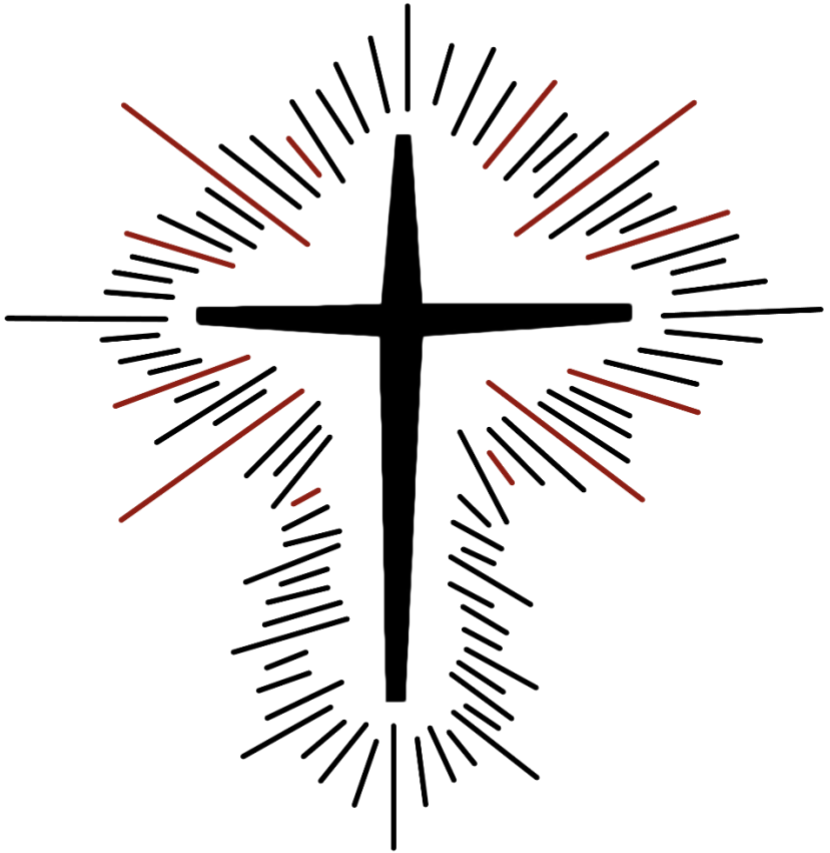




Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

“The Church of the Lighted Cross”

1024 West Sixth Street
Williston, North Dakota 58801
701-572-3724
July 19, 2026
9:00 AM

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost/ Holy Communion

Christians live patiently among the weeds because they know the Lord of the harvest has not abandoned His field. 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

Pat Lund

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

“How Great Thou Art”

HFG 2

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

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power through-out the universe displayed:

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

Chorus

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

Chorus

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "my God, how great Thou art!"

Chorus

***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 86:11-15; antiphon: vs. 6

P: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C: listen to my plea for grace.
P: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C: unite my heart to fear Your name.
P: I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C: and I will glorify Your name forever.
P: For great is Your steadfast love toward me;
C: You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
P: O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,

C: and they do not set You before them.

P: But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

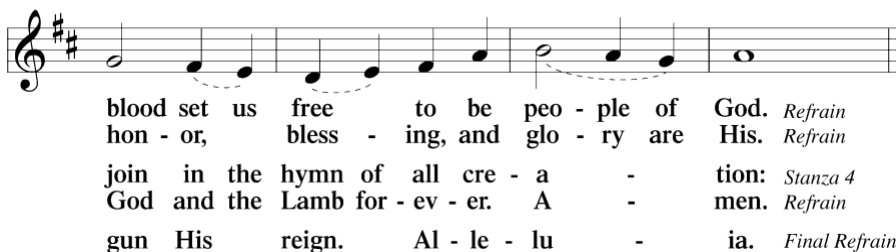
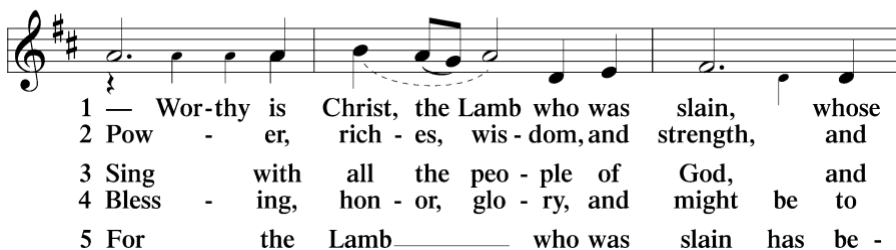
C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love
and faithfulness.

