

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, July 5, 2026**

Welcome to Redeemer!

We are a loving ELCA community that adheres to Jesus' commandment to love one another by welcoming, acknowledging, and accepting all people including (but not limited to) those of all races, backgrounds, ages, political affiliations, economic and social status, sexual orientations, gender identities and expression, and mental and physical abilities. We strive to spread the word of God's Grace and love throughout our congregation, community, and world. In Christ, we are one body.

Chosen By God...To Love one another John 16:16-17

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
source of hope in every nation,
rest for the weary,
glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

Amen.

Let us bring every burden to God. God of all mercy, **we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins through the grace of † Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *God Bless Our Native Land* (ELW 891)

God Bless Our Native Land

1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may it ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise to God a - bove the skies,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
on whom we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are split across two lines. The musical notation remains consistent with the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff.

wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

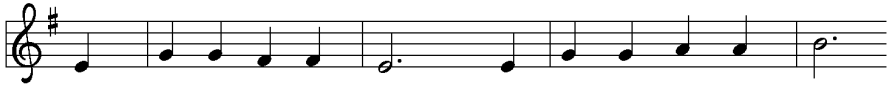
The third system concludes the piece. The melody and accompaniment end with a final cadence. The lyrics are split across two lines. The musical notation includes a double bar line at the end of the piece.

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.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

A reading from Zechariah.

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my
covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works. R**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

¹² that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your
dominion endures through- | out all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and
loving in | all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from Romans.

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not

repent. ²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

“For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON- PASTOR DEL STRECKER .
HYMN OF THE DAY *Day by Day* (ELW 790)

Day by Day

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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.

Gathering God, send your Spirit on the church you have called out from every nation. Knit us together into one body and heal the divisions we have caused. Overcome our timidity to witness and act in the public square when your purpose is being thwarted. Bless rostered and lay leaders with clarity and courage as they center your people in the gospel. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

All your works praise you, O God. From the Arctic to the Caribbean, from the Atlantic to the western islands, these lands and waters have sustained its peoples over many centuries. As we take our part in creation's praise, revive our wonder at what you have fashioned, and enliven our

will to ensure its health for future generations. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. We come from many nations with many languages; make us a united people that delights in our many different gifts. As the United States of America marks its declaration of independence, give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, and curb every abuse of that trust, so that both here and abroad, justice, humility, and peace may flourish. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You are the Mother of exiles, O God. Extend your arms to all who are tired, who live with poverty, the tempest-tossed, all who yearn to breathe free. Embrace people seeking refuge; those incarcerated, detained, or disappeared; and neighbors fearing those they once trusted. Give healing and hope to people in any oppression and need, especially for **Matt Beckman, Will Biggs, Jerome Herrman, Paige Alstatt, Beverly Alstatt, Frank and Mary Gwing, Rev. Melinda Melhus, Jane Botz, Virginia Yantes, Paula Smith, Dean Yantes, Wilma Beckman, Jarred Bender, Danny Seymour, Cody Batt and Jon Radke, Diane Conover, Eric Kupar.** and the families of **Frank Meyer and Clayton Strecker.** We lift up **Eric Blomberg, Brayden Harper and Trey Davis** (who are serving in the military). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of grace, you have called us to be in community. We share the message of the Gospel with our fellow siblings

in Christ, whom we lift up in prayer today; **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church:** Springfield MO, **St. Thomas-Holy Spirit Lutheran Church:** St. Louis MO, **Hollis Renewal Center** Kansas City KS, and **Global Refuge.** May the Holy Spirit bless our ministry as well as theirs, so that together we make your message of love known to the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We remember before you those who have died in every generation: Jan Hus, executed for protesting the ecclesial system; Benedict, teacher of a prayerful life; and those who have died ensuring the freedoms of this country: people in the armed services, peace officers, advocates, and activists. Gather us, together with those who have gone before us), and with saints of every tribe and nation, into the holy city you have prepared. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING MUSIC

ROJEAN LOUCKS

OFFERING

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

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 to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

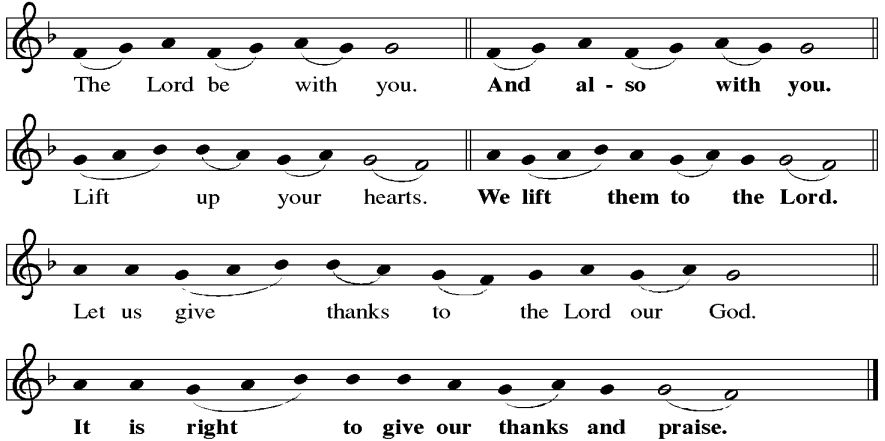
Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good
things at your table, that we may come to the help of all
in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

