

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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In our 174th year of ministry



The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 19, 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

Arioso

Ron Boud

Bread of Life from Heaven

Edwin Childs

Improvisation on "Buinessan"

Charles Callahan

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

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ELW Hymn 693

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. Faithful God, **most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

<We sit.>

..... ✚ WORD ✚

READING

Romans 8:12-25

Pew Bible page 919

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

LIL’ LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Pew Bible page 794

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

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

<At the conclusion of the reading>

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

<We sit.>

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Titus

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

ELW Hymn 516

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

setting by John Ferguson

<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

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.

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

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

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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

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!

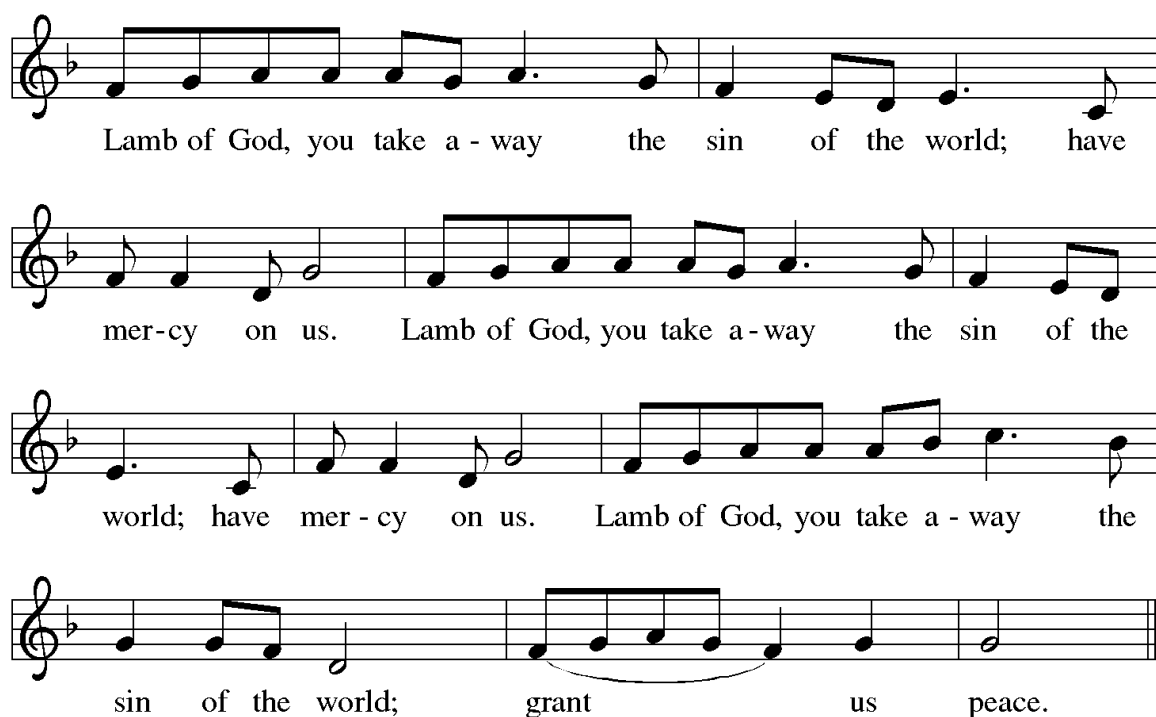
<We sit.>

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** ✚

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

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW Hymn 679

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Hornpipe in D

John S. Dixon



..... **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Manna House is in need of flour, sugar, and grits. You can drop these items off in the cart located in the narthex. If you are interested in additional information regarding Manna House please reach out to Annette Belcher.

"And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:40

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sunday School – 9:30am Worship – 10:30am Education Comm Mtg – after worship		Library Reserved					Sunday School – 9:30am Worship – 10:30am

Worship Leadership - Today

Worship Asst: Mary Alex Kopp

Acolyte: Dennis Caughman

Crucifer: Zoe Reid

Comm Prep: Rachel Manos

Ushers: Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia,

Tom Gilson, Dennis Caughman

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Worship Asst: Derryll Satterwhite

Acolyte: Elin Cary

Crucifer: Griffin Long

Comm Prep: Susan Thomasson & Ann Jacobs

Ushers: Elmer Long, Mack Garner

Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman

Numbers for July 12, 2026:

Attendance:

Sunday School: 18

In-Person Worship: 46

Online Worship: 134

Worship Total: 180

Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$ 10,072.48

Major Maintenance: \$ 687.00

Redeemer Music Fund: \$ 700.00

ELCA World Hunger: \$ 2,000.00

ELCA Disaster Relief: \$ 2,000.00

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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