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

Stewardship Sunday
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

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

WELCOME

Announcements

Prelude

*** A Call to Worship**

P: God has given us so much, and we are thankful.

C: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it!

P: God has given us life and breath, food and health.

C: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it!

P: God has granted us a place to live and a place to work.

C: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it!

P: God has provided a way for us to gather today and a way to get home
this afternoon.

C: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it!

P: God has given us so much.

**C: All that we have belongs to God. May we faithfully return to God
what belongs to God, sharing out of the bounty entrusted to us as
we come to worship the Lord.**

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

**C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

P: Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

* 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.

* Gloria

(Setting 6 – Page 167)

Refrain S 167

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of several staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is marked 'Refrain' and 'S 167'. The lyrics are: 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.' The second staff continues the lyrics: '1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.' The third staff is marked 'Refrain' and continues the lyrics: 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.' The fourth staff continues the lyrics: '2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:'

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



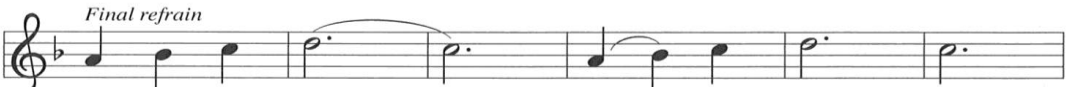
3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



Final refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

*** Prayer of the Day**

God our gracious giver, your Son Jesus taught us that where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. Teach us to love people more than money, relationships more than things, and you above all, that the way we live will reflect what we truly value and believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who emptied himself in love for us, and now reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen

First Lesson: *Isaiah 55:1-11*

- ¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
- ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.
- ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found;
 call upon him while he is near;
- ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way

and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

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

Psalmody: *Psalm 104:1-5, 10-15*

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

² **wrapped in light as with a garment.**

You stretch out the heavens like a tent;

³ you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind;

⁴ **you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.**

⁵ You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.

¹⁰ **You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,**

¹¹ giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.

¹² **By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.**

¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

¹⁴ **You cause the grass to grow for the cattle
and plants for people to cultivate,
to bring forth food from the earth**

¹⁵ and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine and bread to strengthen the human heart.

Second Lesson: *Ephesians 3:8-21*

⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him. ¹³ I pray, therefore, that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom

every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation

(Setting 6 – Page 171)

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 17th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 17:24-27*

²⁴ When they reached Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax came to Peter and said, “Does your teacher not pay the temple tax?” ²⁵ He said, “Yes, he does.” And when he came home, Jesus spoke of it first, asking, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth

take toll or tribute? From their children or from others?”²⁶ When Peter said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “Then the children are free.”²⁷ However, so that we do not give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook; take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a coin; take that and give it to them for you and me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Swanson

Hymn 583

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

* 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

Organ Voluntary

Noisy Offering for the Fill the Bus campaign

* 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: God of creation,

you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you;

make us generous with what we have.

Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts

in service to you and in love to our neighbors,

today and always. **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 6 – Page 173)

S 173

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en 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.

* 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: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

(Setting 6 – Page 174)

S 174

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us 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.

Hymn ACS 1041

"God Is Love"

**God is love. God is love;
let us love one another as God first loved us.**

God is love. God is love.

God is love.

Text: Mark Mummert, b. 1965, based on 1 John 4:11, 16, 19

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* The Prayer after Communion

L: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen**

* Blessing

P: The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
P: The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
P: The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

* **Sending Hymn 829**

“Have You Thanked the Lord?”

* Dismissal

L: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
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, September 13 – Sally Buser
This Wednesday, September 16 – Jeff Smith
Next Sunday, September 20 – Jack Murray
Next Wednesday, September 22 – Rae Ann Smith

Ushers – Kameron Brooks, Fred Powell
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 loving memory of Parents, Kermit & Thelma Failingler by Dianne & Ray Short.

The Communion Bread and Wine have been given to the glory of God in honor of my grandson, Wyatt's birthday by Sherry Tedrow.

The September Newsletter has been given to the glory of God by Dianne & Ray Short.

