

# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
June 28, 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.

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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**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*  
*Prelude in G*

Paul Manz  
Michael Costello  
William Henry Harris

**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**

**As We Gather at Your Table**

*ELW Hymn 522*

**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. O God, **you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*<We sit.>*

..... ✝ **WORD** ✝ .....

**READING**

**Romans 6:12-23**

*Pew Bible page 917*

*Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.*

*What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.*

*When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

<At the conclusion of the reading>

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

**LIL' LUTHERAN TALK**

<We stand.>

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 10:40-42**

*Pew Bible page 791*

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

*"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."*

<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**

**Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

*ELW Hymn 719*

**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**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.  
<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 Jesus our 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**

*There's a Wideness In God's Mercy*

Bradley Ellingboe

<We stand.>

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring vs. 1**



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.

### 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.

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

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

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, 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.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

*ELW Hymn 199*

<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

**The Church of Christ, in Every Age**

*ELW Hymn 729*

## DISMISSAL

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

## VOLUNTARY

*Improvisation on "St. Denio"*

Michael Burkhardt

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their wedding anniversary by Joe and Marg Bucher.

..... ANNOUNCEMENTS .....

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
28 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	29 Basketball in FLC - 10am	30  Library Reserved	1 Basketball in FLC - 12pm	2	3 Church Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day  Basketball in FLC - 12pm	4	5 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am

**Worship Leadership - Today**  
**Worship Asst:** Kevin Boozer  
**Acolyte:** Jacob Chapman  
**Crucifer:** Taygen Hazel  
**Comm Prep:** Christie Whitaker  
**Altar Flowers:** Marg & Joe Bucher  
**Ushers:** Elmer Long, Mack Garner, Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman

**Sunday, July 5, 2026**  
**Worship Asst:** Nikki Chapman  
**Acolyte:** Ellie Nguyen  
**Crucifer:** Adam Boozer  
**Comm Prep:** Lynn Cary  
**Altar Flowers:** volunteer  
**Ushers:** Chad Cary, Norris Long, Zeb Reid, Dennis Caughman

**Numbers for June 21, 2026:**

**Attendance:**  
 Sunday School: 22  
 In-Person Worship: 65  
 Online Worship: 147  
**Worship Total: 212**

**Offering:**  
 Gen Operating Account: \$ 6,667.69  
 Major Maintenance: \$ 760.00  
 Redeemer Music Fund: \$ 100.00

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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 Crafting A Green World