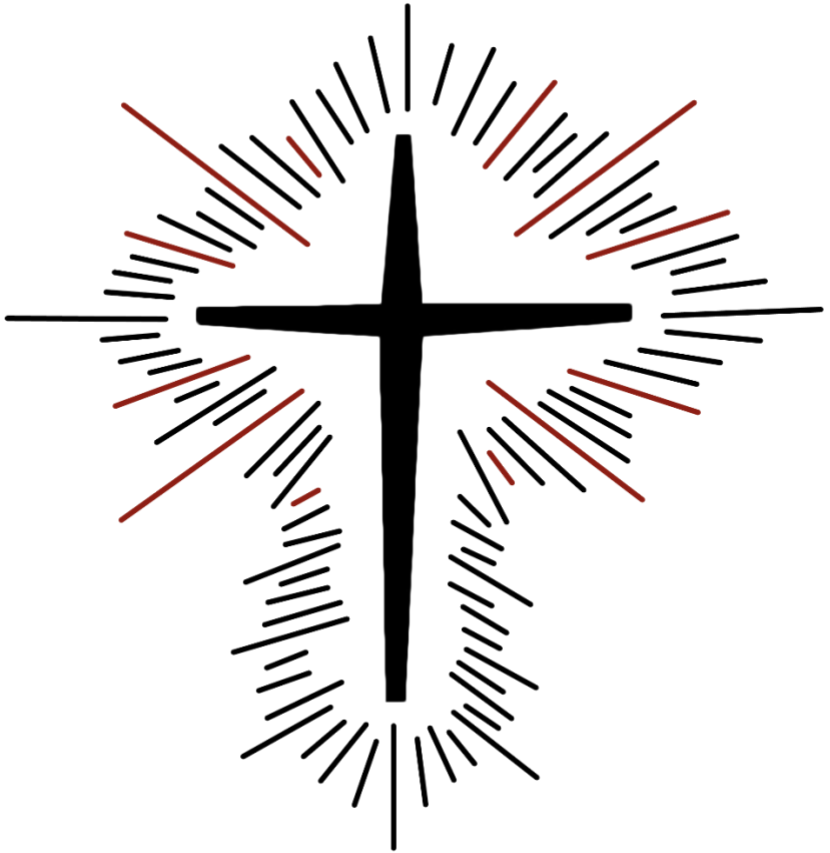




Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

“The Church of the Lighted Cross”

1024 West Sixth Street
Williston, North Dakota 58801
701-572-3724
August 9, 2026
9:00 AM

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Christians answer doubt with faith because the God who gave His Son for us is unmistakably and eternally for us.

We extend our sincere thanks to Council members Scott Monson and Todd Thompson for serving as our worship leaders today in Pastor Stenzel's absence and we extend a heartfelt greeting to our new organist and choir director, Sandi Blikre, who begins her musical ministry with us today. Welcome Sandi!

Our Get Acquainted slips are located at the center aisle of each pew. Please sign your name and pass it down, noting any changes in address, etc.

PRELUDE

Sandi Blikre

WELCOME

SHARING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“O Worship the King”

HFG 336

(Please stand as you are able on the last verse.)

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

***INVOCATION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

GATHERING RESPONSIVE PRAYER

L: O Lord, open my lips,
C: **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
L: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C: **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
L: Praise to You, O Christ.
C: **Alleluia.**
L: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C: **O come, let us worship Him.**

C: **O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**

**For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (in unison)

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18
page 559 in Pew Bible

The Lord answers Elijah's doubt with the gentle whisper of a gracious promise.

⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

¹¹ The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him.”

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-39

page 1757 in the Pew Bible

In all times, good or bad, God carries out His perfect plan for His glory and our salvation.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 14:22-33

page 1520 in the Pew Bible

In the account of Peter walking on water, we see how quickly doubts arise, and how graciously Jesus answers them.

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹ “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

READING RESPONSE

L: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name;

C: **Make known among the nations what He has done!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Be Still My Soul”

HFG 77

Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul! thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul! the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

SERMON

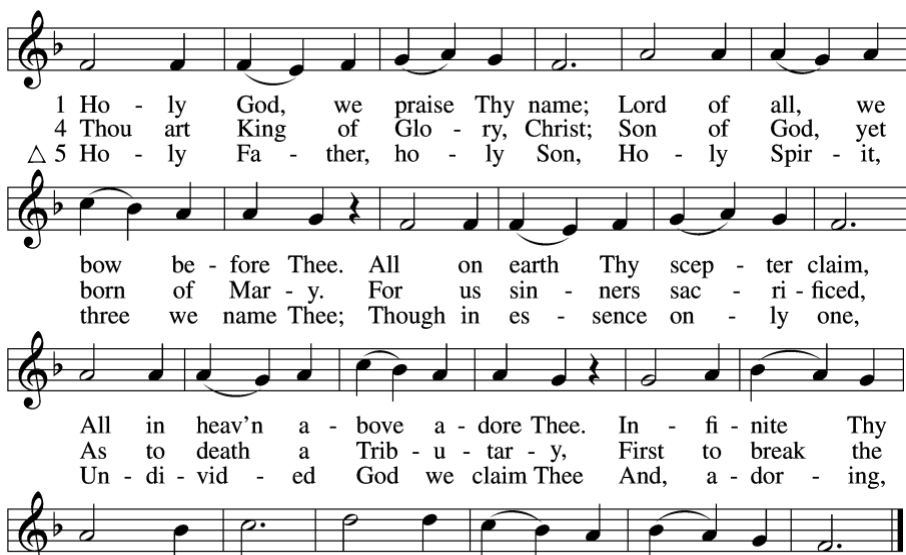
Pentecost Series II—What Makes Christians Different

“Christians Answer Doubt with Faith”

Mr. Scott Monson

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,
bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,
All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,
vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

*APOSTLES' CREED

(Please stand as you are able as we profess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.)

