

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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In our 174th year of ministry



The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 30, 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

Will You Come and Follow Me

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

For the Beauty of the Earth

James Biery

Lynn Peterson

Michael Burkhardt

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

Lift High the Cross

ELW Hymn 660

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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

<We sit.>

READING

Romans 12:9-21

Pew Bible page 922

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

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

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

Pew Bible page 798

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

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

<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

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW Hymn 798

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

Be Thou My Vision

Dan Forrest

<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.	May the Lord bless you and keep you.
In the name of the Father.	May the Lord bless you and keep you.
In the name of the Son.	May God’s face shine upon you.
In the name of the Son.	May God’s face shine upon you.
In the name of the Spirit.	May God’s blessings be with you.
In the name of the Spirit.	May God’s blessings be with you.
The Three-in-One.	And give you peace.
The Three-in-One.	And give you peace.

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Lift High the Cross

Paul Manz

..... ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

Manna House is still in need of sugar, flour, and grits. You may leave these items in the grocery cart in the narthex.

Numbers for August 23, 2026:

Attendance:

Sunday School:	19
In-Person Worship:	80
Online Worship:	69
Worship Total:	149

Offering:

Gen Operating Account:	\$ 2,662.59
Major Maintenance:	\$ 805.00
LMM - NHS Football Meal:	\$ 250.00

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
30 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal - after worship Youth Group Kickoff - 5pm - FLC	31 Lutheran Services Carolina - 12pm-1pm	1 Library Reserved - Sistercare - 6pm	2 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	3	4	5	6 Property Committee Mtg - 9am Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal - after worship

Worship Leadership - Today

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

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Worship Asst: Kristin Caughman

Acolyte: Levi Richardson

Crucifer: Elin Cary

Comm Prep: Christie Whitaker

Ushers: Chad Cary, Norris Long, Zeb Reid, Dennis Caughman

Offering Tellers: Anne Caughman & Kristin 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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