

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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In our 174th year of ministry



The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 13, 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

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart
Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Michael Costello
James Biery
Paul Manz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

<We kneel.>

Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts.

Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

<We stand.>

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✚ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW Hymn 807

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



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 promise, you set a bow in the sky to remind us that you will never again forsake your creation. Make us ever mindful of your promise, so that we might honor our covenant with you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

<We sit.>

READING

Genesis 6:5-22, 8:6-12, 9:8-17

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The Lord saw that the wickedness of humans was great in the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he had made humans on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the Lord said, "I will blot out from the earth the humans I have created – people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air – for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord. These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw that the earth was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds according to their kinds and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up, and it shall serve as food for you and for them." Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven, and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground, but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark, and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove, and it did not return to him any more.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing!

Mark Patterson

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

Matthew 8:24-27

Pew Bible page 789

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

A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

<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 **Creating God, Your Fingers Trace**

ELW Hymn 684

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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

<We kneel.>

Each prayer petition will end with "Hear us, O God," and the response is "Your mercy is great."

At the conclusion of the prayers, ... We ask this in Jesus' name. "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

Our Father, We Have Wandered

Ralph Johnson

<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... God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

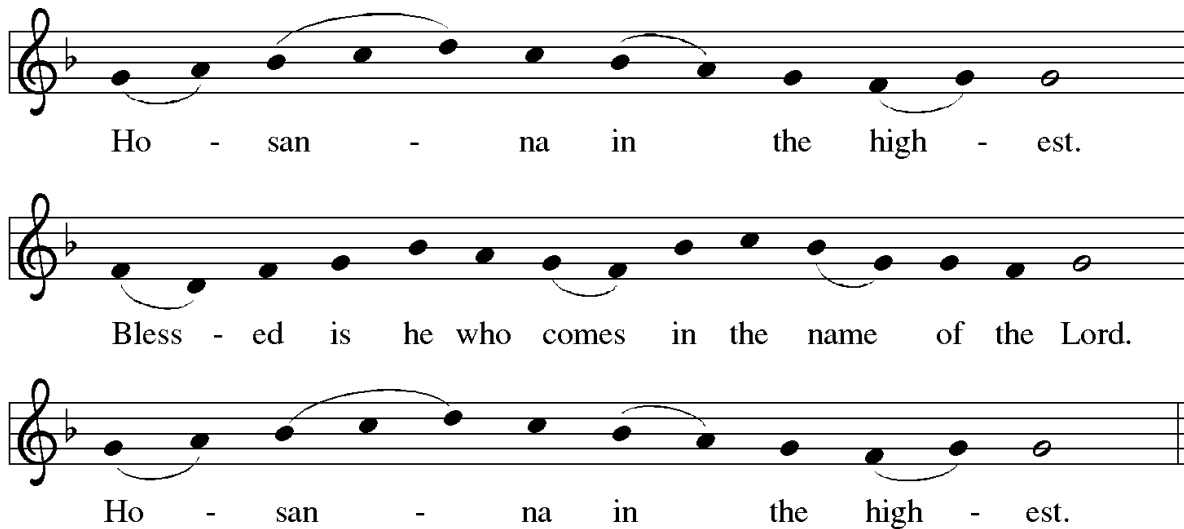
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.



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

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

<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

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
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.

SENDING HYMN **Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing** *ELW Hymn 545*

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY *Grave from Fantasia in G* J. S. Bach

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Mike and Denise Reid’s 55th wedding anniversary by Zeb, Angela, Zoe, and Zarek Reid.

September 6th Altar Flowers were given to the Glory of God by Nikki and Ben Chapman.

..... **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WELCA will **not** be meeting in 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.

Redeemer Food Pantry the food pantry box located across from the front entrance to the FLC needs to be replenished – next time you do your grocery shopping think about grabbing a few nonperishable items to put in the box. Items with easy open tab lids or pouches are great! Chef Boyardee, tuna, water, electrolyte drink mixes, etc.

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 September 6, 2026:

Attendance:

Sunday School: 15
 In-Person Worship: 66
 Online Worship: 99
Worship Total: 165

Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$ 2,070.00
 Major Maintenance: \$ 50.00

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
13 Property Committee Mtg - 9am Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal - after worship Confirmation Class - 4pm - Youth Hall Youth Group - 5pm -	14 Prayer & Care Card Class - 9:30am Congregation Council Meeting - 6pm	15	9 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	10	11 FLC Reserved - Humane Society Yard Sale	12 FLC Reserved - Humane Society Yard Sale	20 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal - after worship

Worship Leadership - Today

Worship Asst: Ernie Shealy
Acolyte: Thomas Boozer
Crucifer: Griffin Long
Comm Prep: Rachel Manos
Ushers: Susan Thomasson, Walter Jacobs, Justin Guy, Dennis Caughman
Offering Tellers: Walter Jacobs, Ann Jacobs & Susan Thomasson
Altar Flowers: Angela & Zeb Reid

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Worship Asst: Robert Kneece
Acolyte: Rosealyn Sexton
Crucifer: Ashleigh Titus
Comm Prep: Susan Jacobs & Ann Jacobs
Ushers: Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia, Tom Gilson, Dennis Caughman
Offering Tellers: Matthew Bowers & Huger Caughman, Jr.
Altar Flowers: available

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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