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Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

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

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

WELCOME

Announcements & Prelude

*** A Call to Worship**

P: Great is our God! He is worthy to be praised!

C: Let us lift up our voices and worship our King and Savior.

P: God is faithful and good. He bids us to enter his presence with grateful hearts.

C: Let us approach the throne of grace with thanksgiving and praise.

P: Now is the time for worship. Proclaim to the peoples of the earth his glory and honor.

C: We are here. Now is the time. Know that the Lord is our God. Let us worship our Creator and Redeemer.

All: We are his people. We are his hands and feet for the sake of God's mission to the nations.

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
C; Amen.

* **Gathering Hymn 843** “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

* 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)

S 175

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

so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
mer - cy. 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. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
mer - cy. 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 Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Lesson: *Isaiah 65:1-9*

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶ See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,

says the LORD;
because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

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

Psalmody: *Psalms 22:19-28*

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, be not [|] far away;
O my help, hasten [|] to my aid.

²⁰ **Deliver me [|] from the sword,
my life from the power [|] of the dog.**

²¹ Save me from the [|] lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have [|] rescued me.

²² **I will declare your name [|] to my people;
in the midst of the assembly [|] I will praise you.**

- ²³ You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.
- ²⁴ **For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them; but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**
- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.
- ²⁶ **The poor shall eat | and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.
- ²⁸ **For dominion belongs | to the LORD, who rules o- | ver the nations.**

Second Lesson: *Galatians 3:23-29*

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation

(Setting 7 – Page 179)

S 179a

*i*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*i*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*i*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! *i*A - le - lu - ya!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: *Luke 8:26-39*

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them

permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Martha Macgill

Hymn 886

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

* 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: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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)

S 181

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.
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 es 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 es 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: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

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 532**

“Gather Us In”

*** Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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 22 – Sally Buser

Wednesday, June 25 – Lydia Martin

Next Sunday, June 29 – Jack Murray

Next Wednesday, July 2 – Rae Ann Smith

Ushers – Jim & Barb Simmons

Organist – Rae Ann Smith (Recorded)

A/V – Steve, Dave, Joyce

The June's Newsletter have been given to the glory of God in memory of my sister, Pat by Pam Russell.

We give thanks to God that Alice and Bill Firey's celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary of June 18th. Congratulations to a wonderful couple on this milestone.

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

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.** See Shirley. You may start to bring in your items today, June 22nd. Please place in the fellowship hall. Thanks.

Survey from Mission and Generosity Committee - The statements with the survey have been mailed. If you received your letter, please return your survey by Today, June 22nd. *This survey is to be anonymous.* Please drop it off or mail to the church office with no return address. Thanks in advance for helping us learn about your thoughts and feelings related to giving,

Garden News! - The garden is coming up for air after all the rain and getting a slow start. We are fully planted and have begun to harvest strawberries and kale for the food pantry. We have several new community members, and the gardening classes have been very successful! **Please help us by donating gallon and quart size zip bags and berry containers.**

Barb Simmons is **in need of paper shopping bags, like the ones from Martin's with handles, for the Reach Meal home deliveries.** If you help, please bring to the kitchen and place on the counter. Thanks

This week –

This Sunday –Worship 10:00am

Monday-Thursday – Arrange Yard Sale – 9-12 noon

Wednesday – Worship Service – 6:30pm

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

Next Sunday, Worship – 10:00am

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.

Christ Lutheran will have a booth at the Pride Day Festival on Sunday, June 29th at Canal Place starting at 12:00noon. We are looking for volunteers to help in one hour spots over the afternoon. If interested, please see Debbie Fornwalt at 301-697-6133.

LAST WEEK'S REPORT – June 15 , 2025

Attendance	In-Person 10:00am =	40	Adult SCS =
	Zoom 10:00am =	9	
Wed. June 11	In-Person 6:30pm =	8	
	Zoom 6:30pm =	2	

BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2025

Received	=	\$3,677.56
Needed weekly	=	4,044.04
		(366.48)

BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-MAY 2025

Actual Income	=	\$80,665.88
Actual Expenses	=	(93,442.28)
		(\$ 12,776.40)

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 **by June 25?** Thank you!

Allegany County Habitat for Humanity has begun construction of our next home on Maple Street in South Cumberland. Workers will be there on Saturdays for most of the summer and possibly into the fall. We are in need of volunteers to provide lunch for our workers--typically no more than 10 people. Pizzas or subs and drinks are perfect. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you can let Rae Ann know your availability. Thank you!

Christ Lutheran Church Yard Sale *(Indoors)*

When: June 27 & 28, 2025 *and*
July 5, 2025

Time: 8:00am – 2:00pm

Location: Christ Lutheran Church
1222 Vocke Road
LaVale, MD 21502

PRAYER LIST FOR JUNE 22, 2025

PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

Janice Harbaugh
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Jack Zealand
Patty Wilson
Theresa Chiarenza
Jane Miller
Ed Havens
Clem Dawson
Dave & Lisa Ahern
Kim Shoemaker
Fay Crawford
David LaBuda
Bill & MarySue Crawford
Rosey & Becky McIntyre
Jonathan and Danielle Ahern
Tammy Faulkner
Pam & Dave Judy
David Tibbetts
Joyce DeMonbrun
Kathy Powell
Sharon McKenzie
Mary Lou Rowles
Donna Yaider
Laura Murray
Anna Bruck

PRAYER RECIPIENT

Christina Puffinburger	Elwood & Janet Glass
Raymond Garthwait, Stephen Overtoom	Gail Dawson
Charles Johnson, 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, Amy, Ed Troutman, Jacie Fairall	Barb Simmons
Carl Chiarenza, Karen Mackert	Paul & Ruth C
Elise & Henry Jack Balber	Jack Zealand
Trina, Trinity, Asia, Faith	Debbie & Pam
Cheryl Trusler	Joyce D
Cheri Bielen	Jane Miller
Baby Whetzel, Kevin Mistretta, Carolyn Farr, Kendra Morriss, Paula Rose	Diane
Dan Moore, Graham Tower, Lisa Storm, Jaime Pletcher, Karen Ford	Diane K
Richard Clark, Zachary Sutterfield, Alexis Smith	Anne DeVaughn
Diane Davis, Nancy Smith, James Flynn	Antoinette Royster
Carmen and Lance Jackson	Antoinette Royster
Bill Edwards	Rae Ann Smith
Mary Jane Robertson, Deb Kolb	Shirley & Jim Smith
Gretchen Burke	Val & Gary Llewellyn
Sally, Roger, James Tibbets	Dave Tibbetts
Andy Cocco	John Cocco
Taylor Neumann	Lita Havens
Bernie Hartsock	Steven Hansrote
Pam Highland	Sherry T
Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane	Kristan Fazzenbaker
Mary Lou Dorsey	Trina Firey
Vic Werner	Barbara Martin
Belinda Keller	Linda McCagh
Madeline Lopes	Al James
Barbara Blough	Janice & Dave LaBuda
Laura Godfrey	Rae Ann Smith
Galen Dean Krepps	Lisa Ahern
Jared McGensie, Stefan Twigg	Patty Wilson and Rosey
Shirley Vought	Gretchen Dix

Please keep us updated

- the family of Chuck Wilt
- the family of Betty Ann Royster at the age of 65. (Cousin of Antoinette Royster)
- all people affected by the wildfires and other disasters
- all people of the Ukraine and all affected by the war
- all elected officials
- those who serve in our nation's armed forces including Rick Rounds



Second Sunday after Pentecost – June 22, 2025