

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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In our 174th year of ministry



The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 20, 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

Jesus, Still Lead On

Paul Manz

Here I Am, Lord

John Carter

Pour Your Light on Us from Above

George Oldroyd

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

The God of Abraham Praise

ELW Hymn 831

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



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 covenant, you promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

<We sit.>

READING

Genesis 12:1-9

Pew Bible page 8

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:19-20

Pew Bible page 812

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

Here I Am, Lord

ELW Hymn 574

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

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

Bradley Ellingbee

<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.
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

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.

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

Come Share the Spirit



1 Come, share the Spir - it, God has called us to ven - tures
 2 Come, drown your sins be - neath the wa - ters where life flows
 3 Come, God in - vites us to the ban - quet that ev - 'ry
 4 Come, let us tell the gos - pel sto - ry, how God has



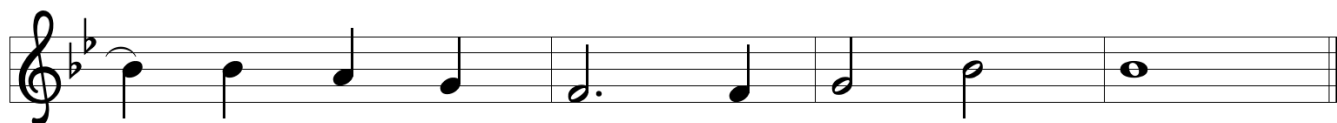
in the life of faith, to bring good tid - ings to the
 from the gran - ite rock, the stone from which our Lord has
 peo - ple soon will share, with shouts of joy and loud thanks -
 giv - en us new birth and rais - es us to live for



need - y, to tell of vic - t'ry o - ver death.
 ris - en, our cor - ner - stone and build - ing block.
 giv - ing be - fore God's throne we will ap - pear.
 oth - ers, to speak good news through - out the earth.



Christ speaks and all of life is new;
 Christ speaks and rais - es from the dead
 Christ speaks and bids us sit and dine;
 Christ speaks and life is come a - gain.



God's word is pure and it is true.
 all those who hear the liv - ing Word.
 his bod - y, bread, his blood, the wine.
 Good news, good news for ev - 'ry - one!

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on St. Paul's, Ardmore

Robert Hobby

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God, in memory of my mother, Willene Shealy, and in thanksgiving for the many blessings in my life by Ernie Shealy.

..... ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMP KINARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RETREAT for grades 1st-5th, October 10-11, cost is \$95/student. Registration is open: <https://forms.gle/MwJpAVrL8bKfxYqCA>.

WELCA 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: 20
In-Person Worship: 74
Online Worship: 108
Worship Total: 182

Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$ 8,122.17
Major Maintenance: \$ 880.00
Capital Improvement: \$ 400.00
Redeemer Music Fund: \$ 100.00
Roof Fund: \$ 1,000.00
Abiding Memorial: \$ 250.00

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
20 Sunday School – 9:30am Worship – 10:30am Children’s Choir Rehearsal – after worship FLC Reserved	21 FLC Reserved – TOY Banquet	22 Prayer Shawl Ministry – 10am	23 Handbell Choir Rehearsal – 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal – 7pm	24	25 FLC Reserved	26 FLC Reserved – St Matthew’s First Lady’s Luncheon	26 Sunday School – 9:30am Worship – 10:30am Children’s Choir Rehearsal – after worship

Worship Leadership – Today

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: Ernie Shealy

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Worship Asst: George Franklin
Acolyte: Zarek Reid
Crucifer: Ellie Nguyen
Comm Prep: Kathy Riggan
Ushers: Elmer Long, Mack Garner,
Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman
Offering Tellers: Cathy H. Turner
& Rosemary Dominick
Altar Flowers: Caughman Family

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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