

# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026 - 10:30 am

## **The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ**

Forty days after his glorious Resurrection, our Lord Jesus ascended body and soul into heaven in the sight of his apostles, marking the completion of his earthly mission. By lifting his hands to bless his followers, Jesus did not depart to abandon them, but to take his seat at the right hand of the Father, reigning as King of Kings and acting as our eternal High Priest. This momentous event signifies that humanity itself has been brought into the presence of the Trinity, as Jesus brings our human nature into the heavenly realm.

As we celebrate the Ascension, we are reminded that our true home is heaven and that Jesus has gone before us to prepare a place for all who believe in him. While his physical presence is hidden from our eyes, he remains with his Church through the Holy Spirit and in the Sacraments, continuing his work on earth through us. We are therefore called to lift our hearts and minds to the divine, living with the joyful hope that he will return to establish his kingdom in its fullness.

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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**

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*  
*That Priceless Grace*  
*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

Paul Manz  
Lynn Petersen  
James Biery

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*<We stand.>*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

In the name of ✝ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

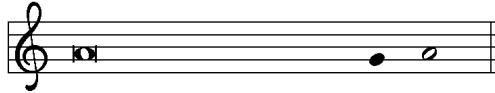
**A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!**

*ELW Hymn 393*

# 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.**

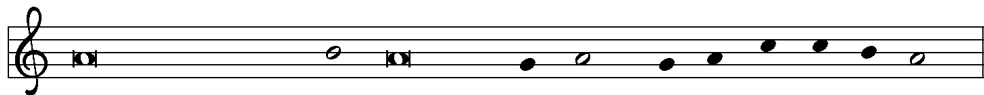
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



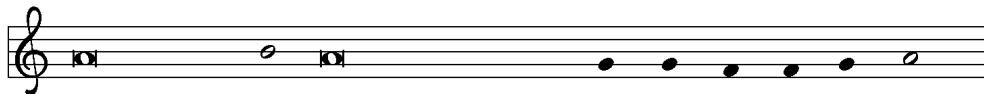
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together. God of love, **With praise we celebrate Jesus, who humbled himself so that every knee should bend and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen.**

<We sit.>

..... ✚ WORD ✚ .....

**READING**

**Philippians 2:1-13**

*Pew Bible page 954*

*If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

<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 6:43-45**

*Pew Bible page 838*

*“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil, for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.*

<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**

**Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song**

*ELW Hymn 403*

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*<We kneel.>*

*Each prayer petition will end with "Merciful God," and the response is "receive our prayer."  
At the conclusion of the prayers, ... through Jesus Christ, our risen 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.>*

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

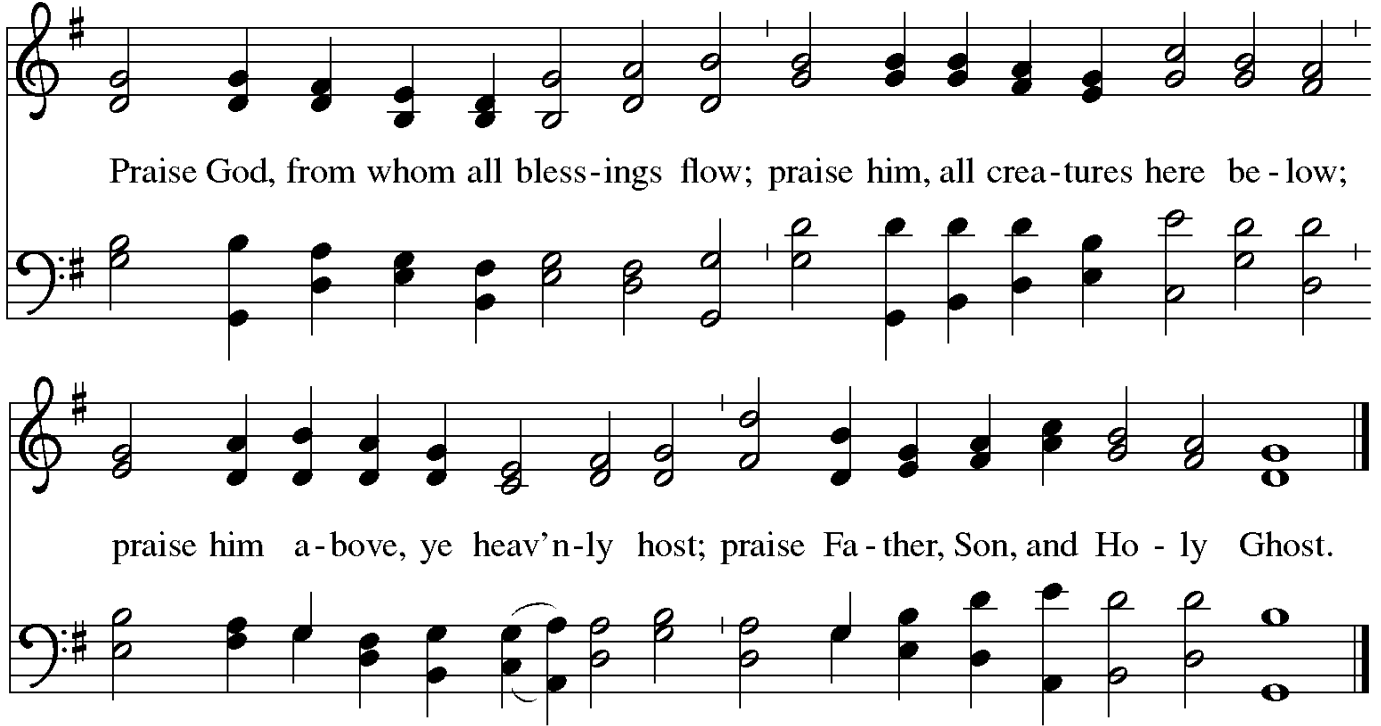
MUSICAL OFFERING

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

arr. John Ferguson

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY HYMN      **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

