



Westwood is a  
Reconciling in Christ  
(RIC) church.

# LEADERSHIP

## IN A CULTURE OF GRACE



## Welcome to 11a Sunday Worship at Westwood

April 27, 2025– 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Easter

*Westwood is an open, affirming, and inclusive church, welcoming all who seek God.*

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### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING & SONG FROM ARUSHA ROAD LUTHERAN CHURCH

### MOMENT FOR QUIET PREPARATION *(Pause for a deep inhale and exhale)*

#### ↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,**  
**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**  
**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**  
**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**  
**You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,**  
**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**  
**In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.**  
**Heal us, break our bonds,**  
**and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

### OPENING SONG

#### ↑ GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ,  
and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**ANTHEM** "The Lord is the Everlasting God" Kenneth Jennings

#### ↑ PRAYER OF THE SEASON

Loving God, **you gather us in and claim us as your own. By your Spirit may we be rooted in hope**  
**as we live into a culture of grace, love our neighbors as ourselves, and proclaim your love in**  
**Jesus' name. Amen.**

**BAPTISM**

Sadie Kay Muehlbauer, child of Rachel and Tyler Muehlbauer  
Forrest Stanley Larson, child of Alyse and Daniel Larson

**ACCLAMATION** "Celtic Alleluia" ELW 174 *(Children invited forward)*

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

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**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Jeremiah 17:7-8

**GOSPEL LESSON** John 20:19-23

**SERMON** Pastor Jason

**SONG**

↑ **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

↑ **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** *(Children return to worship)*

**OFFERING****↑ OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Merciful God, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**↑ LORD'S PRAYER****↑ BENEDICTION****↑ SENDING SONG****↑ PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE**

○ God, **you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

↑ **DISMISSAL** Christ is Risen. **He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**