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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

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

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

WELCOME

Announcements & Prelude

*** A Call to Worship**

P: God desires partners:

C: So he made the trees dance and the mountains sing,

P: Made bees buzz and sea gulls soar,

C: Made children to skip, hope and tumble,

P: Made women and men to pray and laugh.

C: God intended joy:

P: Flowers in every field and on every table,

C: Kindness in every embrace,

P: Happiness in every balloon,

C: Beauty in everyone.

P: God smiles -

C: With every baby born,

P: With every prayer said,

C: With each note sung,

P: With each alleluia raised.

* 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 493****“Taste and See”*** 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. mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
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. mer - cy. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
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 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

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Lesson: *Genesis 15:1-6*

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: *Psalms 33:12-22*

¹² Happy is the nation whose God [|] is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to [|] be God’s heritage!

¹³ **The LORD looks [|] down from heaven,
and sees all [|] humankind.**

¹⁴ God sits firmly en- [|] throned and watches
all who dwell [|] on the earth.

¹⁵ **God fashions [|] all their hearts
and observes [|] all their deeds.**

¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size | of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.

¹⁷ **The horse gives vain | hope for victory;
despite its great strength it | cannot save.**

¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,

¹⁹ **to deliver their | lives from death,
and to keep them alive in | time of famine.**

²⁰ Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,
our helper | and our shield.

²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**

²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you.

Second Lesson: *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even

though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation

(Setting 7 – Page 179)

S 179a

A - 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!

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

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: *Luke 12:32-40*

[Jesus said:] ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Martha Macgill

Hymn 764

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

* 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 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 en el tie - rra. Ben - di - to es el que vie - ne en el
nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
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, 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; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, 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 771 “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”**

* 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, August 10 –Sally Buser

Wednesday, August 13 – Rae Ann Smith

Next Sunday, August 17 –Anne DeV Vaughn

Next Wednesday, August 20 – Debbie Fornwalt

August Ushers – Ed & Lita Havens

Organist – Rae Ann Smith

A/V – Steve, Thad, Joyce

The Bulletins have been given to the glory of God in honor of Eowyn starting college by her family.

The Communion Bread and Wine have been given to the glory of God in honor of our family by Shirley & Jim Smith.

The August Newsletter has been given to the glory of God by Sharon Diehl.

Save the Date! The Executive Council has designated August 24th as 'Ice Cream Sunday'. *“Live music provided by RAGS.”* Everyone is invited to an ice cream social in the upper kitchen and the Pavilion (weather permitting) **starting at 6 PM.** There will be assorted flavors of ice cream with waffle cones as well as various syrups and toppings to make your own sundae if you prefer. *Please bring a donation for the food pantry, back-to-school items, or 'stock the shelves' supplies. Monetary offerings will also be accepted during the event to replenish our reserves following the expense of repairing our roof.* What better way to say 'goodbye' to summer? **Look for sign-up in the main narthex!**

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



Garden News!

Wow! What a difference hot weather makes in the garden! We are now harvesting herbs, cucumbers, beans, squashes, black raspberries, peppers and tomatoes. The cucumbers are growing so fast that we can't keep up! We have replanted beans, squash, kale, cucumbers, lettuces and peas for a fall harvest. All produce goes to the food pantry. We would love to have you join us!

Don't forget! Garden classes continue the first Saturday of each month through September at 11:00am.

This week –

This Sunday – Worship - 10:00am,

Wednesday – Worship Service – 6:30pm

Friday – Preparation for Reach Meal

Saturday – Preparation and service Reach Meal – 3-5:00pm

Next Sunday, Worship – 10:00am followed by Adult Sunday School in the fellowship hall

The Parish Nurses will be taking Blood pressures after the 10:00am Service next Sunday, August 17th. Come have your checked!

Thanks to everyone who has kept the donations coming for the LaVale Food Pantry! For the month of August, we'd like to encourage you to donate breakfast/granola bars. We also welcome any other unopened and unexpired non-perishable food items.

Mission and Generosity has put their Listening Circle box on the table in the main narthex. There is pencils and paper by the box. Please make any suggestions for the topics that you would like to discuss. Thanks

Church Yard Sale – Fundraising is planning a smaller Christmas sale in October. If you have Christmas decorations that you were not able to bring before, this may be the time. Thanks again! Shirley

LAST WEEK'S REPORT – August 3, 2025

Attendance In-Person 10:00am =	42	Adult SCS =	5
Zoom 10:00am =	8		
Wed. Aug 6 In-Person 6:30pm =	9		
Zoom 6:30pm =	5		

BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2025

Received	=	\$3,746.00
Needed weekly =	<u>4,044.04</u>	
	(298.04)	

BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-JULY 2025

Actual Income =	\$119,047.03
Actual Expenses =	(<u>126,772.26</u>)
	(\$ 7,725.23)

Looking for Lady Singers (Barber Shop Style) They meet very Friday at 11:00am here at Christ Lutheran Church. If interested, call 814-324-4304 for more information.

PARK PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **80 National Highway** **LaVale, MD 21502**

IS COLLECTING school supplies, shoes, socks and underwear for local elementary schools and Westernport Elementary.

Supplies can be dropped off at the church on Tuesday mornings between 10:30 and 12:30 or Sunday morning between 11 am and 12:30 pm.

Collection till August 31st.



FREE COMMUNITY REACH MEAL

“Take Outs by Drive-Thru Only”

WHERE: Christ Lutheran Church
1222 Vocke Road
La Vale, MD 21502

WHEN: Saturday ~ August 16, 2025

TIME: 3:00 - 5:00pm

****Please do not arrive before 2:30pm... We thank you for your cooperation.****

(Next month's meal event will be held on Saturday ~ September 20, 2025)

PRAYER LIST FOR AUGUST 10, 2025

PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

Gail Dawson
Jane Miller
Gary Llewellyn
Dianne Short
Jack Zealand
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Barbara Martin
Patty Wilson
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	<i>Requested by</i> 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
Joy Kroeger-Mappes Carmen and Lance Jackson	Antoinette Royster
Mary Jane Robertson	Shirley & Jim Smith
Gretchen Burke	Val & Gary Llewellyn
Sally, Roger, James Tibbets	Dave Tibbetts
Andy Cocco	John Cocco
Taylor Neumann	Lita Havens
Dan Carr, Matt Doman	Steven Hansrote
Pam Highland	Sherry T
Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane	Kristan Fazenbaker
Mary Lou Dorsey	Trina Firey
Vic Werner	Barbara Martin
Belinda Keller	Linda McCagh
Madeline Lopes	Al James
Barbara Blough	Janice & Dave LaBuda
Galen Dean Krepps	Lisa Ahern
Jared McGensie, Stefan Twigg	Patty Wilson and Rosey
Shirley Vought	Gretchen Dix

Please keep us updated

- thanksgiving at the birth of Cole Thomas Crabtree, son of Laura and Jake Crabtree
(new grandson of Barb & Jim Simmons)
- the family of Deb Kolb
- 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, Tom Forrest



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