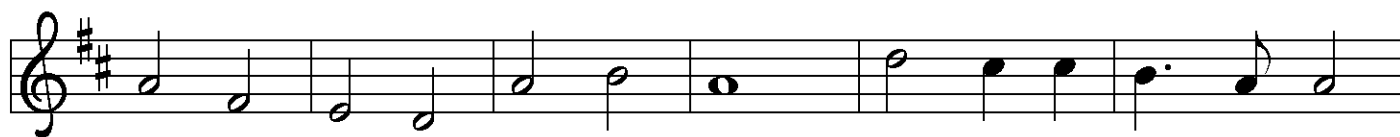
Let us pray... Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,  
**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

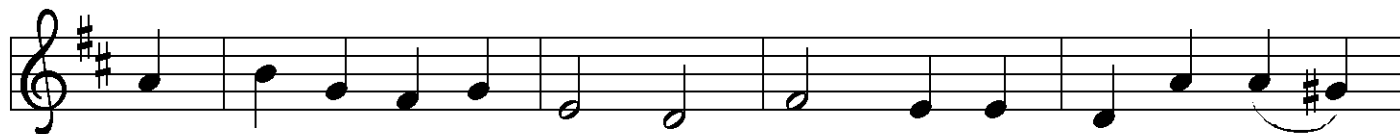
It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... *here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.*



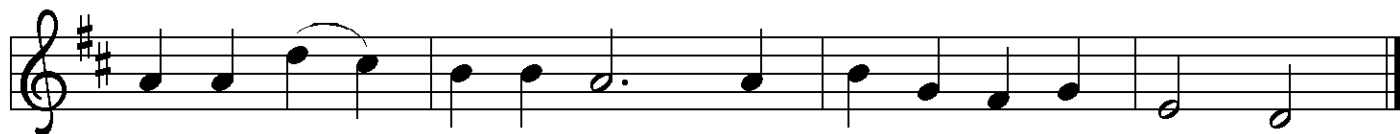
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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

Blessed are you, ...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

<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

### CANTICLE

*Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**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 Day Full of Grace**

*ELW Hymn 627*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

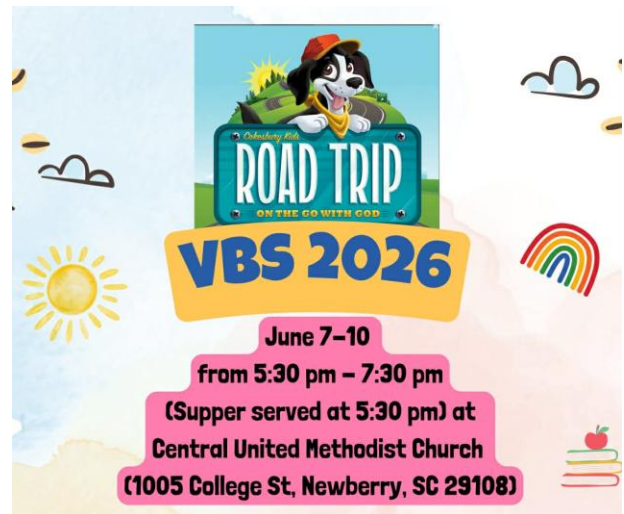
**VOLUNTARY**

*O Day Full of Grace*

Wayne L. Wold

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If you are interested in joining us at VBS or would like to volunteer, register online with the QR Code below or fill out a sign-up sheet in the narthex and place in the offering plate.



We’re grateful you’ve joined us in worship during this holy season. 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.



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

**The Heartland Conference LMM** will meet on Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 pm at Pomaria Lutheran Church. Wise’s BBQ is catering the meal: country fried steak, green beans, rice and gravy, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, banana pudding, and tea. The cost of the meal is \$16 per person. RSVP to Earl Leitzsey by May 24 (phone 803-924-0906 or email [g\\_leitzsey@yahoo.com](mailto:g_leitzsey@yahoo.com)).

All are invited to a reception celebrating the **50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary** of Huger and Anne Caughman on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2pm-4pm in the Family Life Center hosted by their children.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
17 <b>Sunday School</b> - 9:30am  <b>Worship -</b> 10:30am	18	19     <b>Library Reserved</b>	20 <b>FLC Reserved - Nby Newcomers Club</b>  <b>Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm</b>  <b>Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm</b>	21	22	23     <b>FLC Reserved - Quinceanera</b>	24 <b>Sunday School - 9:30am</b>  <b>Worship - 10:30am</b>  <b>Confirmation - 4pm</b>

**Worship Leadership - Today**

**Worship Asst:** Ernie Shealy  
**Acolyte:** Dennis Caughman  
**Crucifer:** Zarek Reid  
**Comm Prep:** Polly Davis  
**Altar Flowers:** available  
**Ushers:** Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia, Tom Gilson, Dennis Caughman

**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

**Worship Asst:** Kristin Caughman  
**Acolyte:** Zoe Reid  
**Crucifer:** Elin Cary  
**Comm Prep:** Kathy Lindsay  
**Altar Flowers:** Caughman Family  
**Ushers:** Elmer Long, Mack Garner, Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman

**Numbers for May 10, 2026:**

**Attendance:**

SS: 13  
 In-Person: 74  
 Online: 196  
**Total: 270**

**Offering:**

Gen Operating Account: \$ 4,141.64  
 Major Maintenance: \$ 55.00  
Dedicated Accounts  
 Roof Repair Fund: \$ 800.00

**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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