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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION –10:00AM

***Congregation Standing**

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed are" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

WELCOME

Announcements

Prelude "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

—Arr. by McDonald

* Call to Worship

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

C: Stand up, a new day is dawning,

P: A new year is born,

C: Fresh and clean.

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

C: Emmanuel, God is with us

P: On every path we take,

C: No matter where we go.

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

C: And the stars still shine

P: Where Christ is present

C: And voices sing in praise!

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.**

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

* **Gathering Hymn 532****“Gather Us In”*** **Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* **Glory Be To God**

(Setting 10 – page 204)



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!

Rae Ann Smith's Mission Trip to South Dakota last summer

* Prayer of the Day

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Lesson: *Jeremiah 17:5-10*

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: – *Psalm 1*

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel [|] of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats [|] of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law [|] of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching [|] day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due
season, with leaves that [|] do not wither;
everything they [|] do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so [|] with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind [|] blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when [|] judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council [|] of the righteous.

⁶ **For the LORD knows the way [|] of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall [|] be destroyed.**

Second Lesson: *1 Corinthians 15:12-20*

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of
you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection
of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been
raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in
vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we
testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true
that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ
has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and
you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have
perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all
people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of
those who have died. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

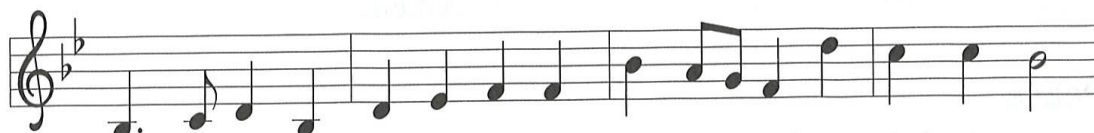
* Gospel Acclamation

(Setting 10 – Page 205)

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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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 6th chapter.C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**The Holy Gospel: *Luke 6:17-26*

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Daniel Swanson

Hymn 725

“When the Poor Ones”

* The Apostles’ 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**

The Prayer of the Church

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

We Offer Our Gifts to the Lord & Noisy Offering
Anthem "Go Down, Moses"

Organ Voluntary
arr by Hayes

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

* The Offertory

Hymn 692

"We Are an Offering"

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

We are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,

Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,

We give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

We are an offering, we are an offering.

Text & Music: Dwight Liles, b 1957

* Offertory Prayer

L: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C: **Amen.**

* The Great Thanksgiving

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 right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed rightand join their unending hymn:

* (Holy, Holy Holy)

(Setting 10, page 207)

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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.

* The Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

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.

- * **P:** The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.
C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

(Setting 10, Page 208)



S208

- 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.

Distribution of the Sacrament

* Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

* The Prayer after Communion

L: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen

* Blessing

P: The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen.

* **Sending Hymn 543**

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

* Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* Postlude

In Bread and Wine our Lord Jesus meets us and we receive His Body and Blood given and shed for our forgiveness. It is a meal of love, forgiveness and renewal. If you are visiting with us today and are a baptized Christian and desire to commune, please do come to the table of the Lord. Children and youth who have not received instruction in the meaning of the Sacrament are cordially invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please come toward as directed by ushers by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

Lectors for our Services

This Sunday, February 16 – Sally Buser
This Wednesday, February 19 – Lydia Martin
Next Sunday, February 23 – Devon Swanson
Next Wednesday, February 26 – Rae Ann Smith

Feb. Ushers – Jim & Barb Simmons
Organist – Rae Ann Smith
A/V – Steve, Mark, Joyce

The altar Flowers have been to the glory of God in honor of Jim & Barbara Simmons' 48th Wedding Anniversary on February 12th.

Communion Bread & Wine have been to the glory of God in honor of Amy's birthday by Shirley & Jim Smith.

We have a hearing assistance system in the sanctuary. If you are having problems hearing our service, please ask the usher for a receiver.

