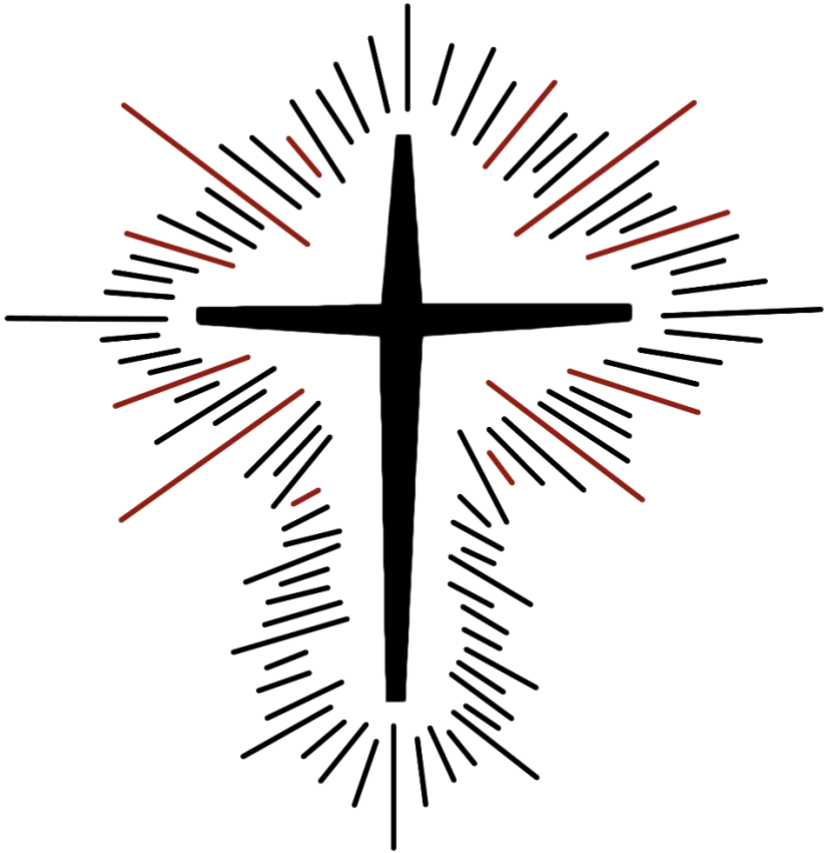




Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

“The Church of the Lighted Cross”

1024 West Sixth Street
Williston, North Dakota 58801
701-572-3724
August 16, 2026
9:00 AM

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost/ Holy Communion

Today Jesus shows us that the Church is for all people. All of us—regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, or social status—have the same problem of sin. And we all have the same Savior. Anyone who comes to Christ's Church and cries out "Lord, have mercy!" is welcome. We extend a special greeting to the Rev. Dr. Cary Larson, Presiding Pastor of The American Association of Lutheran Churches who will be sharing with us today at both worship services. Welcome Dr. Larson! 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. and check the Communion box if you plan to receive Communion today.

PRELUDE

Sandi Blikre

OUR REDEEMER'S HOLY COMMUNION STATEMENT

We rejoice in this celebration of Holy Communion as the Lord Jesus indeed comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving us His true Body and Blood to eat and drink in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. This is what Jesus promised. If this is your confession and you are Baptized in the name of the Triune God, you are welcome at this altar. If you are unable to come to the altar, just ask one of the ushers and Pastor will bring the elements to you where you are seated.

(Matthew 26:26, 28; 1 Corinthians 11:12-24; 1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

WELCOME

SHARING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"Christ is Our Cornerstone"

CW 528

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

Christ is our cornerstone;
On Him alone we build.
With His true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.

On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall sing!
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do now
And evermore draw near;
Accept each faithful vow
And all Your children hear,
And more and more
On those who pray
Each holy day
Your blessing pour.

Here may we gain from heav'n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n,
Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away!

***INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

P: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

P Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty and merciful Father,
we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed what we have devised
and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended You and sinned against
Your Holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have
done, and we have not done those things that we
should have done.**

Have mercy on us, Lord!