This week –

This Sunday – September 13, Worship – 10:00am, Noisy offering during service
followed by Listening Circle – (God's Budget) 11:30am

Monday – Church Council – 6:30pm

Wednesday – Worship – 6:30pm

Thursday – Bible Study – 10:30am

Friday – Reach Meal Prep – 9:00am, Diane's Music class – 10:00am,
Ladybirds – 11:00am

Saturday – Reach Meal prep and serve – 2-4:00pm

Next Sunday, September 20, Worship – 10:00am, God-Speed for Anne DeV Vaughn
followed by refreshments

Listening Circle is scheduled for today following our Worship at 11:30am– as we prepare for our annual Every Member Rejoice/Response, *let us look at the ways that God budgets*. It may be different than the way that we do it. What are your questions about budgeting and financing? Can we begin to consider moving from scarcity to abundance? Bring your thoughts and feelings to the Listening Circle and learn what others are thinking. Hope to see you there.

Noisy Offering today to support the Fill the Bus campaign that the Potomac Highlands United Way is holding. We want to support our local school children. 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. For more information, please see Pastor Daniel or a member of the Worship & Music

LAST WEEK’S REPORT – September 6, 2026

Attendance	In-Person 10:00am = 40	Adult SCS = 7
	Zoom 10:00am = 10	Bible Study 9/3 = 7
Wed. Sept 9	In Person 6:30pm = 5	
	Zoom = 2	

<u>BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2026</u>		<u>BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-AUG 2026</u>	
Received	= 3,859.00	Actual Income =	\$138,242.39
Needed weekly =	4,265.56	Actual Expenses =	<u>(146,533.69)</u>
	(\$ 406.56)		(\$ 8,291.30)

FLOOD DISASTER IN NEPAL

A devastating disaster has struck Nepal this morning [Wednesday]. An avalanche-triggered flood has hit the northwestern part of the country. Thousands of people are believed to have been affected, and many homes, hydropower projects, bridges, and other infrastructure have been swept away by the flash flood.

The situation is so serious that it is still difficult to reach the affected areas due to blocked roads and continuing floods. Thankfully, our friends and partners are safe, but many Christians, relatives, and others are still missing.

The Nepali Church is planning to respond to this disaster through a united and collaborative relief effort. United National Nepali Church Council (UNNCC), a loose network and national common platform, is facilitating collaboration and coordination among churches and Christian organizations for relief and humanitarian assistance.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Effective relief efforts — Pray that immediate and effective assistance will reach those who are most affected.
2. Unity and collaboration — Pray for a unified effort among churches and Christian organizations as we work together to support the victims and affected communities.
3. Victims and their families — Pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods, and for those whose family members are still missing.
4. Rescue and healing — Pray for successful rescue operations, for those who are still missing to be found, and for healing and recovery for those who have been injured.
5. Resources and provision — Pray that the necessary resources, finances, food, shelter, medicine, and other supplies will be made available for the relief efforts.
6. The Government of Nepal — Pray for wisdom, strength, effective coordination, and appropriate action as the government responds to this disaster.
7. The Nepali Church — Pray that churches across Nepal will respond with compassion and generosity and become a source of practical help, hope, and comfort to those affected.

Please join us in praying for Nepal and for all those affected by this devastating disaster.

PRAYER LIST FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

Barb Simmons
Pam Mulligan
Jack Zealand
Bill & MarySue Crawford
Linda & Dave McCagh
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Doris Baker
Jeff Smith
Terri McCagh
Patty Wilson
Jane Miller
Ruth Chiarenza
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
Martha Macgill

PRAYER RECIPIENT

Brad & Gregg Dawson, Stephen Overtom	<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 Fomwalt
Kamryn Rice	Corinna Hilderbrand
Candy Heverly	Charlotte Luy
Elizabeth Ororke, Brooks Changers, Barbara Fridengu	L. Marchini
Erin Morrissey	Terri McCagh
Teddy Rankin	Fred & Kathy Powell

Please keep us updated

- the family of Carol Humbertson
- 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: Tom Forrest, Luke Smith



The title 'Life OF Stewardship' is rendered in a large, black, serif font. The word 'Life' is on the top line, and 'Stewardship' is on the bottom line, with the word 'OF' in a smaller font size centered between them. A stylized plant with three leaves grows from the vertical stem of the lowercase 'l' in 'Life'. The plant's stem and leaves are solid black. The letter 'A' at the top of the 'l' is white with a black outline. A long, thin, black horizontal line with a slight curve runs beneath the word 'Stewardship'.

Life OF Stewardship

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