



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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August 17, 2025

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚

Voluntaries

Jesus, Still Lead On

Paul Manz

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Wayne L. Wold

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

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.

<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

How Firm a Foundation

ELW Hymn 796

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.**



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



Lord God, heav-en-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, 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 God, judge eternal, **you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

<We sit.>

READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Pew Bible page 978

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,^[a] and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of ^[a] the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

<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 12:49-56

Pew Bible page 848

"I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

*father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."*

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

<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 God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

ELW Hymn 603

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

<We kneel.>

*Each prayer petition will end with "Hear us, O God," and the response is "your mercy is great."
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.>

..... ✚ MEAL ✚

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Be Still, My Soul, Before the Lord

setting by
David von Kampen

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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.

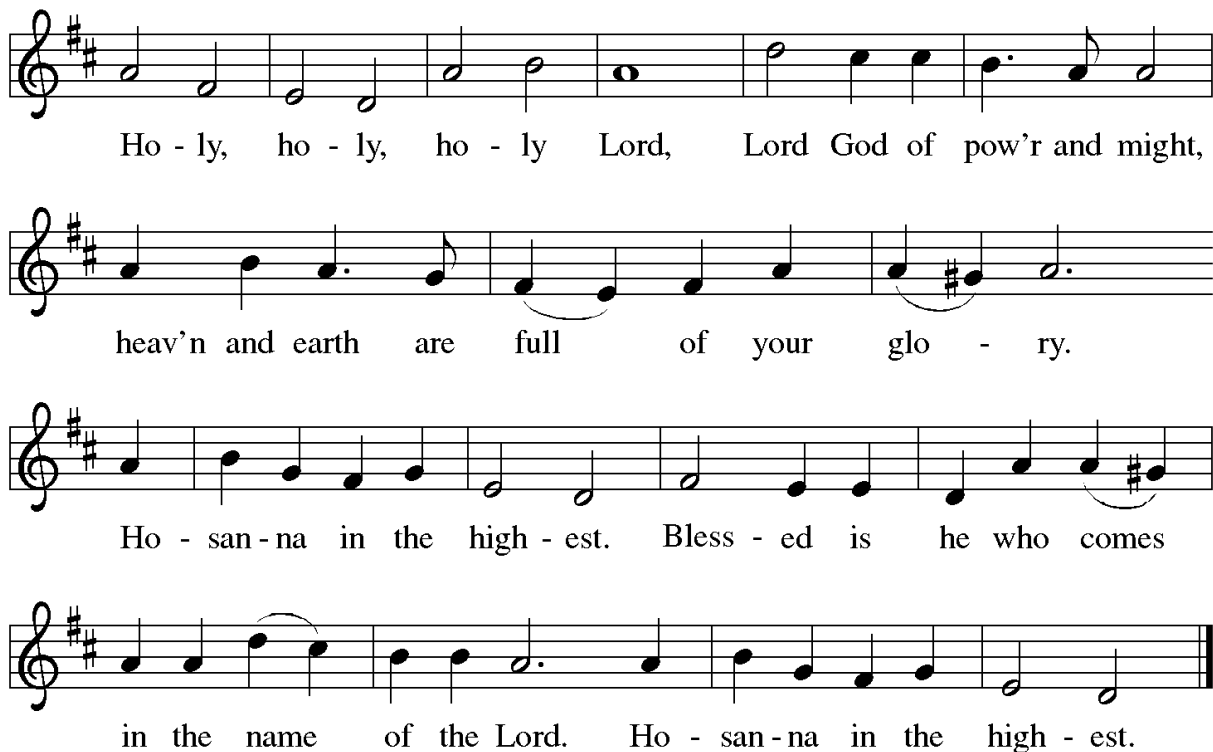
We lift them to the Lord.

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.

..... ✝ **SENDING** ✝

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW Hymn 815

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude in G major

J. S. Bach

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in recognition of Zeb's birthday and in honor of Zeb and Angela's anniversary by Denise Reid.

..... ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominating Committee will meet in the library directly after worship today.

Youth – are planning a trip to Top Golf on Sunday, August 28th – lunch at 11:30am, leaving at noon – help driving the youth is needed, if you are available for a fun afternoon let Aubrey know.

Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission - The Heartland Conference LMM will meet on Thursday, August 21 at Colony Lutheran Church. This is the annual youth night. The meal is \$10 and consists of hot dogs with all the fixings, sides, and ice cream for dessert. Scott Sandor, executive director of the Newberry County YMCA, will be the guest speaker. Please RSVP to Earl Leitzsey (803-924-0906 call or text or g_leitzsey@yahoo.com email) by Sunday, August 17 if you plan to attend.

Redeemer Committees – are asked to turn in budget requests for the 2026 year to Corbett Miller by September 9th. If requests are not received the finance committee will use their discretion to set a budget.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
17 Sunday School – 9:30am Worship – 10:30am Nominating Comm Mtg – after worship	18 Congregational Council Meeting – 6pm	19 Library Reserved	20 Handbell Choir Rehearsal – 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal – 7pm	21	22	23	24 Sunday School – 9:30am Worship – 10:30am Youth – Top Golf @ noon FLC Reserved

Worship Leadership – This Sunday

Worship Asst: Johnny Lindsay

Acolyte: Elin Cary

Crucifer: Adam Boozer

Comm Prep: Ann Jacobs & Susan Thomasson

Altar Flowers: Denise Reid

Ushers: Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia,

Aubrey Cisko, Dennis Caughman

Sunday, August 24th

Worship Asst: Derryll Satterwhite

Acolyte: Zarek Reid

Crucifer: McKenzie Garner

Comm Prep: Huger Caughman, Jr.

Altar Flowers: available

Ushers: Elmer Long, Mack Garner,

Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman

Numbers for August 10, 2025:

Attendance:

Sunday School: 41

In-Person: 89

Online: 124

Total: 213

Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$3,985.70

Major Maintenance: \$625.00

Prayer & Care Card Making Class: \$30.00

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor

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

Aubrey Cisko, Youth Director

A/V Team: Annette Belcher, Wayden Dean, Nikki Chapman, and Matt Bowers

Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper

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