

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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In our 174th year of ministry



The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 16, 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

If Thou Art Near

J. S. Bach

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Karl Osterland

Jesus Shall Reign

Aaron Shows

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

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW Hymn 434

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor -

ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone

are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. God of all peoples, **your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

<We sit.>

READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Pew Bible page 921

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

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

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Pew Bible page 797

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

<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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW Hymn 759

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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

<We kneel.>

Each prayer petition will end with "Merciful God," and the response is "*receive our prayer.*"

At the conclusion of the prayers, ... in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. "*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

Up to the Hills I Lift My Eyes

Normand Gouin

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW Hymn 188

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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 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.

<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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues Sing

ELW Hymn 886

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues Sing

Paul Manz

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in memory of WWII Veteran Vera Cecelia Gilson on her birthday by Tom and Carol Gilson.

..... ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Christian Education Committee would love more volunteers to help lead all ages of Sunday School. Please contact Erin Titus for more information.

The next **Heartland Conference LMM** meeting will be on Thursday, August 20 at Mt. Horeb in Chapin at 7:00 pm. The cost of the meal is \$15 and will consist of pork bbq, fried chicken, green beans, rice and hash, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, dessert, and tea (meal prepared by Farm Boys). Rev. Megan Lineberger of Bethel, White Rock is the guest speaker. RSVP by August 16 to Earl Leitzsey (803-924-0906 or g_leitzsey@yahoo.com).

We will be providing a meal for the Newberry High School Football team on Friday, August 28 at 4:00 pm. If you are willing to help, please notify Huger Caughman, Jr.

If you would like to join the **Committee of 100**, forms are available in the narthex or on the desk in the hallway outside of the church office.

Welcome Back Wolves Community Fair is on **Saturday, August 22 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm** on the campus of Newberry College. Redeemer has a table reserved. We need volunteers to help staff the table and to meet the new students. If you are interested in participating, please notify the church office by Friday, August 14.

ATTENTION College Students!! *Current and those going in the next few weeks*

Please update your contact information with the church office so we can stay in touch with you.

ATTENTION Congregation!!

We want to keep our church family updated on our college students as they navigate classes and campus life, we invite you to pray for their faith, studies, and friendships. If you would like to support them with encouraging notes, care packages, or if you just want to know how to pray specifically, please contact the church office to get involved.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: join us for a **YOUTH KICKOFF EVENT** in the FLC on Sunday, August 30 from 5:00pm-6:30pm!

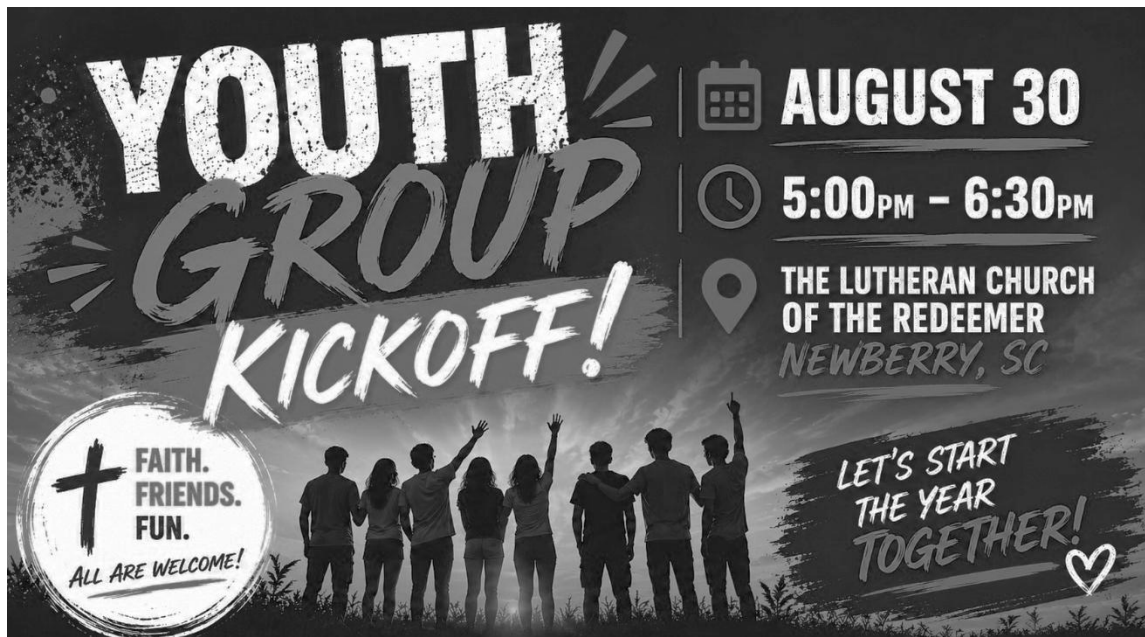
Numbers for August 09, 2026:

Attendance:

Sunday School:	21
In-Person Worship:	77
Online Worship:	59
Worship Total:	136

Offering:

Gen Operating Account:	\$ 3,620.96
Major Maintenance:	\$ 65.00



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
16 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal - after worship	17 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am Lutheran Services Carolina - 12pm-1pm	18 Library Reserved - Sistercare - 6pm	19 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	20 LMM Heartland Conference - Mt Horeb - 7pm	21	22 Welcome Back Wolves @ Newberry College - 2pm-4pm	23 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal - after worship FLC Reserved - Jacobs Family

Worship Leadership - Today

Worship Asst: Eve Kneece

Acolyte: Volunteer

Crucifer: Griffin Long

Comm Prep: Rachel Manos

Altar Flowers: Carol & Tom Gilson

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

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Worship Asst: Johnny Lindsay

Acolyte: Gavin Garner

Crucifer: Jacob Chapman

Comm Prep: Christie Whitaker

Altar Flowers: anonymous

Ushers: Elmer Long, Mack Garner, Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman

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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