

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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In our 174th year of ministry



The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 26, 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

Day by Day

Edwin Childs

Meditation on "St. Peter"

Raymond Haan

Be Thou My Vision

Paul Manz

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 Grace and God of Glory

ELW Hymn 705

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

Let us pray together. Beloved and sovereign God, **through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

<We sit.>

..... ✚ WORD ✚

READING

Romans 8:26-39

Pew Bible page 919

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God 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 13:31-33, 44-52

Pew Bible page 795

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

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

<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

Be Thou My Vision

ELW Hymn 793

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

Come Thou Fount

arr. Daniel Musselman

<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.

SENDING HYMN

In Thee Is Gladness

ELW Hymn 867

DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

In Thee Is Gladness

Michael Burkhardt

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.



..... ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Rally Day join us **Sunday, August 2nd at 9:30am** in the FLC for activities and breakfast. Blessing of the Backpacks will be held during the service. All are welcome!!

WELCA will meet **Sunday, August 2, at 3:45 PM**, in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00, Gayle Lindley will be presenting the program from our Then Sings My Soul, Book 2. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

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.

Manna House is in need of flour, sugar, and grits. You can drop these items off in the cart located in the narthex. If you are interested in additional information regarding Manna House please reach out to Annette Belcher.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
26 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	27 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	28 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Library Reserved	29	30	31	1 FLC Reserved - Metropolitan Baptist Church Youth Prayer Brunch	2 Sunday School Rally Breakfast - 9:30am - FLC Worship - 10:30am WELCA - 3:45pm

Worship Leadership - Today

Worship Asst: Derryll Satterwhite

Acolyte: Elin Cary

Crucifer: Griffin Long

Comm Prep: Susan Thomasson & Ann Jacobs

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

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Worship Asst: Lisa Senn

Acolyte: Ashleigh Titus

Crucifer: Henry Chapman

Comm Prep: Polly Davis & Susan Hayes

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

Numbers for July 19, 2026:

Attendance:

Sunday School: 21
In-Person Worship: 62
Online Worship: 95
Worship Total: 157

Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$ 5,330.27
Major Maintenance: \$ 1,145.00
Redeemer Music Fund: \$ 725.00

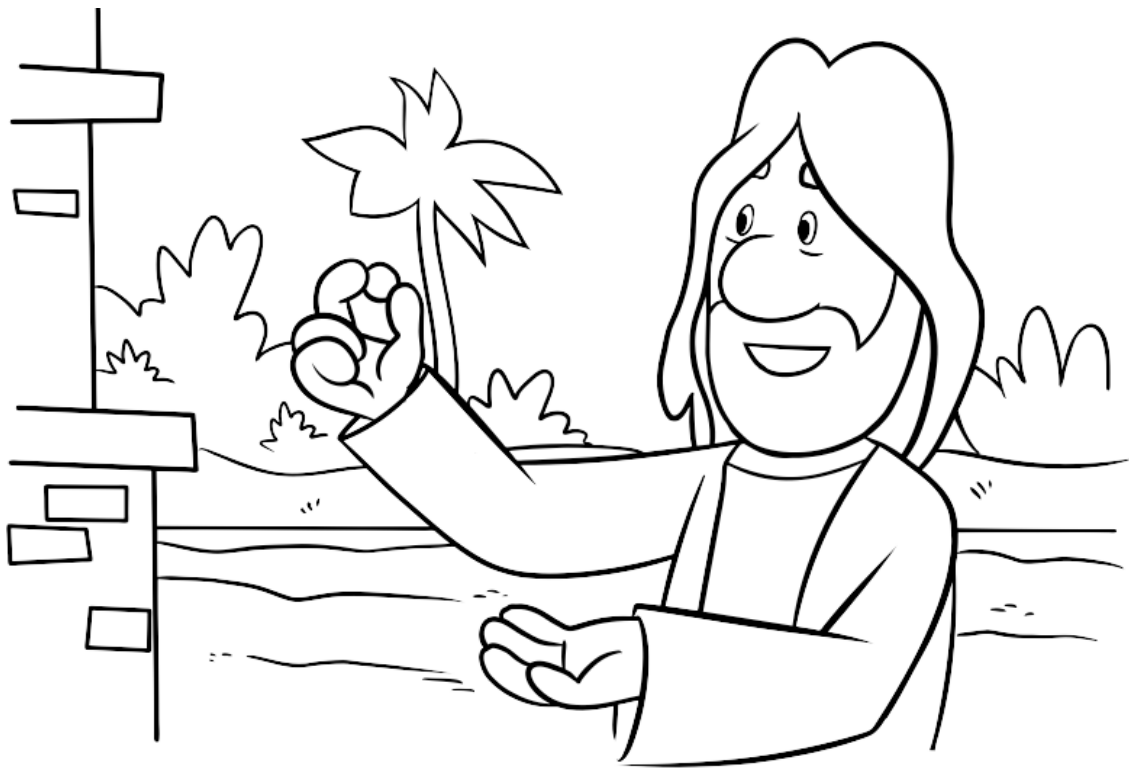
The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor · Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper

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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Sunday School
RALLY DAY

★ AUGUST 2 AT 9:30 AM ★

ACTIVITIES & BREAKFAST FOR EVERYONE!

The Lutheran Church
— of The Redeemer —

All Ages
Welcome! ♥

Blessing of
the Backpacks
during the service! ♥

♥ Faith. Fun. Friends. Growing Together in Christ! ♥