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to Your promises in Christ Jesus.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

***ABSOLUTION**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
[John 20:19-23]

C: **Amen.**

***INTROIT** Psalm 28;1-2, 6-7 antiphon: vs.8

P: The Lord is the strength of His people;

C: **He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**

P: To You, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

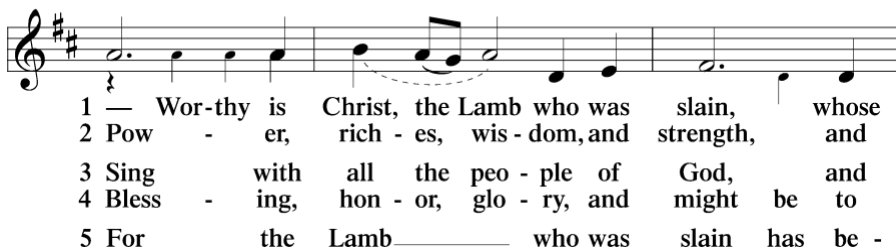
C: **lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.**

P: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,
 C: **when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.**
 P: Blessed be the Lord!
 C: **For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**
 P: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
 C: **my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.**

***GLORIA PATRI** (sung by the congregation)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast”





blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Gracious God, in Christ You bring people from near and far into the fellowship of Your church. Open our eyes to Your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek Your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of Your love; 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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
page 1149 in the Pew Bible

The Lord told the world that all God-fearing people would have a place in the house of His Church.

¹This is what the LORD says:

“Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

⁶And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD
to serve him,
to love the name of the LORD,
and to worship him,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant—
⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.”
⁸The Sovereign LORD declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
“I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered.”

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:13-22

page 1819 in the Pew Bible

Christ takes foreigners and strangers and builds them into a holy temple, His Church.

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the

whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28
page 1522 in the Pew Bible

In the face of a test from Jesus, a Canaanite woman demonstrates great faith in God's promise for all people.

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession."

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

²⁸ Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

READING RESPONSE

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

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

SERMON HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

HFG 547

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word;

From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forever;
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

SERMON

Pentecost Series III—Unexpected Truths

The Rev. Dr. Cary G. Larson

Presiding Pastor,

The American Association of Lutheran Churches

***NICENE CREED** (Please stand as you are able.)

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Create in Me A Clean Heart”

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.

*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.**

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is good and right, so to do:

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under His feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

***AGNUS DEI**

“Lamb of God”

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Chorus:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died;
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Chorus

I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

Chorus

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST- COMMUNION PRAYER

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

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

HFG 685

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding all mankind.

Join hands then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West;
In Him meet South and North.
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of my
parents, Einor and Helma Sather from Mr. and Mrs. Milo Sather.

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	Karen Toavs
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	

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:

Aug.	2	Sunday Worship	9:00 AM	78
			11:00 AM	28

Aug.	9	Sunday Worship	9:00 AM	73
			11:00 AM	30

CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW GARAGE CONTINUES.

Check out the progress! Donations received through the end of July total \$184,148.00. Thank you for your continuing support of this project.

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.

OUR REDEEMER'S RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM "LIGHTS FOR LIFE"

will be holding a "Fall Silent Auction" Fundraiser beginning Sunday, September 13th and concluding at 10:30 AM, Sunday, September 20th. Donations for the Auction may be brought to the church office anytime through September 6th. (Suggestions – new or gently used gift and home décor items, collectables, antiques, gift baskets, seasonal items, etc.)

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	9:00 AM Communion Assistant
Ordean Erickson	9:00 AM Head Usher
Allen Nygaard	11:00 AM Head Usher
Scott Monson	9:00 AM Reader
Mick Soiseth	11:00 AM Reader
Randy Blotsky	9:00 AM PA
Merri Jo Hendrickson,	
Bev Sundquist and Gary Bickel	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
Todd Thompson	9:00 AM Bus Driver
Millie Berg	Communion Preparation

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. 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)

Mon., Aug. 17	8:00 AM	Classical Conversations School
	5:45 PM	Worship and Music Committee

Tues., Aug. 18		
	11:00 AM	Wally Schmidt Funeral
	7:00 PM	Open AA Meeting
	7:00 PM	Trustees' Meeting
	7:15 PM	Deacons' Meeting
	8:15 PM	Church Council Meeting

Wed., Aug. 19	9:00 AM	Assemble PRISM
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Thurs., Aug. 20		
	7:00 PM	Open AA Meeting

Sun., Aug., 23	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	10:20 AM	Adult Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)