

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 12, 2026 - 10:30 am

The Pentecost Season, sometimes called "Ordinary Time," is the season of the Church year when we focus on growing as disciples of Jesus Christ through the ordinary moments of daily life. The word "ordinary" comes from the idea of counting or ordering the weeks, not from something being plain or unimportant. During this season, we reflect on Christ's teachings, His ministry, and how we are called to live out our faith in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, symbolizing growth, hope, and new life. Just as plants need time to mature and flourish, our spiritual lives require continual nourishment through prayer, Scripture, worship, and acts of service. Ordinary Time reminds us that God is present not only in special celebrations and holy seasons, but also in the everyday rhythms of life.

As we journey through Ordinary Time, may we open our hearts to God's grace and seek opportunities to grow in faith, love, and discipleship. Let us be attentive to the ways Christ is working among us and commit ourselves to sharing His light and love with those around us.

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.

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

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚

Voluntaries

Improvisation on "The Ash Grove"

Edwin Childs

Adagio "Nimrod"

Edward Elgar

God Himself is Present

Michael Burkhardt

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

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

ELW Hymn 533

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. Almighty God, **we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

<We sit.>

READING

Romans 8:1-11

Pew Bible page 918

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Pew Bible page 794

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

<We sit.>

SERMON

Pastor Earl Schafer

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

ELW Hymn 681

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

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

<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 the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. "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

Holy Redeemer

arr. Rob Roy Peery

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving (vs. 1)

1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things
liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the



OFFETORY PRAYER

Let us pray... Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

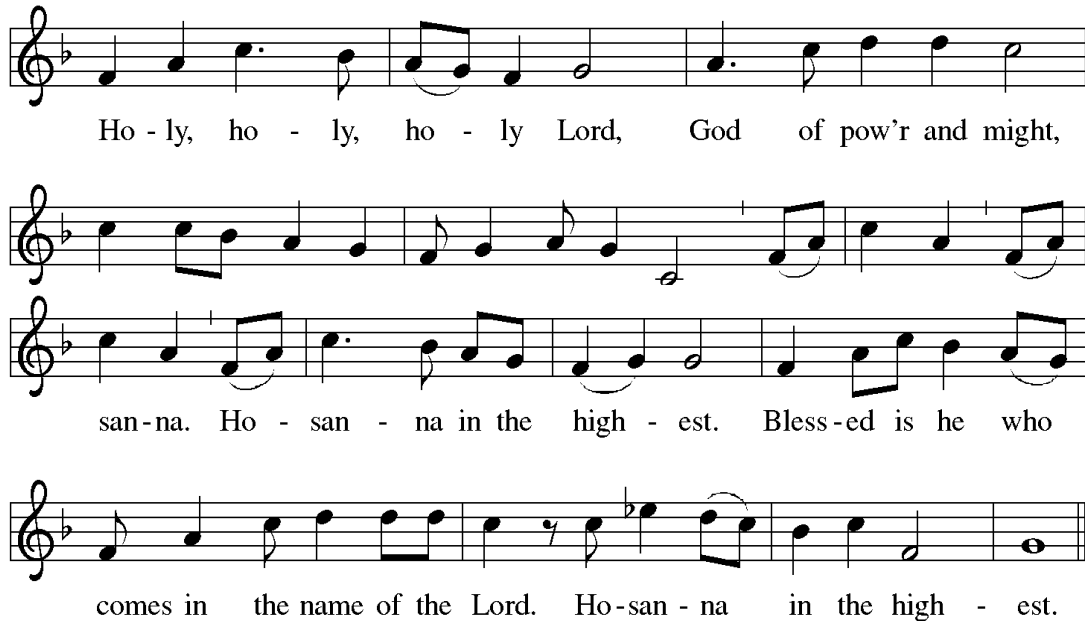
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy



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!

