

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Wednesday Evening Healing Service (In-Person & Zoom)

May 6, 2026 – 6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: God of rainbow and promise,

C: God of the swirling waters of baptism,

P: God of the dark night of doubt,

C: God of comfort and call,

P: Dwell with us as we continue our journeys

C: And lead us from temptation to trust, from fear to love, from despair to hope, and from sadness to joy.

*** Gathering Hymn 939 ACS**

“Touch that Soothes & Heals”



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least, Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

*** Greeting**

☐ The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

*** The Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading: *1 Peter 3:13-22*

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Pastor Daniel Swanson

*** Prayers of the People**

Anointing and Laying on of Hands – *Please come to the altar rail and kneel as you are ready. Please feel free to remain seated, if you do not desire the laying on of hands*

*** 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.

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* 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: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

* Sending Hymn 588

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

* Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Annual Noisy Change offering” for our Synod Assembly on June 5-6! All funds will go to food pantries and ministries in the DE-MD Synod. **We will be holding our Noisy Offering on May 17th.**

We will honor our graduates on **May 17th** following our 10:00am services. We congratulate **Zachariah Ahern** – Fort Hill, **Aurelia Hansrote** – Mt Ridge, **Ellie Harbert** – Mt Ridge, **Macy Judy** - Allegany, **Jordyn Sneathen** - Allegany and **Sebastian Stewart** – Center of Career & Allegany. Also graduating are Jim & Shirley Smith's two granddaughters, **Cambri Hosselrode** – Center of Career & Allegany and **Colby Smith** – Allegany. **Josef Sneathen** is also a 2026 graduate. He will graduate from Garrett College on 5/16 with his Associates in Business and Sport Management. He will transfer to Frostburg to complete his Business Degree. *If you have someone from your family graduating, please notify the church office.*

Also on May 17th we will have a Blessing of our Garden during the service and you can visit the garden following service.

Geraniums for the Festival of Pentecost - On Sunday, May 24th we would like to decorate our church with red geraniums which will then be planted outside in our flower beds. ***The cost per plant is \$4.00.*** *If you are interested in purchasing a geranium for Pentecost Sunday, please place money or check (Christ Lutheran Church) in an envelope and put in offering plate or bring to the church office. You may donate these flowers in honor or memory of loved ones. Please write this on your envelope or on a paper with payment. Deadline for ordering geraniums is May 21st.* These plants will be enjoyed for the entire summer.

As you are doing your Spring cleaning remember our church Yard Sale. We will start setting up July 20 (sales on July 24 & 25) then probably for the next two weeks. **We need stuff!!!! Start gathering.** We do have limited space if you need to bring early. See Shirley.

