

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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In our 174th year of ministry



The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 23, 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

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Liturgical Prelude 1

Michael Burkhardt

David Cherwien

George Oldroyd

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 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW Hymn 645

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. O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

<We sit.>

READING

Romans 12:1-8

Pew Bible page 922

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

Pew Bible page 798

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

<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

O Savior, Precious Savior

ELW Hymn 820

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

A Celtic Prayer

John Leavitt

<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

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

ELW Hymn 620

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

David Cherwien

..... ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

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!

WELCA will not be meeting the months of September and October. However, in October, we will be attending the Fall Heartland Conference Meeting on October 4th at 3:00 PM at Colony Lutheran Church.

Numbers for August 16, 2026:

Attendance:

Sunday School:	16
In-Person Worship:	75
Online Worship:	116
Worship Total:	191

Offering:

Gen Operating Account:	\$ 4,695.00
Major Maintenance:	\$ 350.00
Roof Fund:	\$ 125.00

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
23 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal - after worship FLC Reserved - Jacobs Family	24 Lutheran Services Carolina - 12pm-1pm	25 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Library Reserved - Sistercare - 6pm	26 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	27	28 LMM -Meal for NHS Football	29	30 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal - after worship Youth Group Kickoff - 5pm - FLC

Worship Leadership - Today

Worship Asst: Johnny Lindsay

Acolyte: Gavin Garner

Crucifer: Jacob Chapman

Comm Prep: Christie Whitaker

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

Offering Tellers: Cathy Turner

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Worship Asst: Chelsea Whitlock

Acolyte: McKenzie Garner

Crucifer: Ellie Nguyen

Comm Prep: Susan Thomason & Ann Jacobs

Ushers: Kathy Riggin, Nikki Chapman, Doggett Whitaker, Dennis Caughman

Offering Tellers: Walter Jacobs, Ann Jacobs, & Susan Thomason

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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