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Mission Statement – “*Loving God, Loving People*”

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
John the Baptist/Father’s Day

June 21, 2026

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

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God’s compassion with our needy world. From the Lord’s table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

WELCOME

Announcements

Prelude

* A Call to Worship

P: Come, all of you who long for light.

C: We want to see the light shining in the midst of the darkness.

P: Come, all of you who want your joy increased.

C: We yearn to be filled with this joy.

P: Come, all of you who are carrying heavy burdens.

C: We have many to offer. Take them from us, Lord.

P: Come, all who need a savior.

C: We are seeking the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Prince of Peace.

P: Come, let us worship the Lord.

C: We are here to praise the Lord!

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

* **Gathering Hymn 1097 ACS**

"Ten Thousand Reasons"

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,

O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an-ger. Your
3 And on that day when my strength is fail-ing, the

. . . it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may
name . . is . . . great, and your heart is kind. For all . . your
end . . draws near, and my time has come; . . . still, my

pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
good-ness, I will keep . . on . . sing-ing - ten thou-sand
soul will sing your praise un - end-ing - ten thou-sand

Refrain
sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
rea - sons for my heart to find.
years and then for - ev - er - more!

* 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.

* Kyrie

(Setting 7 – Page 175)

S 175



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



so - tros, Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
 mer - cy, Lord, . . have mer - cy on



dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.



Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .



so - tros, Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
 mer - cy, Christ, . . have mer - cy on



dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros,
mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad;
us;

ten pie - dad
O . . . Lord,

de no - so - tros.
have . . mer - cy.

* Gloria

(Setting 7 – Page 176)

S 176

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria,

en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
glo - ry to God . . on high!

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria,

en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
glo - ry to God . . on high!

Y en 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.

Y en 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

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Lesson: *Jeremiah 20:7-13*

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."

¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: *Psalms 69:7-18*

⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

⁸ **I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹ Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

¹⁰ **I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.**

¹¹ I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.

**¹² Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,
and the drunkards make | songs about me.**

¹³ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set,
O LORD: In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your
un- | failing help.

**¹⁴ Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep
waters.**

¹⁵ Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep
swal- | low me up; do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.

**¹⁶ Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

¹⁷ Hide not your face | from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

**¹⁸ Draw near to me | and redeem me;
because of my enemies de- | liver me.**

Second Lesson: *Romans 6:1b-11*

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live

with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation

(Setting 7 – Page 179)

5 179a

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: *Luke 1:57-80*

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, ‘No; he is to be called John.’ They said to her, ‘None of your relatives has this name.’ Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, ‘His name is

John.’ And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, ‘What then will this child become?’ For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

‘Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who
hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.’

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Swanson

Hymn 764

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

* 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.**

The Prayer of the Church

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

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: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **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 7 – Page 181)

5 181

San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,
Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor,
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord,
San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,
Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor,
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.
Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on
tie - rra, Ben - di - to es el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the
nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra, Ben -
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.
di - to es el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor,
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

* 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: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

(Setting 7 – Page 182)

S 182

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

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: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen

* Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

* **Sending Hymn 769**

“If You but Trust in God to Guide You”

* Dismissal

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

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, June 21 – Sally Buser

This Wednesday, June 24 Paul Chiarenza

Next Sunday, June 28 – Devon Swanson

Next Wednesday, July 1 – Lydia Martin

Ushers – Fred Powell, Ken Wendell

Organist – Rae Ann Smith

A/V – Steve, Kathy, Joyce

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

A sign-up for after church snacks is in the narthex. Please pick a Sunday to share your goodies! Store bought is just fine if you need easy! Thanks.

The Bulletins have been given to the glory of God by Antoinette Royster

We welcome to our worship this morning the members of the Scottish Rite Freemasons. We thank them for joining us today.

This week –

This Sunday – June 21, (John the Baptism Sunday) Worship – 10:00am followed
refreshments for Father's Day

Tuesday – Maryland Election Day – 7:00am-8:00pm in the fellowship hall

Wednesday – Worship – 6:30pm

Friday – Diane's Music class – 10:00am, Lady Birds – 11:00am

Next Sunday, June 28, Worship – 10:00am followed by brief Congregational meeting to close our 2025 financial books

We will hold a brief Congregational meeting after service next Sunday, June 28th.

The agenda item is to accept the audit findings and close the financial books for 2025.

Do you need an odd job or two done this summer? Garden cleanup? Drywall repair? Clean out the basement? Take out your recycling or big items? Organize your garage? We have a group of unskilled but ready and willing young people from **Catholic Heart Work Camp coming July 6-9** who would love to help! Please let Shirley know if you have something, with a brief description, as soon as possible so we can create a dispatch plan. They helped with the labyrinth last summer, and did a fabulous job!

Mrs. Marian Ramona Tracy Bittle was one of the Charter Members of Christ Lutheran Church, LaVale. Among the many roles Ms. Marian served as a member of CLC, she was the church's original archivist. To commemorate her legacy and the significant contributions of the other Charter Women of CLC, the CLC Archives Committee has restored and showcased the photo album created by Ms. Marian, which captures the church's history from the 1960s to the 1980s.

