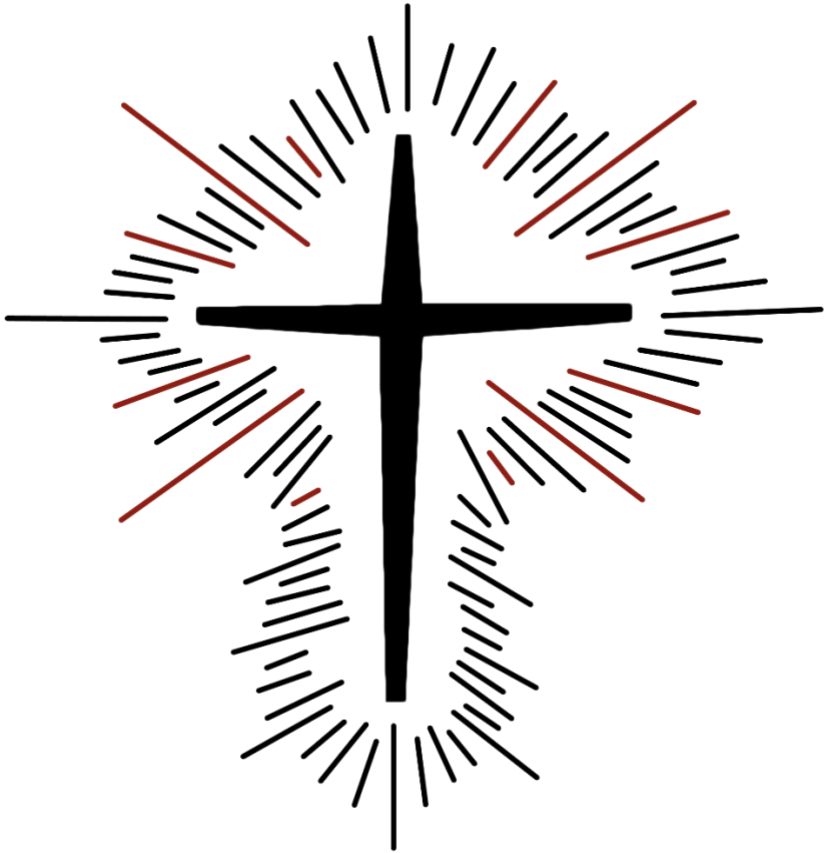




## **Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church**

***“The Church of the Lighted Cross”***

1024 West Sixth Street  
Williston, North Dakota 58801  
701-572-3724  
July 26, 2026  
9:00 AM

# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Christians are different because God gives them a listening heart that treasures Christ above everything else. 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

Laura Castro

## WELCOME

## SHARING THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory” CW 523  
(Please stand as you are able on the last verse.)

God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your pow’r;  
Crown Your ancient Church’s story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.  
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways.  
From our fears that long have bound us,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Your children’s warring madness;  
Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

### **\*INVOCATION**

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

C: **Amen.**

### **GATHERING RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

P: Praise to You, O Christ.

C: **Alleluia.**

P: 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)

**O God, You reveal Your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your promises and become partakers of Your heavenly glory; 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 3:5-12

Page 524 in Pew Bible

*When the Lord offered Solomon anything he wanted, Solomon chose spiritual wealth.*

<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

<sup>6</sup> Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

<sup>7</sup> “Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. <sup>8</sup> Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. <sup>9</sup> So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

<sup>10</sup> The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. <sup>11</sup> So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, <sup>12</sup> I will do

what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

## **SECOND READING**

1 Timothy 6:17-21

page 1851 in the Pew Bible

*Paul warns against arrogance and false hope, sins that commonly go with worldly wealth.*

<sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

<sup>20</sup> Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, <sup>21</sup> which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith.

Grace be with you.

## **\*HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 13:44-52

page 1519 in the Pew Bible

*A series of parables about the value of spiritual wealth.*

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and

separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

<sup>52</sup> He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

## READING RESPONSE

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

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“What is the World to Me?”

CW 477

What is the world to me  
With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone,  
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord,  
My soul’s delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest.  
What is the world to me!

The world seeks to be praised  
And honored by the mighty,  
Yet never once reflects  
That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize  
Above all things is He,  
My Jesus, He alone,  
What is the world to me!

The world seeks after wealth  
And all that money offers,  
Yet never is content  
Though gold should fill its coffers.

I have a higher good;  
 Content with it I'll be;  
 My Jesus is my wealth –  
 What is the world to me!

What is the world to me!  
 My Jesus is my treasure,  
 My life, my health, my wealth,  
 My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
 My joy, my crown, my all,  
 My bliss eternally.  
 Once more then I declare:  
 What is the world to me!

