



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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18th Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday, September 26, 2021 8:30 a.m.

Prelude

God's Work Our Hands

Video

Welcome

Invocation, 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

“Forever”

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King; His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise; Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us; Forever, forever

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever
And by the grace of God we will carry on; His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise; Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us; Forever forever (repeat)

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Prayer of the Day

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

“I Will Sing Praise” By Joseph M. Martin

Praise and Rejoice Choir

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:5-10

⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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

Children's Sermon

Scripture Reading

Psalm 8

¹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

²Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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Sermon

“A Future With Hope: Wonder in the Mystery”

Pastor Dan Ofstehage

Hymn of the Day

“My Life Is In You, Lord”

My life is in You Lord; My strength is in You Lord

My hope is in You Lord; In You it's in You (repeat)

I will praise You with all of my life

I will praise You with all of my strength

With all of my life, with all of my strength

All of my hope is in You

My life is in You Lord; My strength is in You Lord

My hope is in You Lord; In You it's in You (repeat)

Is in You, it's in You, in You

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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.

Offering and Announcements

Text to Give: 605-250-6765

Temple Talk

Stewardship

Mark Iverson

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: Pastor Keith Smith, Dorothy Nichols, Sherrill Kluckman, Mavis Brendan, Kay Moe, Nettie Austin, Drake Rounds, Vera Sunne, Don Harrington, Bev Owen, Judy Konrad, Tera McDonnell, Alberta Frerichs, David Timm, brother of Katie Stavig
Marlys Lammert, *sister of Tony (Lori) Beyer*
Marlene Slepikas, *mother of Lori (Tony) Beyer*
Brian Pribyl, *cousin of Pam Luckhurst*
Arlene Nelson, *mother of Caryn Isaacson*
Tara McGillivary, *granddaughter of Marv & Joyce McGill*
Cynthia Emery, *sister of Renae (Ken) Madison*

Death: Joan Goeman

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Sending Hymn

“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever

Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God

The everlasting God

You do not faint; You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak

You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles

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Call to Service

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Serving This Weekend

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

Worship Team; Sound and Projection: Robyn VanMeter, Pete Juba

***Flowers on the altar are given with gratitude to God
for the life of Rick Dohrer by Barb Dohrer and family.***

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THIS WEEK: *Sept. 26 – Oct. 3*

SUNDAY *September 26*

LWR Truck @ Grace Lutheran Church
Stewardship #2
8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
9:30 a.m. 3rd Gr. Bible Class w/Parents
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

MONDAY *September 27*

7:30 a.m. High School Jumpstart (*at Gather*)
8 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
7:15 p.m. Al-Anon (*Assembly B*)

TUESDAY *September 28*

8:30 a.m. Pastor Text Study
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
10 a.m. Music, Worship Comm. Meeting

WEDNESDAY *September 29*

8 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
4:45 p.m. Family Meal
5:30 p.m. Church School
5:30 p.m. Third-grade Bible Class w/parents
6:30 p.m. WOW Worship
7:15 p.m. Confirmation Workshop No. 1
7:15 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. High School Deeper
7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Practice

THURSDAY *September 30*

4 p.m. High School Table Talk (*@ Gather*)
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon (*Assembly B*)

FRIDAY *October 1*

8 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

SATURDAY *October 2*

HOLY COMMUNION
5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

SUNDAY *October 3*

HOLY COMMUNION
3rd-graders receive Bibles in Worship
Stewardship #3
8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Winter Wonderland volunteers wanted

Hey, creative folks! We are looking for volunteers to create and set up a display for Winter Wonderland in Stokes-Thomas Lake City Park for LCOOR! Registration deadline is Oct. 12. See Twila if you are interested!

Are you a Thrivent member?

You may have **Choice Dollars** available to direct. Options to select as recipients of these dollars are:

1. Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
2. LCOOR Preschool

We are able to fund various ministry projects through Choice Dollars that are not in the church budget. For example: This past summer, we were able to provide accommodation for the North Star Boys' Choir the evening that they performed at the Goss Opera House.

Attendance & Offering

Sept. 12 Live Stream – 140

Saturday, Sept. 18 – 42

Sunday, Sept. 19 – (8:30) 173, (10:30) 130

Wednesday, Sept. 15 – 120

Offering (Sept. 19)

General Fund: \$8,506; Debt Relief: \$5; Mission of the Month: \$38.58; Other: \$40; Church School: \$58.80.

Simply Giving Offering (9/13-9/17)

General Fund: \$9,964.19; Debt Relief: \$245; Mission of the Month: \$5; Other: \$259.49.

Counseling Funds Available

One of our stewardship priorities during the past year has been providing intentional care for emotional and mental health. LCOOR can provide confidential financial assistance for anyone who may wish to meet with a professional therapist. For information, please call Twila at 605-886-2696.

How gift card fundraising works



You buy a gift card
You get the full value.



The brand gives back
No extra money comes out of your pocket.



Your organization earns
Impacting what matters most to you.

Use Scrip for all of your shopping

Shop the top brands for everything on your shopping list while earning \$\$\$ for our Preschool program by using Scrip. Target, Wal-Mart, Old Navy, Kohls, Best Buy, plus many other retailers to choose from. We have many retailers' cards on hand and can get many others you may want. It does take about a week to receive cards that need to be ordered, so prepare ahead of time and stop by the office or Welcome Center to place your gift card order.

Help fill the church with music

Get ready to make music again this fall! **Praise & Rejoice Choir** meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Tera McDonnell directs the group. **Handbell Choir** meets Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. in the Great Hall. Bev Splinter directs the group. If you've ever wanted to make a joyful musical noise, please join either of these groups. High school-age and older are welcome to join. See Tera or Bev for information, or talk to Robbyn in the Church Office.

LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund

Perhaps you don't sew, or your schedule doesn't allow time to be part of a kit-making project yourself. Through generous support of Lutheran World Relief's Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund, **you can help to ensure that the gifts created by others can reach those who need them most.**



Salvation Army needs canned fruit

Each month, LCOOR members generously help the Salvation Army fill the shelves of its Food Bank. During September, the need is for **CANNED FRUIT**. Just pick up a couple of cans the next time you are grocery shopping and drop them off at the Welcome Center or the Church Office. The need in our town is great, and we thank you for your generosity!



Help with our Church School

Church School is off to a good start this fall with 208 registered children ranging in ages from 3 years old to sixth grade. If you are still interested, there always is room for more! There are a few spots available for teachers that would ease the burden on our current teachers. Please prayerfully consider helping! See Rachel for more information.

Circle Bible studies in October

Priscilla and Martha Circles will meet in October and continue the bible study, "The Gift of the Spirit," from Gather magazine. Copies can be found in the church office. All are invited to attend!

Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, in the Gathering Space.

Martha Circle will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, in the Youth Room. Vaughn Berger leads.

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

Campus Ministry (LuMin)