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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

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

The welcome of baptism is for all God’s children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today’s gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God’s merciful welcome.

WELCOME

Announcements

Prelude

*** A Call to Worship**

P: So often, O Lord, we close the door on those who are different from us.
Forgive us, O Lord.

C: Help us to welcome people from every nation and land.

P: So often, O Lord, we close the door on those who are sick or injured or hard to handle. Forgive us, O Lord.

C: Help us to welcome all those who need our care.

P: So often, O Lord, we close the door on those who are speaking the truth about our lives. Forgive us, O Lord.

C: Help us to welcome those who are serving as your prophets to us, in our time.

P: So often, O Lord, we close the door on the young and innocent. Forgive us, O Lord.

C: Help us to welcome all the children you have placed into our lives.

P So often, O Lord, we close the door on the very people whom you love the most.

C: Help us, with open arms, to welcome all those you love.

* 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 641**

“All Are Welcome”

* 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)



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; 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. mer - cy. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
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

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

First Lesson: *Jeremiah 28:5-9*

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.” Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: *Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18*

¹ Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;**
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.

³ “I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

⁴ **‘I will establish your | line forever,**
and preserve your throne for all | generations.’”

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.

¹⁶ **They rejoice daily | in your name;
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.**

¹⁷ For you are the glory | of their strength,
and by your favor our might | is exalted.

¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs | to the LORD;
our king to the Holy | One of Israel.**

Second Lesson: *Romans 7:15-25a*

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation

(Setting 7 – Page 179)

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!

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. ²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum,

will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

“For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Swanson

Hymn 714

“O God of Mercy, God of Light”

* 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, 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, 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 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 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, have .. mer-cy up-on us, ten pie-dad de no-so-tros, 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, grant us your peace, da-nos tu paz, 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 546**

“To Be Presence”

*** 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 28 – Devon Swanson
This Wednesday, July 1 – Lydia Martin
Next Sunday, July 5 – Anne DeVaughn
Next Wednesday, July 8 – Jeff Smith

Ushers – Fred Powell, Bill Bingman
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 for June 21 were given to the glory of God by Antoinette Royster to commemorate Christ Lutheran Church, LaVale 63rd Anniversary on June 23, 2026.*

The Altar Flowers, Bulletins and Communion Bread & Wine have been given to the glory of God in honor of Gary & Val Llewellyn's Wedding Anniversary.

We will hold a brief Congregational meeting after service TODAY. The agenda item is to accept the audit findings and close the financial books for 2025.

This week –

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

Wednesday – Worship – 6:30pm

Thursday – Bible Study – Studying Romans – 10:30am

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

Saturday – Happy 4th of July

Next Sunday, July 5, Worship – 10:00am followed by Adult SCS

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!

Exploring the Labyrinth – the Mission and Generosity Committee has rescheduled the **Listening Circle** that will introduce and explore our labyrinth on **Sunday, July 12th after morning service.** We will gather around the labyrinth and learn about its history and uses. Then those who are interested will be able to walk the labyrinth followed by the sharing of thoughts and feelings about the process. Please join us for this spiritual journey!

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 also need workers!!** If you or your friends enjoy Yard Sales, please come help. Please tell Shirley. Thanks

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.

LAST WEEK’S REPORT – June 21, 2026

Attendance	In-Person 10:00am = 45	Adult SCS = 8
	Zoom 10:00am = 10	Bible Study 6/18 = 5
Wed. June 24	In Person 6:30pm = 8	
	Zoom = 2	

<u>BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2026</u>	<u>BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-MAY 2026</u>
Received = \$3,002.00	Actual Income = \$79,130.90
Needed weekly = 4,265.56	Actual Expenses = (97,846.70)
(\$ 1,263.56)	(\$18,715.80)

PRAYER LIST FOR JUNE 28, 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
Owen Dolan, 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 Charles Moore
- 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

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