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church; The Communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

“It Is Well with My Soul”

HFG 495

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll –
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Chorus:

It is well (it is well)
With my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin – O the joy of this glorious thought –
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” – it is well with my soul.

Chorus

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all
creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***KYRIE**

**L: In the morning, O Lord, I call to You; be merciful to me
and hear my prayer**
**C: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have
mercy.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (In unison)

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.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S WORD

C: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

L: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have brought us safely to this new day. Defend with Your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger;
C: and in all we do, direct us to what is right in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

**L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**
C: Amen.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

CLOSING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

HFG 98

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness,
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

POSTLUDE

TODAY’S RADIO BROADCAST is given in honor of our 66th wedding anniversary, August 8th from Merrill and Darlene Benth.

TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS are given in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary, August 7th from Clif and Shelly Sundt and family.

Happy Anniversary to the Benth and the Sundts!

FYI... The Rev. Dr. Cary Larson, Presiding Pastor of The American Association of Lutheran Churches will be our guest preacher next Sunday, August 16th at both the 9:00 and 11:00 AM worship services and will be assisting Pastor Stenzel with the serving of Holy Communion.

OUR REDEEMER'S PRAYER LIST

Names will remain on the prayer list for THREE weeks to keep our prayer requests current. If the need for prayer continues, please call the office (572-3724) and the name will be put back on.

LeRoy Benson	Kim Johnston	Janet Albert
Amy Heyward	David Park	Heather Hanagan
Jaxson Knutson	Blair Mitchell	Gayle Arnson
Dorothy Warhol	Travis Hagen	Chad Hammer
Ron Raymond	Vern Hendrickson	Andrea Osborn
Clint Jacobs	Alissa Reep	Wally Schmidt
Bonnie MaGandy	Michelle Halland	Darlene Benth
Kim Jacobs	Pastor Greg Stenzel	Stuart Kringen
Amy Jorgenson	Lisa Sauber	Jon Maristuen
Arlinda Hill	Bev Ashley	Gloria Twete
Roger Sackman	Mary Lundblom	Kari Moody
Kirk Groth	Merle Schmidt	Karen Toavs

A church member's son with bipolar issues

Residents of Bethel Home, Assisted Living and Shut Ins

PRAYING FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL:

Please remember ORLC members and other family serving in the military: Devin Polson Blake Toavs

Ayden Monson Noah (Peyten) Flowe and family

ATTENDANCE:

July	26	Sunday Worship	9:00 AM	84
			11:00 AM	23
Aug.	2	Sunday Worship	9:00 AM	78
			11:00 AM	28

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK those who have signed up to serve for our Sunday Coffee Fellowship! We still have two open dates in September and October will soon be posted.

The office would also like to let our many volunteers know that we appreciate everyone who helps in so many ways here at the church. You often do so without recognition, but your work does not go unnoticed by us and it is invaluable to the ministry of our church. You are all important to us!

SHARING THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST TOGETHER

STAFF: Pastor Greg Stenzel, Senior Pastor
Mona Craft, Church Administrator
Gerald Reighard, Custodian
Gary Bickel, Financial Secretary
Christina Jungels, Treasurer

VOLUNTEERS

Scott Monson and

Todd Thompson 9:00 & 11:00 AM Worship Leaders

Ordean Erickson 9:00 AM Head Usher

Allen Nygaard 11:00 AM Head Usher

Gerald Reighard 9:00 AM Reader

Mick Soiseth 11:00 AM Reader

Randy Blotsky 9:00 AM PA

John and Val Vaughn 10:00 AM Coffee Hosts

Betty Lund, Carolyn McNamee
and Carolyn Nenow 9:00 AM Counters

Debbie Hendrickson

and Kim Blotsky 11:00 AM Counters

Matthew Johnson 9:00 AM Bus Driver

PARISH OFFICE POSITION AVAILABLE

Our Redeemer's is seeking a dependable and organized **Administrative Assistant** to serve in our parish office. This position begins as **part-time (two days per week)** with the potential to grow into a **full-time role**. If you enjoy serving others and supporting the ministry of Christ's Church, we encourage you to apply. Applications are available in the church office.

CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW GARAGE CONTINUES.

Donations received through the end of July total \$184,148.00. The walls are up, the rafters are next! Thank you for your continuing support of this project.

FROM THE TRUSTEES

May Income	\$ 34,174.92
May Expenditures	59,253.67
June Income	\$ 41,292.42
June Expenditures	64,229.24

Through June 2026

Budget:	\$280,973.58
Income:	431,979.68
Expenditures:	436,864.44

ORLC'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Aug., 9	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship
		No Adult Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
Mon., Aug. 10	8:00 AM	Classical Conversations
		Parents' Orientation
		PRISM Articles Due
	7:00 PM	Women of LIFE Board Meeting
Tues., Aug. 11	7:00 PM	Open AA Meeting
Thurs., Aug. 13		
	10:00 AM	Community Concert Meeting
	5:30 PM	Education Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM	Open AA Meeting
Sun., Aug. 16	9:00 AM	Worship Service/Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship
		No Adult Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Worship Service/Holy Communion (Chapel)

