joy that knows no end. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be filled with the joy of Jesus dwelling in you.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

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:

- Tell about or reflect on a special meal you had with others. What made that meal special?
- If Jesus was your guest at a meal, what would you ask him?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Proverbs 9:1-6 and John 6:51-58.

In Proverbs 9, we are invited to enjoy a feast that offers not only food and drink but the pleasure of walking in the ways of God, *“the way of insight”* (v. 6). In John 6, Jesus invites people to feast on the wisdom of God embodied in him, *“the Word made flesh”* (John 1:14). Jesus’ words have an obvious connection to the Lord’s Supper, the last meal with his disciples before his death. Instead of retelling the story of the last supper as is done in Luke, Matthew, and 1 Corinthians, this reading in John 6 gives us the meaning of the Lord’s Supper. As we feast on Jesus, the bread of life, we live a life that dwells in his presence. We abide in him and he in us. The life God intends for us is eternal life. It is a life that knows no end. When we partake of the Lord’s Supper, we receive a way of life filled with divine wisdom, goodness, and mercy. It is what Jesus came to give us.

Discuss: What does the Lord’s Supper mean to you?

Pray: **Living God, we thank you for Jesus, the bread of life, who gives us the meal that grants us eternal life through your divine wisdom, goodness, and mercy. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, plan a meal for others to enjoy, especially those in need of encouragement.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The texts this week focus on living wisely and enjoying life that is experienced in the presence of God. In Proverbs 9:6, wisdom is described as walking *“in the way of insight.”* Go for a walk and pay attention to what you can notice through your senses. What do you smell, see, hear, touch, and even taste that fill the space you are in? How does awareness of your senses and what you have experienced enrich your life today as a gift of our gracious God?

Pray: **Creator God, for all that you give to us, help us to be aware and thankful. In Jesus’ name, amen.**

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

www.milestonesministry.org



THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW DIRECTORY!

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES:

August 28-30 | 2:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

August 31 | 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

September 3-5 | 2:00 p.m. - 8:50 p.m.

Schedule your photography appointment online by scanning the QR code or go to www.ucdir.com

Sign up deadline is **Sunday, August 18.**



Church Code: sd135
Password: photos

CHURCH SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!



CHURCH SCHOOL



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**

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!



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.

DELIVER A CARING CASSEROLE

KNOW SOMEONE WHO JUST GOT HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL? A FAMILY WHO RECENTLY HAD A BABY? A FREEZER FILLED WITH CASSEROLES IS LOCATED IN TWILA'S OFFICE. PLEASE STOP BY AND PICK UP ONE (OR TWO) AND SHARE IN THIS CARING MINISTRY.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We are collecting school kits in August.

Instructions & school bags can be found at the Welcome Center or lake worship info table.



AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH

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



NEW BABY VISITS

Contact the church office at (605) 886-2696 to schedule a baby visit, receive baptism information and a care package.



August 18-25

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

Sunday August 18

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

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

Monday August 19

September Newsletter Deadline

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday August 20

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday August 21

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Thursday August 22

10:00 a.m. Book Club

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday August 23

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday August 24

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday August 25

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship



Attendance & Offering

August 4 Live Stream- 66
Saturday, August 10- 46
Sunday, August 11 (9:00)- 172
Sunday, August 11 (9:30)- 72

Offering (8/11):

General Fund: \$6,803;
Mission of the Month: \$267.99;

Simply Giving Offering (8/5-8/11):

General Fund: \$4,444.40;
Debt Reduction: \$155;
Other: \$164.26;
Mission of the Month: \$34.78;

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