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Wednesday Service (In-Person & 6:30pm Zoom)

June 25, 2025 –6:30pm

***Call to Worship**

P: Healing and compassionate God,

C: your hands hold gently all creation,

P: your touch brings life in the face of death,

C: your love transforms destruction into grace.

P: Touch our lives with your Spirit,

C: bringing new life and hope,

P: so that we may live and serve you with joy and praise.

*** Gathering Hymn 704**

“When Pain of the World Surrounds Us”

***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.

***The Prayer of the Day**

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious:

fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Hmily

Rev. Martha Macgill

***Prayers of the People**

***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.

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.

*** BLESSING**

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

*** Sending Hymn 728**

"Blest Are They"

*** Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Thanks to everyone who has kept the donations coming for the LaVale Food Pantry! For the month of **June**, we'd like to encourage you to donate **peanut butter and/or jelly!** Any size or variety would be appreciated. You are still welcome to donate any shelf-stable, unopened and unexpired food items.

Rae Ann will once again be traveling to the Lakota Reservation in South Dakota this summer. She is collecting gently-used small (beanie-baby sized) stuffed animals for an activity the group will be doing with the children about animals. If you have any in your home or come across any at a thrift store or yard sale, can you please get them to her?

Thank you!

Yard Sale Weeks – week of June 22 (sales on June 27 & 28), week of June 29 (sale on July 5), *If needed*, week of July 6. **We need stuff and WE NEED PEOPLE TO HELP DURING THE WEEK.** We will start on Monday, June 23rd at 9:00am to bring items from the back and place on tables. You are free to work any hours that fit your schedule. ***You may bring in your items from home thru Thursday morning. Please place in the fellowship hall.*** Thanks.

