

# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026 - 10:30 am

With a sound like the rush of a mighty wind that filled the house where the disciples were gathered, the Holy Spirit descended upon them as tongues of fire. The promise Jesus had made before his ascension into heaven was now fulfilled. These disciples – now apostles, the “sent ones” – were led by God to go out into Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth, bearing witness to the One whose love was so great that not even death could contain it. The apostles were sent as heralds of a new creation, one that poured forth from the empty tomb.

In the season of the Church following today’s Feast of Pentecost, we are reminded that it is anything but ordinary. It calls to mind that the same Holy Spirit who rested on the apostles continues to enliven the Body of Christ today. This season invites us to live into God’s mission: to share the good news of Christ crucified and risen. Whether through devotion to Scripture, the fellowship we offer one another, the breaking of bread in worship, our prayers, or the ways we reach out in love to the world around us, we are called into growth and renewal – so that the entirety of our lives may be shaped by God’s love and mercy.

As we journey through this season, may we be open to the ways in which the Holy Spirit leads the Church. May we be bold in our witness and steadfast in our love – so that our lives may proclaim the hope of the risen Christ, not only with our lips, but in how we live. This is the season of going forth: empowered by the Holy Spirit, grounded in grace, and sent into the world as signs of God’s new creation. In a world still longing for healing and hope, may our lives bear witness to the risen Christ – until all creation is drawn into the fullness of God’s redeeming love.

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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**

*Now We Pray to the Holy Spirit*

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

*Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

Dietrich Buxtehude

Franklin Ashdown

Jacob Weber

**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**

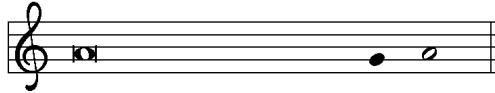
**Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling**

*ELW Hymn 582*

# 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.**

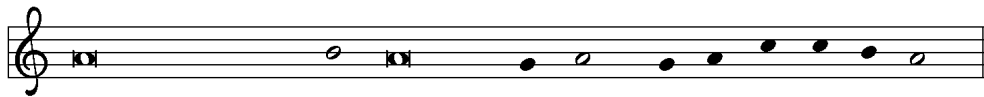
# KYRIE



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.



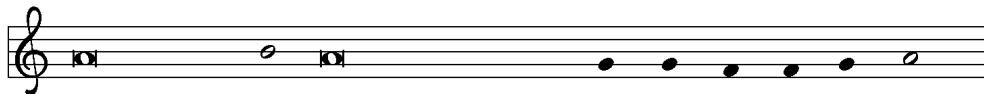
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 Spirit, We give thanks that when you sent your Advocate, the apostles were empowered to speak about your deeds of power in all languages, for every people. Give us boldness to share the Spirit's power with our neighbors. Amen.

<We sit.>

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*A Merry Heart*  
Handbell Choir

Cynthia Debrinski

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 2:1-21**

*Pew Bible page 885*

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

*Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."*

*But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews<sup>and</sup> and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:*

*'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

**Philippians 4:4-7**

*Pew Bible page 954*

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

<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 14:16-17**

*Pew Bible page 877*

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.*

<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

Come Down, O Love Divine

ELW Hymn 804

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

*Presents those who are Affirming their Baptism.*

I present Elin, Dennis, and Levi who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

*Pastor Matt notes briefly the occasion for this affirmation.*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism, and we come before God with **Elin, Dennis, and Levi** as *they make* affirmation of their baptism into Christ.

*Pastor Matt continues with prayer.*

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for this *sister* and these *brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Pastor Matt addresses those making affirmation of their baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

*Pastor Matt addresses the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY**

*Pastor Matt addresses those who are making public affirmation of their baptism.*

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

*Pastor Matt addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support this *sister* and these *brothers* and pray for them in *their* life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*The following words of blessing are repeated for each individual affirming their baptism.*

Stir up in ... the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. Pastor Matt addresses the assembly.*

Let us rejoice with this *sister* and these *brothers* in Christ!

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*The assembly responds in acclamation for God's continued presence and work this day! The service then will continue with the prayers of intercession.*

**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.>

..... ✚ MEAL ✚ .....

**RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Be Still, My Soul*  
Handbell Choir

arr. Kevin McChesney

<We stand.>

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

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly 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

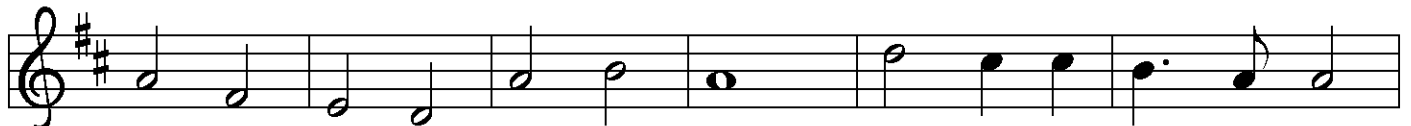
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

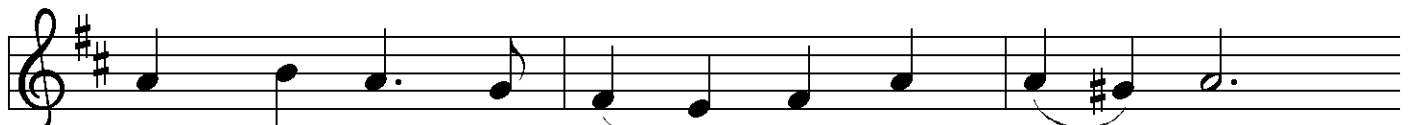
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### 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.*

## MUSIC DURING

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

arr. Hart Morris

## COMMUNION

Handbell Choir

<We stand.>

## THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

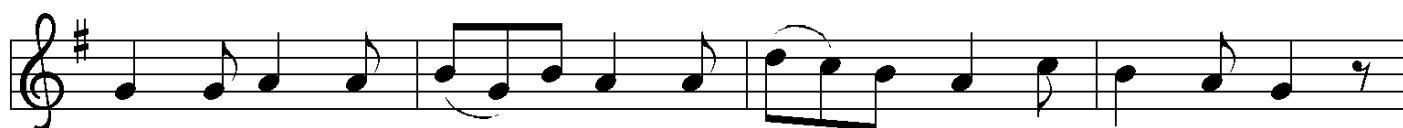
## POST COMMUNION

### 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**

**Holy Spirit, Truth Divine**

*ELW Hymn 398*

**DISMISSAL**

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

**VOLUNTARY**

*Improvisation on CWM Rhondda*

Paul Manz

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our confirmands on this Day of Pentecost 2026 by Huger and Anne Caughman and family.

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT:** beginning today and continuing 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**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, the cost of the meal is \$16 per person. RSVP to Earl Leitzsey by today (phone 803-924-0906 or email 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
24 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	25 Memorial Day - Church Office Closed	26 Prayer Shawl Ministry  Library Reserved	27 Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	28 PM Bible Study - 2pm  Heartland LMM - Pomaria	29	30 FLC Reserved	31 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Caughman 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception 2p-4p

**Worship Leadership - Today**  
**Worship Asst:** Kristin Caughman  
**Acolyte:** Zoe Reid  
**Crucifer:** Ashleigh Titus  
**Comm Prep:** Kathy Lindsay  
**Altar Flowers:** Caughman Family  
**Ushers:** Elmer Long, Mack Garner, Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman

**Sunday, May 31, 2026**  
**Worship Asst:** George Franklin  
**Acolyte:** Griffin Long  
**Crucifer:** Elin Cary  
**Comm Prep:** Kathy Riggin  
**Altar Flowers:** Heather Kaikini  
**Ushers:** Kathy Riggin, Nikki Chapman, Doggett Whitaker, Dennis Caughman

## Numbers for May 17, 2026:

### Attendance:

SS: 22  
In-Person: 67  
Online: 213  
Total: 270

### Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$ 3,279.00  
Major Maintenance: \$ 290.00  
Prayer & Care Card Class: \$ 50.00  
WELCA: \$ 50.00

### Dedicated Accounts

Roof Repair Fund: \$ 100.00  
Abiding Memorial: \$ 90.00



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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