

# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Second Sunday After Pentecost  
June 7, 2026 - 10:30 am

The weeks of summer coincide with the beginning of the Pentecost season. Summer brings sunny warmth, growing crops, and the promise of harvest: images of the Holy Spirit's presence and activity in our lives, the church, and the world. Hosea speaks of God's presence as the dawn, as a gentle shower, as light. In our life together as a community of faith, what needs light, warmth, and watering to grow and flourish? How might we be attentive to others' needs to receive this nourishment through God's words of life and holy supper?

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The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer is a Christian community of diverse people called and guided by the Holy Spirit to nurture with God's love those within and beyond our congregation.

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A place where God is at work!  
All are welcome. No exceptions.

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚ .....

**Voluntaries**

*Improvisation on "St. Columba"*

Wilbur Held

*Morning Has Broken*

Franklin Ashdown

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

James Biery

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*<We stand.>*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*<We kneel.>*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray.**

**Amen.**

*<We stand.>*

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of the Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

*ELW Hymn 858*

**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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together. **O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

<We sit.>

..... ✚ **WORD** ✚ .....

## READING

**Romans 4:13-25**

*Pew Bible page 916*

*For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.*

<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 Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Matthew 9:9-13**

*Pew Bible page 790*

*As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.*

*And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."*

<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

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

ELW Hymn 617

## 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

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

<We kneel.>

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

*At the conclusion of the prayers, ... through Jesus our Savior. "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.>



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God triune, ... . The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, ... . The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

Gathered around this table ... . The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, ... . The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and amen. **Amen, and 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

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

<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.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

*ELW Hymn 199*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

The first line of the hymn is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us."

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

The second line of the hymn is written on two staves, identical in notation to the first line. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us."

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

<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**

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.  
**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**

**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

*ELW Hymn 836*

**DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Paul Manz

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their wedding anniversary on June 1 by Doggett and Christie Whitaker.*

..... **ANNOUNCEMENTS** .....

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT** throughout the summer, the children's Sunday school room will be open for all parents and children to enjoy crafts and read Bible stories together. There will not be an assigned teacher leading the class, but materials will be available.

**2026 VBS** will be held at Central United Methodist Church (1005 College Street, Newberry) June 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>. A meal will be served at 5:30pm with classes to follow. If you are interested in attending or would like to volunteer, forms are in the narthex.

**Redeemer WELCA's SCWELCA Convention Project - WELCA's LOCAL PROJECT** will be collecting items for GAAP. Some items needed are: shelf-stable cans or pouches of meats, meals in-a-can, cereal, grits, oatmeal, granola bars, packs of crackers/snacks, rice or potatoes. Monetary donations are also accepted. A box will be placed in the narthex for these items. Items will be collected until June 14th.

There is also a **GLOBAL PROJECT**, if you would like to contribute to it. This project will help purchase a fence at a Christian school in the town of Kumamoto, Japan. This school was established 100 years ago by Lutheran missionaries and was originally a school for girls. Donations in the form of a check should be made out to SCWELCA with the note "Japan Project" written on it.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7 Property Comm Mtg - 9am  Sunday School - 9:30am  Worship - 10:30am  Nominating Comm Mtg - after worship	8 Prayer & Care Card Class - 9:30am	9 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am  Finance Committee - 6pm  LMM - 7pm @ Blue Ocean  Library Reserved	10 Worship & Music Committee Meeting - 12:30pm	11 FLC Reserved - NCSND	12	13	14 Sunday School - 9:30am  Worship - 10:30am
VBS - 5:30pm - Central UMC				SC Synod Assembly			

