

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

**“O God, you are our God. ... Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you”
(Psalm 63:1, 3, ESV). Let us worship God.**

Welcome pads are at the end of each pew; please sign your name and pass it along.

Sunday, March 24, 2019, 8:30am

Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Mission Opportunities and Sharing of the Peace

Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new. **Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God’s promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God at the margins, **We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of ✠ Christ, leading you from death into life. **Amen.**

Opening Song

“More Than Conquerors”

When my hope and strength is gone You're the One who calls me on

You are the life You are the fight that's in my soul

Oh Your resurrection pow'r Burns like fire in my heart

When waters rise I lift my eyes up to Your throne

(Chorus) We are more than conquerors through Christ You have overcome this world this life

We will not bow to sin or to shame We are defiant in Your name

You are the fire that cannot be tamed You are the power in our veins

Our Lord our God our conqueror

I will sing into the night Christ is risen and on high

Greater is He Living in me than in the world

No surrender no retreat We are free and we're redeemed

We will declare Over despair You are the hope *(Chorus)*

Nothing is impossible Ev'ry chain is breakable With You we are victorious

You are stronger than our hearts You are greater than the dark With You we are victorious *(Chorus)*

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song of Praise

“Child of the Water”

(Chorus) You’re a child of the water, child of the word,
Guided by promise and stories you’ve heard.
God of the wounded knows you by name
And carries you home ev’ry day.

From the first breath to the last step, all of the dance;
Down deep in your laughter, whatever your fears try to remember *(Chorus)*

Life is a gift Time carries on And you will grow
Amidst your believing And throughout your doubt Something is sure *(Chorus)*

We journey together As children of God Sealed by the cross *(Chorus 2x)*

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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Emersyn Jayne Lambert, infant daughter of Chad & Lacey Lambert

Sponsors: Mark & Kayla Ulmer

Special Music

“This Is My Word” by Pepper Choplin Praise & Rejoice Choir
Accompanied by Mary Wika
Laura Wilsey, Guest Director

Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm

Psalm 63:1-8

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

⁴**So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸**My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

Children's Church

in the Chapel with Tammy DeLange

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

I Don't Know

Pastor Kent Stillson

Song

“Speak O Lord”

Speak O Lord as we come to You To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory

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Offering

Prayer Song

“Giver of the Heartbeat”

(Chorus) Giver of the heartbeat, Lover of the unclean,

Singer of freedom for the wounded You're the song of all life.

We come blessed by your hand, tied to the pulse of the land.

for all the breath of creation we give thanks to you. *(Chorus)*

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/III: Diane Hane, Kerry Jorgenson, Carter Hansen, Kyleigh Hansen,

Starr Cole, Drake Rounds, Carmen Bakken, Eric Meyer,

Stan Peterson, Kathy Hibbert, Christine Walraven,

Avis Jepson, *sister of Jeanie Ochsendorf and aunt of Janelle (Toby) Wishard*

Sheila Bretschneider, *daughter of Russ & Joan Porath*

Brent Ireland, *nephew of Phyllis Bowersox*

Nancy Hauck, *mother of Jesse (Rachel) Hauck and Rachele (Brandon) Johnson*

Josh Anderson, *grandson of Terri Bruner*

John Lahey-Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner*

Jim Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner*

Deaths: Lyle Little, *son of John & Jan Little*

Cathryn Borgen, *mother of Melissa (Craig) Meidinger*

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The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song

“I Love to Tell the Story”

I love to tell the story of unseen things above of Jesus and his glory

Of Jesus and his love I love to tell the story because I know it's true

It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do

(Chorus) I love to tell the story 'twill be my theme in glory

To tell the old old story of Jesus and his love

I love to tell the story how pleasant to repeat What seems each time I tell it

More wonderfully sweet I love to tell the story for some have never heard

The message of salvation from God's own holy word *(Chorus)*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting

To hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,

I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *(Chorus)*

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Call to Service

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

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Serving This Morning

Presiding: Pastor Dan Ofstehage; **Preaching:** Pastor Kent Stillson

Worship Team: directed by Jim Miller

Head Ushers: Darwin Brinkman, Carl Bevers

Acolytes: Griffin Keever

Sound & Projection: Darian Givens, Sam Langner

Greeters: Joan Hakeman

Lector:

Ushers:

Coffee Servers:

Sunday Morning Helpers: Adam Lauseng

Welcome Center: Gail Helland, Tammy Brink Rohde

Community Cart

Salvation Army Pantry Needs:

- Instant Potatoes
- Peanut Butter (16oz)
- Canned Chicken (5oz)
- Pork n Beans
- Canned Fruit

Items can be brought and placed in the grocery carts throughout the month of March.



As a reminder, you can still direct **2018 Choice Dollars®**. Act now before the 2018 Choice Dollars* expire at the end of March.

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Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back! Two options here are the [LCOOR Christian Preschool](#) or [Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer](#).

Nancy Hauck Benefit

Help support Nancy Hauck by attending a benefit from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, at the Boys and Girls Club of Watertown. The evening will include a BBQ dinner (free-will donation) and silent auction. All money raised will go toward medical bills and cost of transportation for treatment of her kidney cancer. For additional information, contact Rachel Hauck at 605-880-1771.