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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

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

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

WELCOME

Announcements

Prelude

*** A Call to Worship**

P: With glad and grateful hearts,

C: With thanksgiving

P: Flowing from sea to shining sea,

C: We gather this day

P: To sing a song of praise

C: To God

P: For our country,

C: For our world,

P: For peace.

C: For freedom

P: With glad and grateful hearts,

C: Let us give praise to God!

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

* **Gathering Hymn 716**

"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"

* 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

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

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. mer - cy. O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. mer - cy. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. mer - cy.

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

so - tros,
mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad;
us;

ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

* Gloria

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¡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

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

First Lesson: *Zechariah 9:9-12*

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Psalmody: *Psalms 145:8-14*

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,

slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are | good to all,**

and your compassion is over | all your works.

¹⁰ All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

¹² that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
through- | out all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in | all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

Second Lesson: *Romans 6:12-23*

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to

impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation

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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, 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!

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: *John 8:31-36*

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do

you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Swanson

Hymn 713

“O God of Every Nation”

*** 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: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **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)

* 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: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

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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; . .

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: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen

* Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

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

* Dismissal

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

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, July 5 – Anne DeVaughn

This Wednesday, July 8 – Jeff Smith

Next Sunday, July 12 – Jack Murray

Next Wednesday, July 15 – Jeff Smith

Ushers – Sally Buser, Jack Murray

Organist – Rae Ann Smith

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 Altar Flowers have been given to the glory of God in memory of Josh at his birthday by Fred & Kathy Powell.

The Bulletins have been given to the glory of God by Antoinette Royster in honor of her Clan's "139th Annual Royster Family Reunion".

The Communion bread and Wine have been given to the glory of God by Shirley & Jim Smith.

The July's Newsletter has been given to the glory of God in honor of Gary & Val Llewellyn's Wedding Anniversary.

This week –

This Sunday – July 5, Worship – 10:00am followed by Adult SCS – 11:30am

Tuesday – Executive Meeting – 6:30pm

Wednesday – Worship – 6:30pm

Thursday – Bible Study – 10:30am

Friday – Crafts – 11:00am, Diane's Music class – 10:00am, Lady Birds – 11:00am

Saturday – Garden, Succession garden/Seasonal growing class – 11:00-12noon

Next Sunday, July 12, Worship – 10:00am followed by Exploring the Labyrinth at 11:30

Sponsored by Mission & Generosity

"**Summertime means kids are out of school** and families are in need more than ever! As you're shopping, **please grab a few extra items for the LaVale Food Pantry.** Frequently needed items are saltine crackers, boxes of pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, cereal and shelf-stable milk. Thanks for your continued generosity!"

Exploring the Labyrinth – the Mission and Generosity Committee has rescheduled the **Listening Circle** that will introduce and **explore our labyrinth next Sunday, July 12th after morning service.** We will gather around the labyrinth and learn about it history and uses. Then those who are interested will be able to walk the labyrinth followed by the sharing of thoughts and feelings about the process. Please join us for this spiritual journey!

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!!!!** We do have limited space if you need to bring early. ***We also need workers!!*** If you or your friends enjoy Yard Sales, please come help. See Shirley.

Our Worship & Music Committee would like to buy copies of our new hymnal – All Creation Sings (Supplement to Evangelical Lutheran Worship) to be available in our pews. If you are interested in helping to purchase these hymnals, please write on a piece of paper or envelope the number that you are purchasing and how you want the honor/memory to read and enclosed with your check (payable to CLC). **The cost is \$15.00 per hymnal.** You may put this in the offering plate or bring to the church office. For more information, please see Pastor Daniel or a member of the Worship & Music

LAST WEEK'S REPORT – June 28, 2026

Attendance	In-Person 10:00am =	51	Adult SCS =	5
	Zoom 10:00am =	7	Thursday Bible Study 6/25 =	4
Wed. July 1	In Person 6:30pm =	8		
	Zoom =	2		

BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2026

Received	=	\$2,709.00
Needed weekly	=	<u>4,265.56</u>
		(\$ 1,556.56)

BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-MAY 2026

Actual Income	=	\$79,130.90
Actual Expenses	=	(<u>97,846.70</u>)
		(\$18,715.80)

Christ Lutheran Church in LaVale, MD

{Summer Indoor}



* * *Great bargain prices...You can shop till you drop* * *

When: July 24 & 25, 2026 from 8:00am – 2:00pm

and

July 31 & August 1, 2026 from 8:00am – 2:00pm

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

*Lots of household items to buy such as books, clothing, furniture,
home décor, toys and more...*

PRAYER LIST FOR JULY 5, 2026

PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

Finn Stewart
Barb & James Simmons
Ruth Chiarenza
Pam Mulligan
Terri McCagh
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Patty Wilson
Bill & MarySue Crawford
Jane Miller
Jack Zealand
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
David Tibbetts
Joyce DeMonbrun
Kathy Powell
Sharon McKenzie
Nancy & George Small

PRAYER RECIPIENT

Brad & Gregg Dawson, Stephen Overtoom	<i>Requested by</i> Gail Dawson
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. Charlotte & Ed Troutman, Amy, Jacie Fairall	Barb Simmons
Karen Mackert	Paul & Ruth C
Elise & Henry Jack Balber	Jack Zealand
Tony Greaver, Betty Llewellyn/Cartwright, Cheryl Trusler	Joyce D
Owen Dolan, Shepherd Grace	Sherry Tedrow
Cheri Bielen	Jane Miller
Bernard Michael, Carolyn Farr,	Diane K.
Graham Tower, 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
Gretchen Burke	Val & Gary Llewellyn
Sally, Roger, James Tibbets	Dave Tibbetts
Andy Cocco	John Cocco
Ashley Turnbull, Marie Turnbull	Lita Havens
Dan Carr, Matt Doman	Steven Hansrote
Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane	Kristan Fazenbaker
Mary Lou Dorsey	Trina Firey
Vic Werner	Barbara Martin
Belinda Keller	Linda McCagh
Barbara Blough	Janice & Dave LaBuda
Paul Haddle, Galen Dean Krepps	Lisa Ahern
Jared McGensie, Chris Twigg	Patty Wilson and Rosey
Breanna Brown	Debbie Fornwalt
Kamryn Rice	Corinna Hilderbrand
Candy Heverly	Charlotte Luy
Elizabeth Ororke, Brooks Chamers, Barbara Fridengu	L. Marchini
Erin Morrissey	Terri McCagh
Teddy Rankin	Fred & Kathy Powell
Alicia, Joel, Ella (finding a home)	

Please keep us updated

- the family of Charles Moore
- all people affected by the wildfires and other disasters
- all people that our affected by the war
- all elected officials
- those who serve in our nation's armed forces including Rick Rounds, Tom Forrest,
Luke Smith



THE GIFT OF GOD IS
ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

Romans 6:23

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