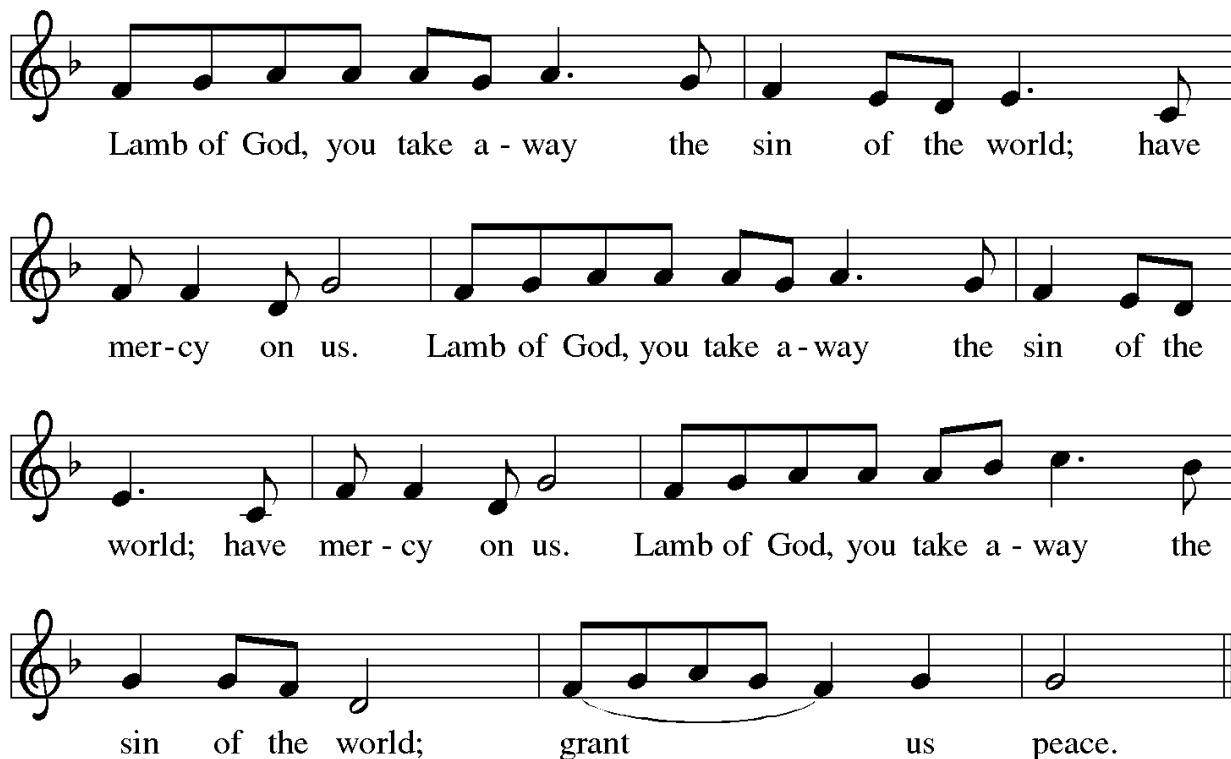
<We sit.>

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.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; 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** ✚

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

✚ one God,

bless, heal, and hold you

today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW Hymn 547

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Marche Pontificale

Charles Gounod



..... **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
12 Property Comm Mtg - 9am Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Nominating Comm Meeting - after worship	13 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	14 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Finance Comm Mtg - 6pm Library Reserved	15	16	17	18 GAAP - 10am	19 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am

Worship Leadership - Today

Worship Asst: Joe Bucher

Acolyte: Ellie Nguyen

Crucifer: Zarek Reid

Comm Prep: Robert Kneece & Eve Kneece

Ushers: Susan Thomasson, Walter Jacobs, Justin Guy, Dennis Caughman

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Worship Asst: Mary Alex Kopp

Acolyte: Dennis Caughman

Crucifer: Zoe Reid

Comm Prep: Rachel Manos

Ushers: Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia, Tom Gilson, Dennis Caughman

Numbers for July 5, 2026:

Attendance:

Sunday School: 22

In-Person Worship: 51

Online Worship: 102

Worship Total: 153

Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$ 3,325.64

Major Maintenance: \$ 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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