***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”





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

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 44:6-11

page 1128 in the Pew Bible

Like wheat among weeds, Christians live surrounded by evil in this world.

⁶“This is what the LORD says—

Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty:

I am the first and I am the last;

apart from me there is no God.

⁷Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and lay out before me

what has happened since I established my ancient people,

and what is yet to come—

yes, let him foretell what will come.

⁸Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?

You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?

No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

⁹All who make idols are nothing,
and the things they treasure are worthless.
Those who would speak up for them are blind;
they are ignorant, to their own shame.
¹⁰Who shapes a god and casts an idol,
which can profit him nothing?
¹¹He and his kind will be put to shame;
craftsmen are nothing but men.
Let them all come together and take their stand;
they will be brought down to terror and infamy.

SECOND READING

Romans 1:18-25

page 1747 in the Pew Bible

God is not ambivalent about evil in the world; for His wrath will be fully revealed only at judgment day.

¹⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵ They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

The Lord has a plan to separate wheat and weeds at the final harvest.

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

²⁸ “ ‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

²⁹ “ ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

³⁷ He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

READING RESPONSE

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

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

SERMON HYMN

“Come, You Thankful People, Come”

CW 613

Come, you thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home;
All be safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin.
God our maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God’s own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God’s own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and weeds together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Whole-some grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the weeds to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Your final harvest-home;
Gather all Your people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,

There, forever purified,
In Your garner to abide.
Come, with all Your angels, come;
Raise the glorious harvest-home.

SERMON

Pentecost Series II— What Makes Christians Different
“Christians Live as Wheat Among Weeds”

Pastor Greg Stenzel

***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

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

(“The Solid Rock”) HFG 92

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face;
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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.**

***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)

***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

THREE-FOLD AMEN

CLOSING HYMN

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

CW 452

Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Flee the world which would deceive us
And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in His footsteps treading,
Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me.
Savior, lead; I follow Thee.

Let us suffer here with Jesus,
To His image e'er conform;
Heaven's glory soon will please us,
Sunshine follow on the storm.
Though we sow in tears of sorrow,
We shall reap in heav'nly joy,
And the fears that now annoy
Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with Thee;
There, oh, share Thy joy with me.

Let us also die with Jesus.
His death from the second death,
From our soul's destruction, frees us,
Quickens us with life's glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living,
Flesh and blood and die to sin,
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to Thee,
There to live eternally.

Let us gladly live with Jesus;
Since He's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us.
Jesus, Thou art now our head.
We are truly Thine own members;
Where Thou liv-est, there live we.
Take and own us constantly.
Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to Thee,
Also there eternally.

POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST is given in loving memory of daughter, Heather, parents, Bill and Catherine Webb and Marvin Baarstad, and Heidi Ryen from Kyle and Jennifer Baarstad and family.

CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS elected at last week's Special Congregational Meeting are Scott Monson, Teresa Kyllö, Heather Larson, Doug Taylor and Gerald Reighard.

ATTENDANCE:

July	5	Sunday Worship	9:00 AM	48
			11:00 AM	18
July	12	Sunday Worship	9:00 AM	82
			11:00 AM	21

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	Peyten Flowe	Lisa Sauber
Jon Maristuen	Arlinda Hill	Bev Ashley
Gloria Twete	Roger Sackman	Mary Lundblom
Kari Moody		

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 Noah (Peyten) & Jonah Flowe
Blake Toavs

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.

AS WORK CONTINUES ON OUR NEW GARAGE, we are reminded that fundraising continues. The Trustees wish to thank everyone for their continuing support of this project.

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

John Quie/Darrel Edenloff	9:00 AM Communion Servers
Payden LaRoque	11:00 AM Communion Server
Doug, Donnette and Perry Taylor	9:00 AM Ushers
Lynnette Weltikol	11:00 AM Usher
John Quie	9:00 AM Reader
Pastor Stenzel	11:00 AM Reader
Todd Thompson	9:00 AM PA
Donnette Taylor and Paulette Oster	10:00 AM Coffee Hosts
Marsha Benson and Val Vaughn	9:00 AM Counters
Lynnette Weltikol	
and Karen Toavs	11:00 AM Counters
Matthew Johnson	9:00 AM Bus Driver
Carolyn Nenow	9:00 AM Communion Prep.
Lynnette Weltikol	11:00 AM Communion Prep.

ORLC'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., July 19	9:00 AM	Worship Service/Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	10:20 AM	Adult Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Worship Service/Holy Communion (Chapel)
Tues., July 21	7:00 PM	Open AA Meeting
Thurs., July 23	7:00 PM	Open AA Meeting
Sun., July 26	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	10:20 AM	Adult Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)