

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 5, 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

Ave Verum Corpus

My Lord, What a Morning

O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies

Evertt Tiltcomb

Raymond Haan

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

God of Our Fathers

Insert

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;

leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 in this free land - by you our lot is cast;
 make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
 oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace

our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
 your word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
 your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

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. You are great, O God, **and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

<We sit.>

..... † **WORD** †

READING

Romans 7:15-25a

Pew Bible page 918

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

<At the conclusion of the reading>

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

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Pew Bible page 792

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

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

"For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

<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

Day by Day

ELW Hymn 790

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

For Everyone Born

arr. Tom Trenney

<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.

OFFERTORY 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.

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

The Star-Spangled Banner

arr. Virgil Fox

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
5 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	6	7 Library Reserved	8 Basketball in FLC - 12pm	9	10 Basketball in FLC - 12pm	11	12 Property Comm Mtg - 9am Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am

Worship Leadership - Today
Worship Asst: Nikki Chapman
Acolyte: Titus
Crucifer: Adam Boozer
Comm Prep: Lynn Cary
Ushers: Chad Cary, Norris Long, Zeb Reid, Dennis Caughman

Sunday, July 12, 2026
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

Numbers for June 28, 2026:

Attendance:

Sunday School: 21
 In-Person Worship: 56
 Online Worship: 178
Worship Total: 234

Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$ 4,902.48
 Major Maintenance: \$ 510.00
 Roof Fund: \$ 200.00
 Manna House: \$ 10.00



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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