



# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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September 28, 2025

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚ .....

## **Voluntaries**

*Here I Am, Lord*

John Carter

*The Call*

Jacob Weber

*Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

David Cherwien

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*<We stand.>*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity ✚ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*<We kneel.>*

Merciful and loving God,

**We are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

*<We stand.>*

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✚ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

*ELW Hymn 620*

## **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. God of all people, **You remembered your children who were enslaved in Egypt, and by the power of your name you set them free. Remember us and free us from slavery to sin by the power of your name. Amen.**

<We sit.>

## READING

**Exodus 2:23-25, 3:1-15, 4:10-17**

Pew Bible page 43

*After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery and cried out. Their cry for help rose up to God from their slavery. God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.*

*Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.*

*Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."*

*But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.' " God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.*

*But Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak." But he said, "O my Lord, please send someone else." Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, "What of your brother Aaron, the Levite? I know that he can speak well; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you what you shall do. He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs."*

<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 John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 8:58**

*Pew Bible page 870*

*Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am."*

<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

**Here I Am, Lord**

*ELW Hymn 574*

## 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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

<We kneel.>

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

..... ✚ MEAL ✚ .....

## RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

Washed Anew

Thomas Keesecker

<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...

Lord of the harvest...

...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

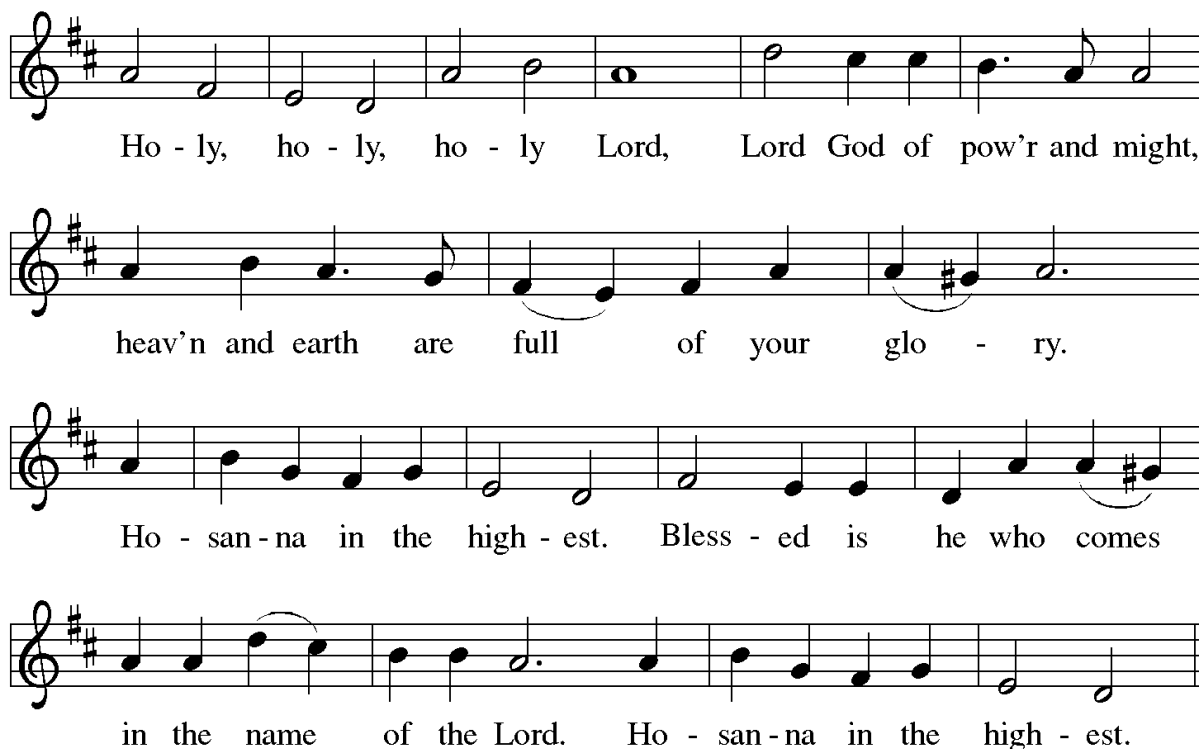
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

*<We sit.>*

## COMMUNION

*Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized. We come in faith, trusting Christ is truly present in the bread and wine – given for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen us for proclaiming God's love in the world. You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice. If you are unable to come forward, communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

When Morning Gilds the Skies  
*Handbell Choir*

setting by Sandra Eithun

*<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

O God...

...we ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

*<We sit.>*

## TEMPLE TALK

Shady Hannona, Christians of the Holy Land

*<We stand.>*

..... ✠ **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

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

*ELW Hymn 510*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

*Trumpet Tune*

John Stanley

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

**Christians of the Holy Land** – we welcome Christians of the Holy Land today. After the service, be sure to check out the handmade olive wood religious articles from Bethlehem on display and available for purchase.

**Children's and Junior Choir** – invite your child to grow in music, faith, and friendship! Our Children's and Junior Choirs are a wonderful way for our youngest members to connect with God and with each other. In a supportive and fun environment, your child will develop their musical abilities and learn to praise God through song. Come share God's gift of music with us. Please use the QR code to sign up.



**WELCA** – will meet on Sunday, October 5th, at 3:45 PM in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00, Erin Titus will be presenting her favorite hymns from our Then Sings My Soul, Book 2. We look forward to her presentation. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

**LMM** – LMM Heartland Conference invites all men and guest to an evening of celebration, October 7th at 7pm. A catered meal from Bill and Fran's is available for \$15/person. Please RSVP to Huger, Jr. by Sun, October 5th.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
28 <b>Sunday School</b> – 9:30am <b>Worship</b> – 10:30am <b>Confirmation Class</b> – 4pm <b>Youth Group</b> – 5:15pm <b>FLC Reserved</b>	29     <b>FLC Reserved</b>	30     <b>Library Reserved</b>	1  <b>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</b> – 6pm  <b>Senior Choir Rehearsal</b> – 7pm	2	3	4     <b>FLC Reserved</b>	5 <b>Property Committee Mtg</b> – 9am  <b>Sunday School</b> – 9:30am  <b>Worship</b> – 10:30am <b>WELCA</b> – 3:45pm – Library <b>SC Faith</b> – 5pm

### **Worship Leadership – This Sunday**

**Worship Asst:** Robbie Kopp  
**Acolyte:** Zarek Reid  
**Crucifer:** Dennis Caughman  
**Comm Prep:** Erin Titus  
**Altar Flowers:** available  
**Ushers:** Elmer Long, Mack Garner, Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman

### **Sunday, October 5th**

**Worship Asst:** Anne Caughman  
**Acolyte:** Zoe Reid  
**Crucifer:** Elin Cary  
**Comm Prep:** Lynn Cary  
**Altar Flowers:** available  
**Ushers:** Chad Cary, Norris Long, Zeb Reid, Dennis Caughman

### **Numbers for September 21, 2025:**

#### **Attendance:**

Sunday School: 24  
 In-Person: 82  
 Online: 154  
**Total: 236**

#### **Offering:**

Gen Operating Account: \$5,029.71  
 Major Maintenance: \$1,760.00

**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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