Hope that you have picked up your name tags from the board in the main entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please return to the board when leaving. Thanks

How we pay for RCI - We pay for Reconciling In Christ from our Special Offering Account. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please donate any time during the coming year. **This WILL NOT be part of our budget.**

In honor of Black History Month, Rae Ann Smith will be playing spirituals as Preludes each Sunday during February.

This week –

This Sunday –Worship 10:00am, followed by Adult SCS in the upper kitchen – Rae Ann Smith will talk about her experiences last summer in South Dakota

Wednesday – Worship, Holden Evening Prayers – 6:30pm
Chancel Choir – 7:30pm

Thursday – Worship & Music – 10:00; Archives- 10:30; Kennel Club – 6:00pm

Next Sunday, Worship – 10:00am, followed by Adult SCS in the upper kitchen

A Noisy Offering is scheduled for today, February 16th. It will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief for hurricane victims in North Carolina. Thanks you!

Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea and Chocolates - Hope to make an order with equal exchange after the New Year. Any requests? We get free shipping if we order from the church.

Thrivent Choice Dollars - Thrivent Members – Please remember to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Christ Lutheran. If you are a Thrivent member and have Choice Dollars that you have not designated for 2024, please do so before March 31, 2025. In April, their year begins and previous year’s money will not be available. This money is an enormous help for our fundraising needs. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-THRIVENT and state “Thrivent Choice®”

Tentative Yard Sale Weeks – week of June 22 (sales on June 27 & 28), week of June 29 (sale on July 5), *If needed*, week of July 6 (sales July 11 &12). Clean up July 14 &15. **We need stuff!!!! Start gathering.** We do have limited space if you need to bring early. See Shirley.

LAST WEEK'S REPORT – February 9, 2025

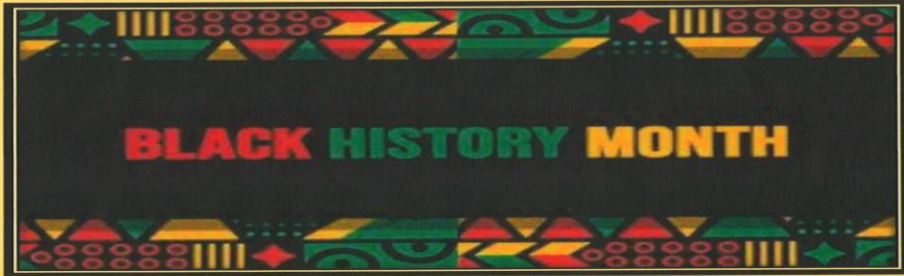
Attendance In-Person 10:00am = 36 Adult SCS =
 Zoom 10:00am = 19
Wed, Feb 12 In-Person 6:30pm = Cancelled for Weather
 Zoom 6:30pm =

BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2025

Received = \$ 1,352.56
Needed weekly = 4,044.04
 (\$ 2,691.48)

BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN 2025

Actual Income = \$13,700.20
Actual Expenses = (17,555.86)
 (\$ 3,855.66)



“Celebration”

Christ Lutheran Church ~ LaVale
1222 Vocke Road
LaVale, Maryland 21502

Sunday ~ February 23, 2025 @ 10:00am

***Guest Speaker ~ Kameron B. Brooks, Mineral County WV School Counselor
and CLC Reach Meal Volunteer***

Following the Event in CLC Narthex

- ◇ An African-American Photo Exhibit
- ◇ Light Refreshments

*If you will be joining us virtually
the Zoom link is on our website.*

<https://www.clclavale.org/>

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WE ARE OPEN EVERY SUNDAY FROM 11 A.M. TO
2 P.M.

WHO ARE WE?

CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY CAFE INC IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION (501(C)3): VOLUNTEER BASED, OPERATING FROM A COMBINATION OF DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEER TIME. WE PARTNER WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND FARMERS TO NOURISH PEOPLE IN BODY AND SPIRIT REGARDLESS OF THEIR ABILITY TO PAY.

WHERE ARE WE?

WE ARE LOCATED AT **127 NORTH CENTRE STREET,
CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND**

WE ARE A BLOCK FROM CITY HALL, ACCROSS FROM
THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING.



