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

***Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

October 4, 2026

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

*In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.*

**WELCOME**

Announcements

Prelude

**\* A Call to Worship**

P: Doors open. Hearts ready, God beckons.

**C: Looking for a center point to life, for a union of all the scattered and torn edges.**

P: May your soul find communion here.

**C: Searching for honesty, for a truth spoken in love.**

P: May your faith be challenged here.

**C: May we live our faith this coming week.**

P: May your spirit enrich this community.

**C: Searching for joy to blossom and hope to grow.**

P: May our songs reach the heavens, touch our hearts and spread love into the world.

**\* 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 on ten staves. The first three staves are the 'Refrain' section, marked 'S 167'. The lyrics for the first two staves 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 third staff continues the refrain. The next three staves are the first part of the Gloria, with 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 final four staves are a second 'Refrain' section, with 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 last two staves are the second part of the Gloria, with 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**

**Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

First Lesson: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

<sup>1</sup> I will sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded rotten grapes.

<sup>3</sup> And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield rotten grapes?

<sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;

I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his cherished garden;  
he expected justice  
but saw bloodshed;

Righteousness but heard a cry!

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

Psalmody: *Psalms 80:7-15*

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O | God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup> **You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and | planted it.**

<sup>9</sup> You cleared the | ground for it;  
it took root and | filled the land.

<sup>10</sup> **The mountains were covered | by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup> You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea  
and its branches | to the river.

<sup>12</sup> **Why have you broken | down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?**

<sup>13</sup> The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

<sup>14</sup> **Turn now, O | God of hosts,**  
**look | down from heaven;**

<sup>15</sup> behold and | tend this vine;  
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

Second Lesson: *Philippians 3:4b-14*

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## \* Gospel Acclamation

(Setting 6 – Page 171)

S 171a

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 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 21:33-46*

[Jesus said:] <sup>33</sup> “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup> They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

<sup>43</sup> “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Swanson

Hymn 343

“My song is Love Unknown”

\* 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

### \* 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 right .....and 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)

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.**

\* 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 848**

**“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”**

\* Dismissal

L: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Postlude**

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*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, October 4 – Devon Swanson

This Wednesday, October 7 – Jeff Smith

Next Sunday, October 11 – Rae Ann Smith

Next Wednesday, October 14 – Rae Ann Smith

**Ushers** – Ed & Lita Havens

**Organist** – Lea Ann Alter

**AV** – Kathy Swanson, Dave Tibbetts

**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 Communion Bread & Wine have been given to the glory of God in honor of our grandson, Zachary's birthday by Shirley & Jim Smith*

*The October Newsletter has been given to the glory of God in honor of Buser family birthdays: Hansen. 10/6, Brandon 10/8, Paeton 10/11, Sally 10/12*

**This week –**

This Sunday – October 4, Worship – 10:00am followed by Adult Bible Study

Monday – Executive Council – 5:30pm, Church Council – 6:30pm

Wednesday – Healing Service – 6:30pm

Thursday – Bible Study – 10:30am

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

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**We will celebrate a Joint Reformation Service at St. Luke's Lutheran Church on Frederick Street on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.** (No service at CLC.) Bishop Bill Gohl will be our preacher that morning. Following the service, you are invited to a luncheon in their fellowship hall. *Menu: buffet featuring Chicken Parmigiana and Bake Ziti (both available gluten free), salad, rolls, and assorted desserts. There will also be water, cold beverages, hot tea and coffee.* We hope that you will join us. To help with plans, they would like to have a “count” of people attending **by October 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning to attend the luncheon, please sign-up on the paper in the main narthex.** Thanks.

**Following the devastating disaster that struck Nepal,** where an avalanche-triggered flood hit the northwestern part of the country. Thousands of people have been affected, and many homes, hydropower projects, bridges, and other infrastructure were swept away by the flash flood. **Our church council has designated that we will collect donations through the month of October for Lutheran Disaster Relief for Nepal.** If you wish to donation, please make checks payable to Christ Lutheran, care of Nepal. Thanks you.

**Our Emergency Aid Fund is getting low.** With fall and cold weather coming we expect that the need will increase. **If this is something that you wish to support, please make donations care of Emergence Fund. Thanks.**

**Thanks for the 3 reams of copy paper that were donated to the church office.**  
Thanks for thinking of us.

LAST WEEK’S REPORT – September 27, 2026

Attendance   In-Person 10:00am = 31                      No Adult SCS  
                         Zoom 10:00am =    6  
Wed. Sept 30 In Person 6:30pm = No service  
                         Zoom                      =

| <u>BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2026</u> |   |                 | <u><b>BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-AUG 2026</b></u> |  |  |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| Received                         | = | 3,326.70        | <b>Actual Income = \$138,242.39</b>            |  |  |
| Needed weekly                    | = | <u>4,265.56</u> | <b>Actual Expenses = <u>(146,533.69)</u></b>   |  |  |
|                                  |   | (\$ 938.86)     | <b>(\$ 8,291.30)</b>                           |  |  |

Allegany County Maryland

# Farmer's Market



## Thursday

- **Location:** Canal Place
- **Time:** 9:30 AM-1:00 PM
- **Dates:** April 30-October 29



## Friday

- **Location:** City Place in Frostburg
- **Time:** 9:30 AM-1:00 PM
- **Dates:** May 15-October 29



## Saturday

- **Location:** Canal Place
- **Time:** 9:30 AM-1:00 PM
- **Dates:** June 20-October 29



## PRAYER LIST FOR OCTOBER 4, 2026

### PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

**Sandi Shoemaker**  
**Barb Simmons**  
**Pam Mulligan**  
**David Tibbetts**  
**Rae Ann Smith**  
**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**  
**Joyce DeMonbrun**  
**Kathy Powell**  
**Sharon McKenzie**  
**Nancy & George Small**  
**Martha Macgill**

### PRAYER RECIPIENT

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

*Please keep us updated*

- the family of Wanda Murphy (Age 76)
- the family of Thomas M. Dawson (Age 75)
- for Nepal
- 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



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