



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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September 7, 2025

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚

Voluntaries

God Himself is Present

Prelude in E-flat

Elegy

Michael Burkhardt

William Henry Harris

George Thalben-Ball

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

Rise Up, O Saints of God

ELW Hymn 669

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. Grand designer of all things, **the light and darkness, the dome in the midst of waters, the sky and dry land, the vegetation, the seasons, the swarms of living creatures, birds and great sea monsters, creeping things and wild animals, and us; all these were brought into being with a word on your lips. And it was good. Amen.**

<We sit.>

READING

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

Pew Bible page 1

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

*So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.*

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

<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 1:1-5

Pew Bible page 862

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

<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

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

ELW Hymn 667

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

Lift High the Cross

Leland Sateren

<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.

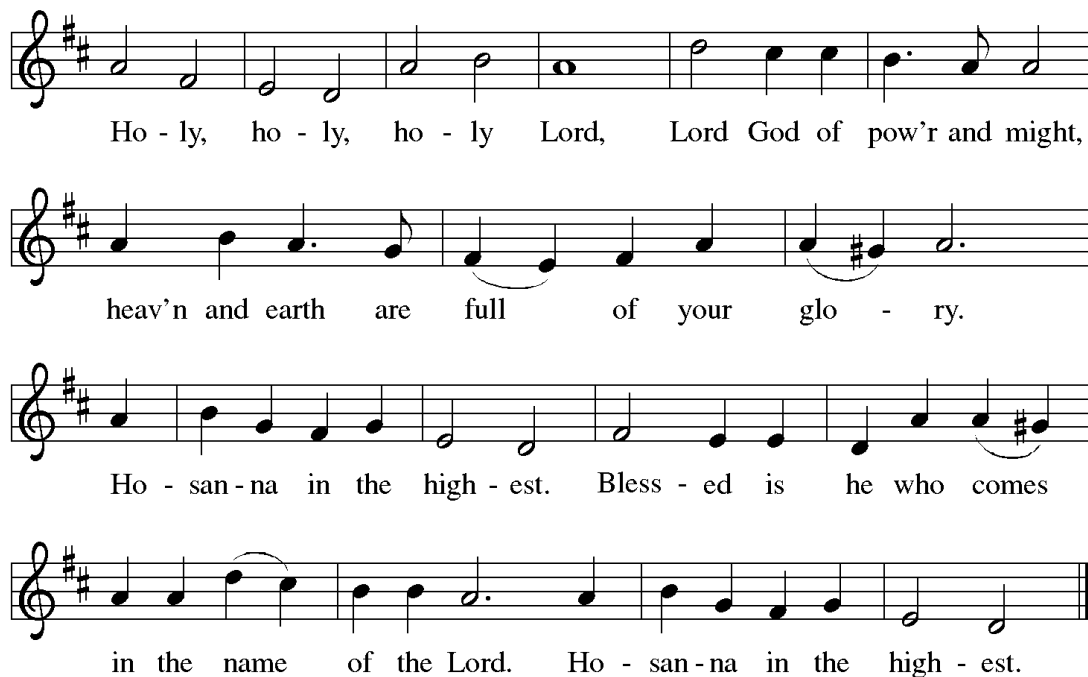
We lift them to the Lord.

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.



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.

<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.

..... ✝ **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

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW Hymn 810

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Lift High the Cross

Paul Manz

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Aubrey Cisko and her valuable contributions to our youth program by Nikki Chapman.

..... ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth - Youth Group Kick-Off will be today from 5 to 6:30pm in the Youth Hall.

Family Game Night and Potluck Dinner will be held Friday, September 12th, 6 to 8pm in the Youth Hall.

Confirmation Classes begin next Sunday, September 14th at 4pm followed by Youth Group at 5pm.

WELCA - Today, WELCA will be hosting the Fall WELCA Heartland Conference Meeting at 3:00 PM. in the Family Life Center. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers for the Heartland Conference. Anne Caughman will bring the Welcome from Redeemer with Gayle Lindley doing the devotional. Following the conclusion for the meeting, Redeemer will be providing refreshments. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

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.

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
7 Property Committee Mtg - 9am Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am WELCA Heartland Conference - 3pm FLC Youth Group Kick-Off - 5pm	8 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	9 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Finance Mtg - 6pm LMM Dinner at Dempsey's - 7pm Library Reserved	10 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	11	12 Family Game Night & Potluck - 6pm	13	14 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Confirmation Class - 4pm Youth Group - 5pm

Worship Leadership - This Sunday

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

Sunday, September 14th

Worship Asst: Nikki Chapman

Acolyte: Rosealynn Sexton

Crucifer: Ellie Nguyen

Comm Prep: Rosemary Dominick

Altar Flowers: available

Ushers: Susan Thomasson, Walter Jacobs,

Justin Guy, Dennis Caughman

Numbers for August 31, 2025:

Attendance:

Sunday School: 24

In-Person: 59

Online: 97

Total: 156

Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$2,841.90

Major Maintenance: \$390.00

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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