

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 27, 2021 5:30 p.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle

At the beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming.

O Emmanuel,

Wake us up to your coming.

We gather together to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable.

O Emmanuel,

Wake us up to your coming.

We wait for the day when God will recycle tanks into tractors and transform minefields into soccer fields.

O Emmanuel,

Wake us up to your coming.

We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future and agitate dormant hope within us.

O Emmanuel,

Wake us up to your coming.

Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope.

Amen.

Advent Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #257 vs. 1, 2 & 4

Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ☩ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

Sermon

"Back to the Future"

Jack Holmquest

Hymn of the Day

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" #244 vs. 1, 3 & 4

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

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: Windy Johnson, Tenley Schmig, Pastor Keith Smith, Chuck Schuchard
Dorothy Nichols, Kay Moe, Carl Bevers, Sherrill Kluckman,
Nettie Austin, Don Harrington
Brian Pribyl, *cousin of Pam Luckhurst*
Cynthia Emery, *sister of Renae (Ken) Madison*
Dawn Burns, *mother of Jenni (Ryan) Nuttall*
Richard Bury, *father of Heather Bury*
Paxton Boetcher, *friend of Ron, Robbyn and Darian Givens*
Theodore Mohring, *newborn grandson of Ron and Sheila Mohring*

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. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Sending Hymn

“Hark the Glad Sound” #239

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

Postlude

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Serving This Weekend

Presiding: Cathy Zubke; **Preaching:** Jack Holmquest

Piano: Mary Wika; **Sound and Projection:** Roger Austad

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THIS WEEK: Nov. 29 – Dec. 7

MONDAY *November 29*

8 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

7:15 p.m. Al-Anon (*Assembly B*)

TUESDAY *November 30*

8:30 a.m. Pastor TEXT STUDY

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY *Dec. 1*

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

6:30 p.m. WOW Worship

7:15 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice

7:30 p.m. HS Deeper

7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Practice

THURSDAY *December 2*

9 a.m. Quilting

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon (*Assembly B*)

5:30-7 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting

6:30 p.m. Christianity 101 (*New Members*)

FRIDAY *December 3*

8 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

SATURDAY *December 4*

HOLY COMMUNION

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

SUNDAY *December 5*

HOLY COMMUNION

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

2 p.m. North Star Boys' Choir

@ Goss Opera House

MONDAY *December 6*

8 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

7:15 p.m. Al-Anon (*Assembly B*)

TUESDAY *December 7*

8:30 a.m. Pastor TEXT STUDY

10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

Use SCRIP for holiday purchases

Purchase SCRIP gift cards for all your shopping and gifting needs right here at the church. We've got grocery gift cards to Hy-Vee, County Fair and Walmart, along with a large list of other retailers to choose from. A percentage of each purchase benefits our preschool program. It takes about a week to receive the SCRIP gift cards if we need to place an order, so start planning and let us help you tackle your holiday to-do list with SCRIP gift cards!

Babysitters needed

Our LCOOR Babysitter List needs to be updated! If you're at least 12 years old (and enjoy hanging around little kids), we'd love to include you! Please contact Twila at 605-886-2696 or email twila@lcoorwatertown.org to be included.

Attendance & Offering

Nov. 14 Live Stream – 102

Saturday, Nov. 20 – 38

Sunday, Nov. 21 – (8:30) 188, (10:30) 79

Wednesday, Nov. 17 – 185

Offering (Nov. 21)

General Fund: \$16,568; Mission of the Month: \$24.16; Debt Relief: \$170; Church School: \$41.75. Other \$50.

Simply Giving Offering (Nov. 15-Nov. 19)

General Fund: \$9,111.95; Debt Relief: \$215; Mission of the Month: \$5; Other: \$259.49.

Order poinsettias for Christmas

Order a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved

one or to the glory of God. These lovely red poinsettias will beautify the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve weekend worship services. You may take them home following the 10 p.m. worship service on Christmas Eve. Cost of each



poinsettia is \$15. Fill out an order form at the Welcome Center before Dec. 19.

Help us update our phone records

Have you recently dropped your landline? Has your address, phone or email changed? Please keep us in the loop so we can update our records and church directory. Notify us of updates by calling 605-886-2696 or email jodi@lcoorwatertown.org.

Welcome new members

While we welcome new members all year 'round, we "officially" receive new members twice a year. We will "Welcome New Members" during worship services on Wednesday, Dec. 8; Saturday, Dec. 11; and Sunday, Dec. 12. If you – or others you know – are interested in joining our LCOOR family, please contact Twila in the church office (605-886-2696).

Angel Tree tags available

The Salvation Army Angel Tree is up near the Church Office. Pick up a tag or two from the tree soon, and please be sure to return your unwrapped gifts no later than Dec. 10. Thanks for helping with this important ministry!

Sandwich Ministry needs cookies

The Watertown Sandwich Ministry needs cookies to add to the hundreds of sack lunches packed each week. Whip up a batch of your favorite cookies and drop them off at the church. This vital ministry keeps growing as the need in our community rises. Thank you for your assistance.

November Mission of the Month:

"One Roof Program" of the Salvation Army The Salvation Army's goal is to provide resources that go beyond meeting immediate physical needs. The ultimate goal is to help with lifestyle changes in order to become self-sustaining.

Join us for Saturday evening meal

A family meal is will be served after service on the first Saturday of each month. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow LCOOR congregants. The next meal will be Saturday, Dec. 4.

LCOOR Circles to meet Dec. 8

All are invited to join the members of Pricilla and Martha Circles as they meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8, for a time of fellowship and devotions. Those attending are asked to bring a small plate of holiday treats to share.

2022 offering envelopes are here

Please stop by the table across from the Welcome Center before or after worship to pick up you offering envelopes for next year!

North Star Boys' Choir returning

The North Star Boys' Choir is coming back to the Goss Opera House for a concert at 2 p.m. on Dec. 5. Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer will again sponsor the show. Admission is free and no tickets are required. A free-will offering will be accepted.