### Worship Leadership - Today

**Worship Asst:** Alanna Boozer

**Acolyte:** Henry Chapman

**Crucifer:** Ben Bowers

**Comm Prep:** Lynn Cary

**Altar Flowers:** Doggett & Christie Whitaker

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

### Sunday, June 14, 2026

**Worship Asst:** Robbie Kopp

**Acolyte:** Levi Richardson

**Crucifer:** Volunteer

**Comm Prep:** Rachel Manos

**Altar Flowers:** Available

**Ushers:** Kathy Riggin, Joey Nicosia,  
Justin Guy, Dennis Caughman

### Numbers for May 31, 2026:

#### Attendance:

SS: 23

In-Person: 78

Online: 215

**Total: 293**

#### Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$ 4,897.48

Major Maintenance: \$ 300.00

Facilities Rental Income: \$ 150.00

WELCA: \$ 50.00

We're grateful you've joined us in worship. If you would like to support the ongoing ministry and life of this congregation, you can do so by scanning the QR code. May God's blessings be with you today and always.



The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor · Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper

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

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

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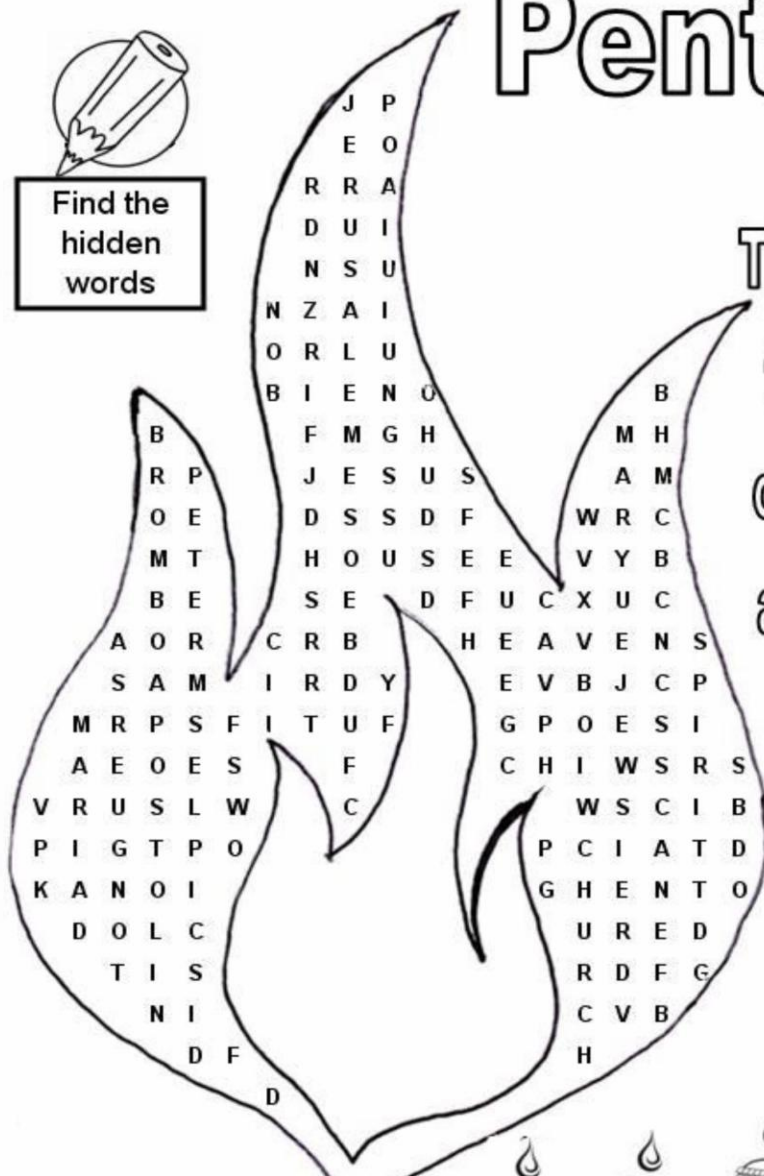


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# Pentecost



Find the hidden words



Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

Acts 2:3

Wind  
Heaven  
House  
Tongues  
Fire  
Spirit  
Jews  
Jerusalem  
Peter  
Jesus  
Wine  
Disciples  
Mary  
Church

