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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

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

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

WELCOME

Announcements
Prelude

*** A Call to Worship**

P: The devil has put weeds into the world,

C: and we seek the Lord's help in dealing with the weeds that try to choke the life out of us.

P: When the weeds of hatred and envy crop up and seek to choke the life out of us,

C: help us to grow in our ability to love and encourage one another.

P: When the weeds of greed and selfishness crop up and seek to choke the life out of us,

C: help us to remember that we are here to serve you and not ourselves.

P: When the weeds of dishonesty crop up and seek to choke the life out of us,

C: help us to cling to your truth, which is found in your Word.

P: When the weeds of sinful pleasures crop up and seek to choke the life out of us,

C: help us to resist the temptation to indulge in them, and show us a way out.

P: When all the weeds of wickedness continue to crop up all around us,

C: help us to stand firm and to keep producing fruit that is pleasing to you.

* 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 689**

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

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

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

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

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.

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

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so - tros,
mer - cy.

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

dad;
us;

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

* Gloria

(Setting 7 – Page 176)

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

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, 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

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

First Lesson: *Isaiah 44:6-8*

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Psalmody: *Psalms 86:11-17*

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,
and glorify your name for- | evermore.**

¹³ For great is your | love toward me;
you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent
people | seeks my life; they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your
handmaid.**

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and
be | put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and com- | forted
me.

Second Lesson: *Romans 8:12-25*

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation

(Setting 7 – Page 179)

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Swanson

Hymn 679

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

* 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)

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
the 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)

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,

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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: 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 975 ACS** **“O God, Whose Word Well-Planted”**



1 O God, whose word well-plant-ed yields fruit a hun-dred-fold,
 2 O God of seed and har-vest, of sun and soil and rain,
 3 O God, your fi-nal har-vest of his-t'ry's an-cient field

we praise your grac-es grant-ed to those who sowed of old,
 at-tend the word we sow, lest its plant-ing be in vain.
 will test with truth the proud-est that hu-man work can yield.

who by their wit-ness scat-tered good seed up-on the soil
 Send show-ers of your Spir-it, bright sun-shine of your grace,
 Op-pres-sion's blight will van-ish, fair free-dom's fruits in-crease;

where oth-ers, reap-ing, gath-ered the har-vest of their toil.
 that mul-ti-tudes who hear it your gos-pel may em-brace.
 and love and joy will flour-ish to clothe the earth with peace.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: ABIDING PRESENCE, Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952

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* 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, July 19 – Gary Llewellyn

This Wednesday, July 22 – Debbie Fornwalt

Next Sunday, July 26 – Sally Buser

Next Wednesday, July 29 – Paul Chiarenza

Ushers – Paul Chiarenza, Kameron Brooks

Organist – Rae Ann 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

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 Altar Flowers have been given to the glory of God in honor of Jeff and Rae Ann Smith's 28th Wedding Anniversary.

The Bulletins have been given to the glory of God in memory of my mother, Emma Meese by Shirley & Jim Smith.

The Communion bread and Wine have been given to the glory of God in honor of Lori's birthday by Sherry Tedrow.

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

This week –

This Sunday – July 19, Worship – 10:00am followed by Adult SCS – 11:30pm

Monday – Move our Yards sale stuff from the youth room – 9:00am

Tuesday-Thursday – Sort to tables – 9:00am

Wednesday – Worship – 6:30pm

Thursday – Bible Study – 10:30am

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

Friday-Saturday – Yard Sale – 8:00am-2:00pm

Next Sunday, July 26, Worship – 10:00am followed by Adult SCS – 11:30pm

"Summertime means kids are out of school and families are in need more than ever! As you're shopping, **please grab a few extra items for the LaVale Food Pantry.** Frequently needed items are saltine crackers, boxes of pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, cereal and shelf-stable milk. Thanks for your continued generosity!"

We need workers!! - Remember our church Yard Sale. We will start setting up this Monday, July 20 (sales on July 24 & 25). **You may bring your stuff in starting this Sunday, July 19th.** **Please place in the fellowship hall or the side entrance. We will accept donations thru Thursday, July 30th.** 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 – July 12, 2026

Attendance	In-Person 10:00am = 43	Adult SCS = 12
	Zoom 10:00am = 1	
Wed. July 15	In Person 6:30pm = 8	
	Zoom = 2	

BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2026

Received	=	\$6,497.57
Needed weekly	=	<u>4,265.56</u>
		\$ 2,232.01

BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-JUNE 2026

Actual Income	=	\$100,470.02
Actual Expenses	=	<u>(114,215.14)</u>
		(\$13,745.12)

If you wish to contribute a little extra to our budget line, please consider signing up for our Bulletin, Communion Bread & Wine or Newsletter sponsorships. We still have many weeks available. This is a wonderful way to honor or remember that special someone in your life.

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 JULY 19, 2026

PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

Barb & James Simmons
Doris Baker
Linda & Dave McCagh
Finn Stewart
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Bill & MarySue Crawford
Ruth Chiarenza
Pam Mulligan
Terri McCagh
Patty Wilson
Jane Miller
Jack Zealand
Sharon Diehl
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 DeVaughn
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
Marion Boone, 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 Donald B. Royster II (Age 24)
- the family of Sean Michael Royster (Age 50)
- all people affected by the wildfires and other disasters
- all people that are affected by the war
- all elected officials
- those who serve in our nation's armed forces including Rick Rounds, Tom Forrest, Luke Smith



July 19, 2026
Eighth Seventh Sunday after Pentecost