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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

THE WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 AM In-Person & Zoom

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

WELCOME

Announcements & Prelude

* A Call to Worship

P: Today we enter into your house, O Lord.

C: May our time with you be blessed.

P: Clear our minds of everything that might distract us from you.

C: May our time with you bring us comfort and peace.

P: Open our hearts to the message of your Word.

C: May our time with you be enriching and fulfilling.

P: Share with us your plans for our future.

C: May our time with you be filled with confidence and hope.

P: Declare to us what being your disciple is really all about, O Lord.

C: May our time with you bring meaning and direction to our lives.

P: Embrace us with your kindness and compassion.

C: May our time with you be graced by your forgiveness and love. Amen.

* Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness,

and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life.

Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of + Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C; Amen.

* Gathering Hymn 522

"As We Gather At Your Table"

* 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.





Yen la tie - rra paz pa-ra a - que-llos que a - ma el Se - ñor. And on earth . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

* Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To | you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.

² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

³ Let none who look to you be | put to shame; rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

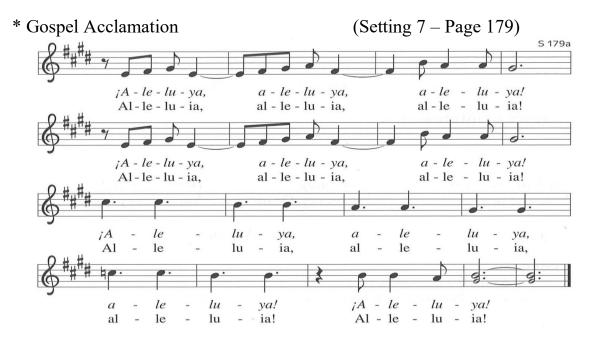
- ⁴ Show me your | ways, O LORD, and teach | me your paths.
- ⁵ Lead me in your | truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
- ⁶ Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love, for they are from | everlasting.
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.
- ⁸ You are gracious and up-|right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners | in your way.
- ⁹ You lead the low- | ly in justice and teach the low- | ly your way.
- ¹⁰ All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:1-14

- ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
- ² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
- ³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day

you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



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P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn 725

"When the Poor Ones"

* 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 Prayer of the Church

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

the forgiveness of sins,

and the life everlasting.

the resurrection of the body,

We Offer Our Gifts to the Lord Anthem

Organ Voluntary

^{*} Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

* The Offertory

Hymn

"Bring a Gift of Love"--Mary Kay Bottens

Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.

Bring an offering to our Lord and King, tell the world he is the Way!"

Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.

In this quiet hour of worship, bring a gift of love.

* Offertory Prayer

L: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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)

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* 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 kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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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: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen

* Blessing

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

* Sending Hymn 708

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

* Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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, July 20 – Devon Swanson Wednesday, July 23 – Rae Ann Smith Next Sunday, July 27 – Jack Murray Next Wednesday, July 30 – Paul Chiarenza July Ushers – Bill Bingman, Kameron Brooks
Organist – Rae Ann Smith
A/V – Steve, Dave, Joyce

The Parish Nurses will be taking Blood pressures after the 10:00am Service today Sunday, July 20th. Come have your checked!

Save the Date! The Executive Council has designated August 24th as 'Ice Cream Sunday'. Everyone is invited to an ice cream social in the upper kitchen and the Pavilion (weather permitting) starting at 6 PM. There will be assorted flavors of ice cream with waffle cones as well as various syrups and toppings to make your own sundae if you prefer. Please bring a donation for the food pantry, back-to-school items, or 'stock the shelves' supplies. Monetary offerings will also be accepted during the event to replenish our reserves following the expense of repairing our roof. What better way to say 'goodbye' to summer? Thanks,

Thanks to everyone who has kept the donations coming for the LaVale Food Pantry! For the month of July, we'd like to encourage you to donate canned pasta (like Chef Boyardee, Spaghettios), especially the pop-top cans. We also welcome any other unopened and unexpired non-perishable food items.

The Altar Flowers, Bulletins and Communion Bread & Wine have been given to the glory of God in memory of wife, Karen and Brother, Frank by Bill Bingman.

July's Newsletter have been given to the glory of God honor of Gary & Val Llewellyn's Wedding Anniversary.

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

Garden News! We are now harvesting from the garden. This week we took herbs, cucumbers, onions, kale, beans, zucchini, and black raspberries to the food bank. Soon we hope to add peppers and tomatoes. Please help us by donating gallon and quart size zip bags so that we can package family size portions. Don't forget! Garden classes continue on the first Saturday of each month through September.

This week -

This Sunday –Worship - 10:00am, Memorial Service for Al James – 2:30pm Wednesday – Worship Service – 6:30pm Next Sunday, Worship – 10:00am followed by Adult SCS

Mission and Generosity has put their Listening Circle box on the table in the main narthex. There is pencils and paper by the box. Please make any suggestions for the topics that you would like to discuss. Thanks

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ Lutheran Church LaVale,

Our church recently received a significant memorial gift from the estate of our cherished organist, Kery Hummel. His dedication, his musical talent, and his unwavering spirit enriched our worship for many years. We are deeply grateful for this incredible expression of his continued legacy.