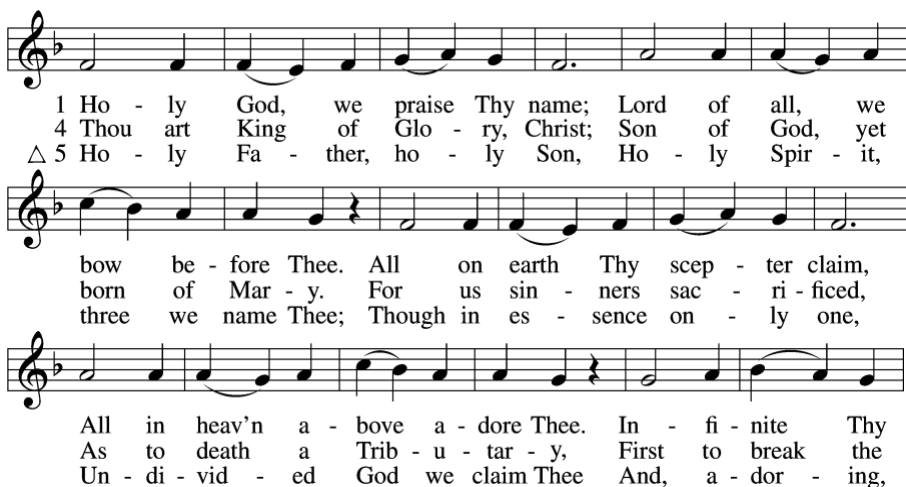
## SERMON

*Pentecost Series II—What Makes Christians Different*  
**“Lord, Give Me a Listening Heart”**

Pastor Greg Stenzel

## SONG OF RESPONSE

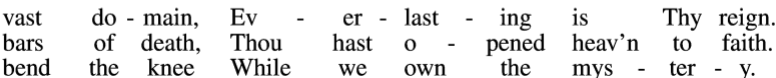
“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”



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,



## \*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

“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less” (The Solid Rock)  
HEG 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.**

### **\*KYRIE**

**P:** 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**

**P:**     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**

**P:**     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**

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”     HFG 458

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love,  
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee;  
Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King,  
Always, only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages for Thee;  
Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold,  
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

## POSTLUDE

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**TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST** is given in loving memory of Inez, Dayton, Dale, Zach and Timothy Edenloff and Duane Pederson from the Darrel Edenloff family and Char Pederson family.

**W.O.L. RETREAT** (Women of LIFE) – Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 PM at Light of Christ Lutheran Church, Williston. All women of Our Redeemer's are invited to come for a time of fellowship, a light meal and presentation on the recent trip to Jamaica. The Retreat will be located at 512 17<sup>th</sup> St. W., Williston and will be hosted by the LOC Women of LIFE.

**SUNDAY COFFEE HOSTS ARE NEEDED.** Several dates are open in August and September. Please check the sign up sheet on the counter in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office to volunteer.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

|      |    |                |          |    |
|------|----|----------------|----------|----|
| July | 12 | Sunday Worship | 9:00 AM  | 82 |
|      |    |                | 11:00 AM | 21 |
| July | 19 | Sunday Worship | 9:00 AM  | 79 |
|      |    |                | 11:00 AM | 29 |

### **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      |

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

### **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**

with the walls going up this week. Donations received through the end of June total \$180,808.00. The Trustees wish to thank you for your continued support of this ongoing project.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Noah and Peyton Flowe on the birth of a son, Hudson Thomas, born July 21<sup>st</sup> in Tulsa, OK, weighing 8 pounds and measuring 21 ½ inches long. He is welcomed by big brother Jonah James, along with grandparents, Ryan and Stacy Slapnicka, great grandparents Gaylen and Candy Huwe and Kevin and Mona Craft and great great grandfather, Douglas Elsberry, for a total of 11 grand, great grand, and great great grandparents.

## **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**

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Doug and Sharon Ginther      | 9:00 AM Ushers        |
| Lynnette Weltikol            | 11:00 AM Usher        |
| Scott Monson                 | 9:00 AM Reader        |
| Mick Soiseth                 | 11:00 AM Reader       |
| Tadd Schmiginske             | 9:00 AM PA            |
| None Available               | 10:00 AM Coffee Hosts |
| Marsha Benson and Val Vaughn | 9:00 AM Counters      |
| Lynnette Weltikol            |                       |
| and Rhonda Thompson          | 11:00 AM Counters     |
| Todd Thompson                | 9:00 AM Bus Driver    |

## **ORLC'S WEEKLY CALENDAR**

|                 |          |                                            |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------------------|
| 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)                   |
| Tues., July 28  | 7:00 PM  | Open AA Meeting                            |
| Thurs., July 30 | 7:00 PM  | Open AA Meeting                            |
| Sun., Aug. 2    | 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<br>(Chapel) |