WHAT ARE WE?

A RESTAURANT SERVING THE COMMUNITY FREE MEALS. WHEN YOU DINE WITH US, YOU BECOME PART OF OUR COMMUNITY BY MAKING A DONATION OF ANY SIZE OR VOLUNTEERING WITH A TASK INSIDE THE CAFE!

TASKS ARE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO WANTS TO HELP OUT IN THE RESTAURANT FOR THEIR MEAL. NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED - THERE ARE TASKS FOR EVERYONE!

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PRAYER LIST FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2025

PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

Barb Simmons
Theresa Chiarenza
Ashley Shoemaker
Jim & Jane Miller
Jack Zealand
Patty Wilson
Burt Leach
Ed Havens
Jane & Clem Dawson
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Dave & Lisa Ahern
Kim Shoemaker
Fay Crawford
David LaBuda
Paul Chiarenza
Kara Fleming and baby, Miles
Bill & MarySue Crawford
Rosey & Becky McIntyre
Jonathan and Danielle Ahern
Tammy Faulkner
Pam & Dave Judy
David Tibbetts
Joyce DeMonbrun
Marian Bittle
Kathy Powell
Sharon McKenzie
Mary Lou Rowles
Donna Yaider
Laura Murray
Anna Bruck

PRAYER RECIPIENT

Christina Puffinburger
Raymond Garthwait, Stephen Overtoom
Emersyn, Colsen – twins of Brian & Lexi Norris
Charles Johnson, Lee Anna Lewis, Barbara Williams
Joe & Darlene K, Linda Nines, Ellen Hill
Brittney Meyers, Talot Omar, Terry Baker
Nathan Winters
Arlene Simmons. Amy, Ed Troutman, Jacie Fairall
Carl Chiarenza, Karen Mackert
Elise & Henry Jack Balber
Trina, Trinity, Asia, Faith
Cheryl Trusler
Cheri Bielen
Ann Humberson
Kevin Mistretta, Carolyn Farr, Kendra Morriss, Paula Rose
Lisa Storm, Jaime Pletcher, Karen Ford
Richard Clark, Zachary Sutterfield, Alexis Smith
Diane Davis, Nancy Smith, James Flynn
Carmen and Lance Jackson
Bill Edwards
Mary Jane Robertson, Deb Kolb, Mary Beachy
Gretchen Burke
Sally, Roger, James Tibbetts
Andy Cocco
Carolyn Robinette, Reagan Hawk, Nayano Taylor Neumann
Bernie Hartsock
Pam Highland
Hiawatha, Susan Myers
Rheta Luy
Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane
Mary Lou Dorsey
Vic Werner
Belinda Keller
Madeline Lopes
Barbara Blough
Laura Godfrey

Requested by

Elwood & Janet Glass
 Gail Dawson
 Gail Dawson
 Sharon M
 Mitzie & Jerry
 Mitzie & Jerry
 Dianne Short
 Barb Simmons
 Paul & Ruth C
 Jack Zealand
 Debbie & Pam
 Joyce D
 Jim & Jane Miller
 Marian Bittle
 Diane Klinetob
 Diane Klinetob
 Anne DeVaughn
 Antoinette Royster
 Antoinette Royster
 Rae Ann Smith
 Shirley & Jim Smith
 Val & Gary Llewellyn
 Dave Tibbetts
 John Cocco
 Lita Havens
 Steven Hansrote
 Sherry T
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 Charlotte & Dale Luy
 Kristan Fazenbaker
 Trina Firey
 Barbara Martin
 Linda McCagh
 Al James
 Janice & Dave LaBuda
 Rae Ann Smith

Please keep us updated

- the family of Philip Mauzy
- the family of Robert Twinn
- the family of Darlene Kunsman (sister of Mitzie Robinette)
- the family of Jim Moore (father-in-law of Brittanie Erickson Moore)
- all people affected by the wildfires in California and other disasters
- all people of the Ukraine and all affected by the war
- all elected officials
- those who serve in our nation's armed forces including Rick Rounds



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