



# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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June 22, 2025

The Second Sunday of Pentecost

10:30 am

..... ✝ **GATHERING** ✝ .....

## Voluntaries

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Paul Manz

*Jesus, Still Lead On*

Michael Costello

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of ✝ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

<We kneel.>

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 that path of life. Amen.**

<We stand.>

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.**

## GATHERING HYMN

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

*ELW Hymn 807*

## 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.**

Assisting minister



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor -



ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have



mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the




Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone



are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together. O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

<We sit.>

## READING

**1 Kings 19:1-15a**

Pew Bible page 946

*Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.*

*But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.*

*Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."*

*He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.*

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 8:26-39**

Pew Bible page 841

*Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the*

demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

<We sit.>

**SERMON**

**Rev. Matthew Titus**

<We stand.>

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Change My Heart, O God**

*ELW Hymn 801*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

<We kneel.>

*Each prayer petition will end with "God of grace," and the response is "**hear our prayer.**"*

*At the conclusion of the prayers, we respond with ... in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. "**Amen.**"*

<We stand.>

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also, with you.**

*You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.*

<We sit.>

## ANTHEM

## Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

arr. K. Lee Scott

<We stand.>

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## Take My Life, That I May Be, vs. 1



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray... Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

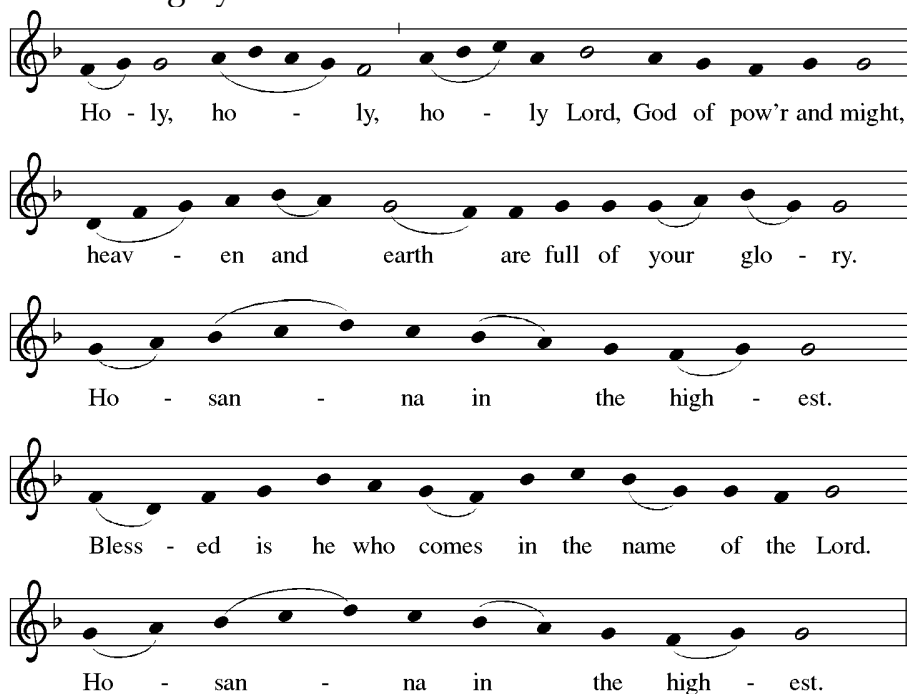
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... *here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding ...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO THE MEAL**

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

*<We sit.>*

## **COMMUNION**

*Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice of wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you. A gluten-free wafer is available, upon request for those who need it.*

*<We stand.>*

## **THE TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## SUNG BLESSING

In the name of the Father.  
**In the name of the Father.**  
In the name of the Son.  
**In the name of the Son.**  
In the name of the Spirit.  
**In the name of the Spirit.**  
The Three-in-One.  
**The Three-in-One.**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
**May the Lord bless you and keep you.**  
May God's face shine upon you.  
**May God's face shine upon you.**  
May God's blessings be with you.  
**May God's blessings be with you.**  
And give you peace.  
**And give you peace.**

## SENDING HYMN

Voices Raised to You

*ELW Hymn 845*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

*Hymn to Joy*

Michael Costello

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my mother, Eve, and in memory of my father, Wayne, by Robert Kneece.



Jesus had promised his followers a special helper - the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost. Acts 2:1-4

## ..... ANNOUNCEMENTS .....

**Intergenerational Sunday School Gathering - Sunday, June 29, 2025, at 9:30 AM** everyone is invited to our next Intergenerational Sunday School Gathering, "Summer of Blessings" celebration.

Start your morning with fellowship and a delicious breakfast, which will be served during our gathering! This time together is not only about faith and community but also about giving back to those in need as we will collect items needed by GAAP (God's Abundance for All People). Items we're collecting:

Toilet paper, SMALL jars of peanut butter or jelly (especially jelly!), Various kinds of soup, Canned tuna, chicken, ham, etc., Canned beans (garbanzos and black beans preferred!), SMALL containers of flour, rice, or pancake mix, SMALL toiletry and laundry items (travel size)

Every donation, no matter how small, makes a big difference! All are welcome!

**SCWELCA Convention Project** - Redeemer WELCA continues to collect donations for the **Newberry College Nursing Scholarship**, through July 31<sup>st</sup>. There is a container in the narthex labeled "NC Nursing Scholarship"; make checks payable to **Newberry College Nursing Scholarship**, memo: **SCWELCA** or you are welcome to place the donation in the offering plate.

**Senior Choir Rehearsal** - The Senior Choir will gather Sunday mornings for devotions at 9:30 am and rehearse from 9:45 am - 10:15 am to prepare for worship. If you have thought about joining the Senior Choir, this is a great opportunity to give it a try. For more information, please contact Nicholas or Huger.

**Free Table** - there is a table set up outside the church office of items to be purged from around the church as well as some lost and found items. Please help yourself to anything you would like.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
22 Sunday School - 9:30am  Worship - 10:30am  Lutheridge Confirmation Camp Begins	23	24 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am	25	26	27	28	29 Intergenerational Sunday School - 9:30am  Worship - 10:30am  FLC Reserved - Caughman Family

### Worship Leadership - This Sunday

**Worship Asst:** Mary Alex Kopp

**Acolyte:** Miriam Titus

**Crucifer:** McKenzie Garner

**Comm Prep:** Ben Bowers

**Altar Flowers:** Robert Kneece

**Ushers:** Elmer Long, Mack Garner,

Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman

### Sunday, June 29th

**Worship Asst:** Alanna Boozer

**Acolyte:** Zoe Reid

**Crucifer:** Ashleigh Titus

**Comm Prep:** Huger Caughman, Jr.

**Altar Flowers:** Hammond

**Ushers:** Kathy Riggan, Nikki Chapman,

Doggett Whitaker, Dennis Caughman

### Numbers for June 15, 2025:

#### Attendance:

Sunday School: 22

In-Person: 54

Online: 142

**Total: 196**

#### Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$5,440.54

Major Maintenance: \$335.00

FLC Rental Income: \$150.00

#### Dedicated Accounts:

Abiding Memorials: \$550.00

Redeemer Music Fund: \$600.00

**The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor**

**Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Organist · Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director**

**Aubrey Cisko, Youth Director**

**Annette Belcher, Wayden Dean, or Nikki Chapman, Audio · Matt Bowers, Video**

**Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper**

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