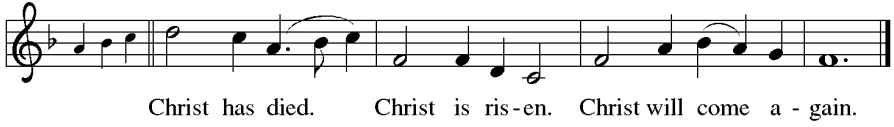
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the

remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 COMMUNION

Heaven has Come near. Come, Share in the feast.

COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (Nelson) (ELW 207)*

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voice-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome at God's Table. There are gluten free communion wafers available upon request.

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies:
America the Beautiful* (ELW 888)

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain:
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life:
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears:

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, and ev-'ry gain di-vine.
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing Box-There is a list of items on the welcome center of items that could be used to fill out pantry for the blessing box. Items may be left in the grocery cart outside the Blessing Box pantry or can be placed in the pantry itself. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Flowers today are provided by Kathy Lowman in memory of her husband Jim.

Special Music today is provided by Rojean Loucks. Thank you Rojean for your beautiful music.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Clayton Strecker, whose funeral was held here this past Thursday.

Thank you to everyone who has provided food, helped set, serve and clean up for the past three funerals we have had. Without everyone willing to set up and help it would have been very hard to do 3 meals for 3 funerals in less than a month, but because you were all willing to step up and help it was a very easy job. Thank you.

The Family of Frank Meyer wishes to thank our Redeemer Family for the love, prayers, and support they have offered us at the time of Frank's death. You truly became his church family in a very short time and have cared for us with kindness and thoughtfulness since joining this church.

Worship Next Sunday, July 12. : Worship next Sunday will be a joint service with St. John's and Immanuel and will be held in the large shelter at Jerry Ivy park. Service

time is 9:30 a.m. There will be a potluck meal following the service. Please bring your own table service. I am needing two volunteers to bring a freezer of homemade ice cream.

Schedule for the week

Tuesday July 7th, 2026- 5:30pm Church Council meeting

Partners in Ministry

Sunday July 5th, 2026

Greeters- Cecelia Anderson & Kathy Heinrich

Ushers-Gary and Sue Mettlen

Lector- Shelia Alstatt

Communion- Vivian Cook

Sound- Kris Neff

Fellowship-Debbie Beckman

Crucifer-Charlotte Herrman

Sunday July 12th, - No service at Redeemer – joint service in the park at Jerry Ivy

Sunday July 19, 2026

Greeters – Gary and Sue Mettlen

Ushers – Lana Jordan & Jan Jackson

Lector – Tom Mertz

Communion – Sheila Alstatt

Sound – Ray Beckman

Fellowship – Betty Henderson

Crucifer – Debbie Beckman

Prayer Request

MEMBERS: Paige Alstatt, Diane Conover, Family of Frank Meyer

REDEEMER FRIENDS

Beverly Alstatt (Mother of Craig Alstatt)

Wilma Beckman (Mother of Susan Ramage)

Virginia Yantes (Jean Sedo's Sister)

Jane Botz (Jean Sedo's Sister)

Dean Yantes (Jean Sedo's Brother)

Paula Smith (Daughter of Marge Hansen)

Jarred Bender (Great-Nephew of Mary Bridges)

Frank and Mary Ewing (Friends of Nancy McDonald)

Rev. Melinda Melhus (Aunt of Spencer Melhus)

Danny Seymour (Friend of Carol and Wayne Keeler)

Will Biggs (Son-in-law of Charlotte & David Herrman)

Jerome Herrman (Nephew of Charlotte & David Herrman)

Matt Beckman (Friend of Scott & Cheryl Itschner)

Cody Batt (Cousin of Cheryl Itschner)

Jon Radke (Friend of Scott and Cheryl Itschner)

Eric Kupar(son of Diane Conover)

Family of Clayton Strecker(Pastor Del and Anita's grandson)

MILITARY

Eric Blomberg, USS Enterprise (Nephew of Mary Shaffer)

Brayden Harper, USS Washington (Great Great Nephew of Mary Bridges)

Trey Davis (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)

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