Since the album and the exhibit contains historical information pertaining to the CLC Organization Sunday, which occurred in June 1963, the Archives Committee has decided to keep the display up throughout the entire month of June 2026, as well. So, we invite you to take a moment to visit the exhibit in the Narthex, where you can delve into the early pictorial and written history of CLC. While you are there, we encourage you to take the CLC Quiz to further enrich your understanding of this history. The answers can be found in the images and information located above the display table. *Sponsored by the CLC Archives Committee*

Remember our church Yard Sale. We will start setting up July 20 (sales on July 24 & 25) then probably for the next two weeks. **We need stuff!!!!** We do have limited space if you need to bring early. ***We also need workers!!*** If you or your friends enjoy Yard Sales, please come help. See Shirley.

Our Worship & Music Committee would like to buy copies of our new hymnal – All Creation Sings (Supplement to Evangelical Lutheran Worship) to be available in our pews. If you are interested in helping to purchase these hymnals, please write on a piece of paper or envelope the number that you are purchasing and how you want the honor/memory to read and enclosed with your check (payable to CLC). **The cost is \$15.00 per hymnal.** You may put this in the offering plate or bring to the church office. For more information, please see Pastor Daniel or a member of the Worship & Music

LAST WEEK'S REPORT – June 14, 2026

Attendance	In-Person 10:00am = 49	Adult SCS = No Class
	Zoom 10:00am = 0	No Internet
Wed. June 17	In Person 6:30pm = 9	
	Zoom = 5	

BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2026

Received	=	\$4,593.93
Needed weekly	=	<u>4,265.56</u>
	\$	328.37

BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-MAY 2026

Actual Income	=	\$79,130.90
Actual Expenses	=	<u>(97,846.70)</u>
		(\$18,715.80)

Christ Lutheran Church in LaVale, MD

{Summer Indoor}



*** * *Great bargain prices...You can shop till you drop* * ***

When: July 24 & 25, 2026 from 8:00am – 2:00pm

and

July 31 & August 1, 2026 from 8:00am – 2:00pm

Location: Christ Lutheran Church
1222 Vocke Road
LaVale, MD 21502

*Lots of household items to buy such as books, clothing, furniture,
home décor, toys and more...*

PRAYER LIST FOR JUNE 21, 2026

PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

Finn Stewart
Barb & James Simmons
Ruth Chiarenza
Pam Mulligan
Terri McCagh
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Patty Wilson
Bill & MarySue Crawford
Jane Miller
Jack Zealand
Sharon Diehl
Beverly Lang
Anna Bruck
Ed Havens
Gail Dawson
Clem Dawson
Dave & Lisa Ahern
Kim Shoemaker
Fay Crawford
David LaBuda
Rosey & Becky McIntyre
Jonathan and Danielle Ahern
Tammy Faulkner
Pam & Dave Judy
David Tibbetts
Joyce DeMonbrun
Kathy Powell
Sharon McKenzie
Nancy & George Small

PRAYER RECIPIENT

Brad & Gregg Dawson, Stephen Overtoom	<i>Requested by</i> Gail Dawson
Barbara Williams	Sharon M
Joe Kunsman, Linda Nines, Ellen Hill	Mitzie & Jerry
Brittney Meyers, Talot Omar, Terry Baker	Mitzie & Jerry
Nathan Winters	Dianne Short
Arlene Simmons, Charlotte & Ed Troutman, Amy, Jacie Fairall	Barb Simmons
Karen Mackert	Paul & Ruth C
Elise & Henry Jack Balber	Jack Zealand
Tony Greaver, Betty Llewellyn/Cartwright, Cheryl Trusler	Joyce D
Charles Moore, Bryan Oliver, Shepherd Grace	Sherry Tedrow
Cheri Bielen	Jane Miller
Bernard Michael, Carolyn Farr,	Diane K.
Graham Tower, Jaime Pletcher, Karen Ford	Diane K
Richard Clark, Zachary Sutterfield, Alexis Smith	Anne DeV Vaughn
Diane Davis, Nancy Smith, James Flynn	Antoinette Royster
Joy Kroeger-Mappes, Carmen and Lance Jackson	Antoinette Royster
Gretchen Burke	Val & Gary Llewellyn
Sally, Roger, James Tibbets	Dave Tibbetts
Andy Cocco	John Cocco
Ashley Turnbull, Marie Turnbull	Lita Havens
Dan Carr, Matt Doman	Steven Hansrote
Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane	Kristan Fazenbaker
Mary Lou Dorsey	Trina Firey
Vic Werner	Barbara Martin
Belinda Keller	Linda McCagh
Barbara Blough	Janice & Dave LaBuda
Paul Haddle, Galen Dean Krepps	Lisa Ahern
Jared McGensie, Chris Twigg	Patty Wilson and Rosey
Breanna Brown	Debbie Fornwalt
Kamryn Rice	Corinna Hilderbrand
Candy Heverly	Charlotte Luy
Elizabeth Ororke, Brooks Chamers, Barbara Fridengu	L. Marchini
Erin Morrissey	Terri McCagh
Teddy Rankin	Fred & Kathy Powell
Alicia, Joel, Ella (finding a home)	

Please keep us updated

- the family of Lewis Taylor
- all people affected by the wildfires and other disasters
- all people that our affected by the war
- all elected officials
- those who serve in our nation's armed forces including Rick Rounds, Tom Forrest,
Luke Smith

John ... came
as a witness
to testify
to the light.

JOHN 1:6-7, NRSV

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
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