The allocation of these funds will be determined by the CLC Council at their September meeting. One possibility being considered is the prepayment of our outstanding roofing loan. This is a fiscally prudent step that supports the long-term structural integrity of our cherished sanctuary. This, along with your continued generosity in supporting our ongoing maintenance and general operating budget, is needed to ensure that we can continue to provide the vital ministries and community services that make Christ Lutheran Church such a special place. Your contributions directly impact our ability to offer spiritual guidance, community outreach programs, and a welcoming atmosphere for all. These are all things that Kery held dear to his heart.

Your dedication and continued support are deeply appreciated. Sincerely,
Dianne Short

LAST WEEK'S REPORT – July 13, 2025

Attendance In-Person 10:00am = 53 Adult SCS = Zoom 10:00am = 13

Wed. July 2 In-Person 6:30pm = 6
Zoom 6:30pm = 5

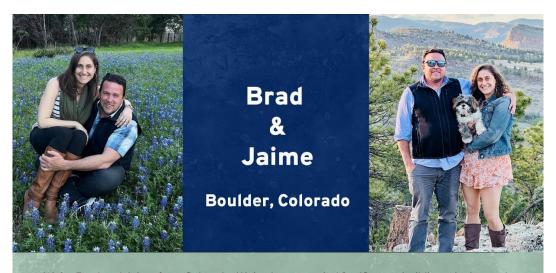
BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2025 Received = \$5,167.00

Needed weekly = $\frac{4,044.04}{1,122.96}$

BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-JUNE 2025

Actual Income = \$102,324.03Actual Expenses = (110,021.15)(\$7,697.12)

Diane Klinetob's daughter and son-in-law, Jaime and Brad, are praying for the opportunity to adopt a baby. If you would like to help them, please take some postcards and share them with your family and friends. They are on the table near the side (kitchen) entrance. Thank you.



We're Brad and Jaime from Colorado. We've been married for 13 years building a loving and joyful life together, and we're excited to grow our family through adoption. Our home is full of warmth, laughter, support, and some puppy antics, but we can't wait to share it with a child.

We believe in showing up with patience, presence, and unconditional love. If you or someone you know is considering adoption, we would be honored to connect.

Email: hopefulparentscolorado@gmail.com

PRAYER LIST FOR JULY 20, 2025

PRAYER RECIPIENT **PRAYER RECIPIENT** - **MEMBERS** Christina Puffinburger **Dianne Short** Raymond Garthwait, Stephen Overtoom Jane Miller Charles Johnson, Barbara Williams Laura Crabtree Joe Kunsman, Linda Nines, Ellen Hill Brittney Meyers, Talot Omar, Terry Baker Mitzie & Jerry Mitzie & Jerry Robinette Nathan Winters Jack Zealand

Arlene Simmons. Amy, Ed Troutman, Jacie Fairall Barb Simmons **Barbara Martin** Carl Chiarenza, Karen Mackert Paul & Ruth C **Patty Wilson** Elise & Henry Jack Balber Jack Zealand Trina, Trinity, Asia, Faith Debbie & Pam **Ed Havens** Chervl Trusler Joyce D Clem Dawson Cheri Bielen Jane Miller

Dave & Lisa Ahern Baby Whetzel, Kevin Mistretta, Carolyn Farr, Kendra Morriss, Paula Rose Diane Janice Harbaugh Dan Moore, Graham Tower, Lisa Storm, Jaime Pletcher, Karen Ford Diane K

Richard Clark, Zachary Sutterfield, Alexis Smith Anne DeVaughn Kim Shoemaker Diane Davis, Nancy Smith, James Flynn Antoinette Royster **Fay Crawford** Carmen and Lance Jackson Antoinette Royster David LaBuda **Bill Edwards** Rae Ann Smith Bill & MarySue Crawford Mary Jane Robertson, Deb Kolb Shirley & Jim Smith Gretchen Burke Val & Gary Llewellyn Rosev & Becky McIntyre

Sally, Roger, James Tibbets Dave Tibbetts Jonathan and Danielle Ahern Andy Cocco John Cocco Tammy Faulkner Taylor Neumann Lita Havens Pam & Dave Judy Bernie Hartsock Steven Hansrote Pam Highland Sherry T **David Tibbetts** Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane Kristan Fazenbaker Joyce DeMonbrun Mary Lou Dorsey Trina Firev **Kathy Powell** Vic Werner Barbara Martin **Sharon McKenzie** Belinda Keller Linda McCagh

Madeline Lopes Al James **Mary Lou Rowles** Janice & Dave LaBuda Barbara Blough Donna Yaider

Laura Godfrey Rae Ann Smith Laura Murray Galen Dean Krepps Lisa Ahern

Anna Bruck Jared McGensie, Stefan Twigg Patty Wilson and Rosey

Shirley Vought Gretchen Dix

Please keep us updated

Requested by

Mitzie & Jerry

Dianne Short

Sharon M

Elwood & Janet Glass

Gail Dawson

-the family of Al James

-the family Robert L. Twinn

-all people affected by the wildfires 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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