



# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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August 31, 2025

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚ .....

## **Voluntaries**

*Sonatina from "God's Time is Best"*

J. S. Bach

*Now We Join in Celebration*

Aaron David Miller

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

Paul Manz

## **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**

**O God beyond All Praising**

*ELW Hymn 880*

## **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-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, **you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

<We sit.>

## READING

**Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

Pew Bible page 979

*Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,*

*"The Lord is my helper;*

*I will not be afraid.*

*What can anyone do to me?"*

*Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

*Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to 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 14:1, 7-14**

Pew Bible page 848

*On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.*

*When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."*

*He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

<We sit.>

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now We Join in Celebration

ELW Hymn 462

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

Look at the World

John Rutter

<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.

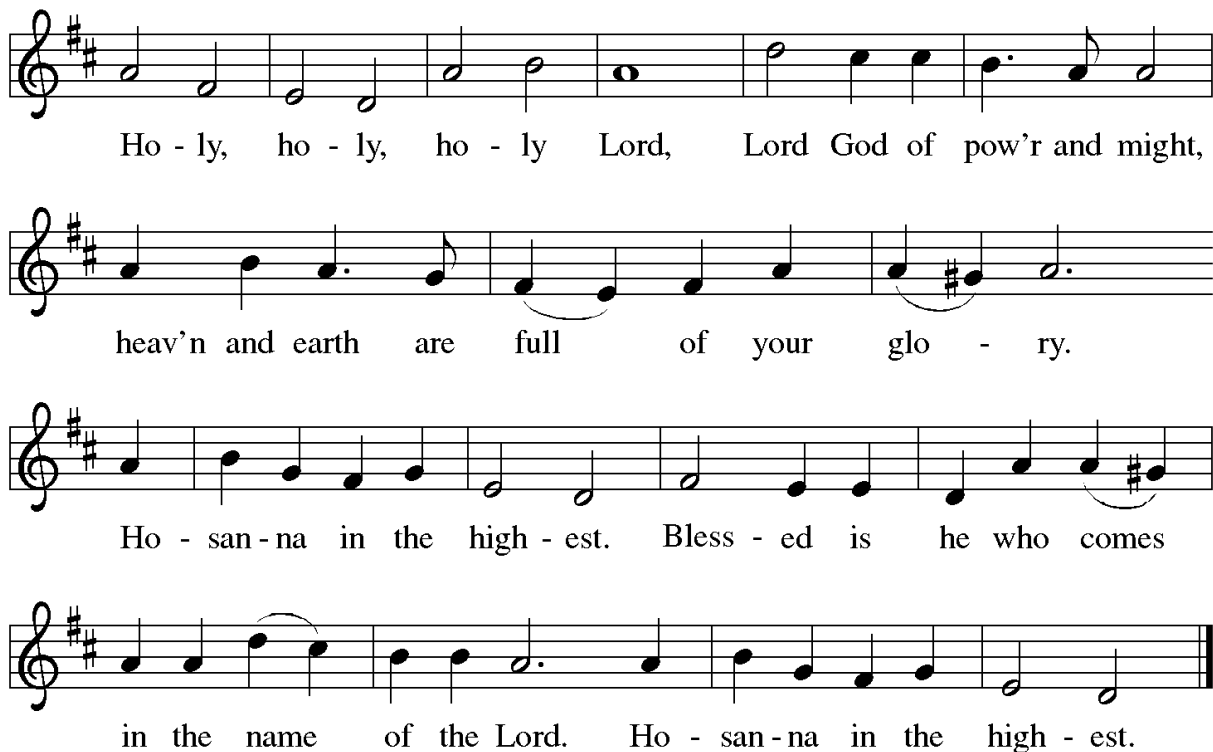
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**If You But Trust in God to Guide You**

*ELW Hymn 769*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

*Gravement from "Fantasia in G major"*

J. S. Bach

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Reyburn Lominack and Benson Lominack's birthdays by Rey, June, and Beth Lominack.

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

**Property Committee** is looking for members of Redeemer who can and will share their talents with the maintenance of our Buildings and Grounds. We would like to keep our assets useful to all the people. Please contact Huger Caughman, Sr. at hugercaughman@gmail.com or let the church office know.

**WELCA** - On September 7th, WELCA will be hosting the WELCA FALL Heartland Conference Meeting at 3:00 PM in the Family Life Center. We will begin the meeting with a Welcome from both the conference president and our WELCA. Gayle Lindley will be having the devotions. There will be hymn singing along with a business meeting. Following the meeting, Redeemer WELCA will be serving refreshments. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
31 <b>Sunday School -</b> 9:30am <b>Worship -</b> 10:30am <b>Historical Society Meeting -</b> 3pm - FLC	1  <b>Church Office Closed for Labor Day</b>	2 <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry -</b> 10am  <b>Library Reserved</b>	3  <b>Handbell Choir Rehearsal -</b> 6pm <b>Senior Choir Rehearsal -</b> 7pm	4	5  <b>LMM to feed NHS Football Team -</b> 4pm FLC	6	7 <b>Property Committee Mtg -</b> 9am  <b>Sunday School -</b> 9:30am <b>Worship -</b> 10:30am <b>WELCA Heartland Conference -</b> 3pm FLC

### **Worship Leadership - This Sunday**

**Worship Asst:** Alanna Boozer

**Acolyte:** Zoe Reid

**Crucifer:** Miriam Titus

**Comm Prep:** Ben Bowers

**Altar Flowers:** June Lominack

**Ushers:** Kathy Riggan, Nikki Chapman,  
Doggett Whitaker, Dennis Caughman

### **Sunday, September 7th**

**Worship Asst:** Eve Kneece

**Acolyte:** McKenzie Garner

**Crucifer:** Clyde Miller

**Comm Prep:** Ann Jacobs & Susan Thomasson

**Altar Flowers:** Nikki Chapman

**Ushers:** Chad Cary, Norris Long,  
Zeb Reid, Dennis Caughman

### **Numbers for August 24, 2025:**

#### **Attendance:**

Sunday School: 28  
In-Person: 93  
Online: 247  
**Total: 340**

#### **Offering:**

Gen Operating Account: \$2,973.63  
Major Maintenance: \$150.00

**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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