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

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

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

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.

WELCOME

Announcements

Prelude

*** A Call to Worship**

P: Hints and whispers abound. God seeks us where we are.

C: A voice calls our name in the twilight of sleep.

P: A call seen in the outstretched hands of the poor.

C: A new dawning of insight while at prayer.

P: An internal shift of perception that is felt in the heart.

C: A joyous peace in the midst of play.

P: A lifting of a burden, a flood of tears, a bushel of laughter.

C: God is so near: guardian and friend who speaks to us.

* 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 723**

"Canticle of the Turning"

* 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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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

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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 God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Lesson: *Hosea 5:15—6:6*

¹⁵ I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1} “Come, let us return to the LORD,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

Psalmody: *Psalm 50:7-15*

⁷ “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

⁸ **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

¹² **If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

Second Lesson: *Romans 4:13-25*

¹³ The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the

father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. 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,
 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 Matthew the 9th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26*

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

* 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, 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: 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 836**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

* 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, June 7 – Gary Llewellyn
This Wednesday, June 10 – Jeff Smith
Next Sunday, June 14 – Jack Murray
Next Wednesday, June 17 – Debbie Fornwalt

Ushers – Mark Lathrop, Bill Bingman
Organist – Rae Ann Smith
A/V – Steve, Kathy, Joyce

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.

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.

The Bulletins and Communion Bread and Wine have been given to the glory of God.

This week –

This Sunday – June 7, Worship followed by Adult SCS

Creation Care Meal on the Pavilion or upper kitchen – 6:00pm

Monday – Executive – 5:30pm, Council – 6:30pm

Wednesday – Worship – 6:30pm

Thursday – Bible Study – 10:30am

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

Next Sunday, June 14, Worship followed by Adult SCS

Fellowship Hall – 11:30am and refreshments

Do you need an odd job or two done this summer? Garden cleanup? Drywall repair? Clean out the basement? Take out your recycling or big items? Organize your garage? We have a group of unskilled but ready and willing young people from **Catholic Heart Work Camp coming July 6-9** who would love to help! Please let Shirley know if you have something, with a brief description, as soon as possible so we can create a dispatch plan. They helped with the labyrinth last summer, and did a fabulous job!



Please begin collecting containers from your groceries that can be reused to package produce for the Food Pantry. We are committed to using recycled containers and paper bags for packing our garden vegetables this year. No more zip bags. There will be a box in the narthex for collection. Thank You!

Calling all Earth Doctors! God’s creation needs you!

On June 7 at 6:00pm we’d like to invite the congregation to share in a potluck (earth-friendly / low-waste) in the pavilion to brainstorm and give some form to the collected ideas. For more information, reach out to Kathy or Daniel, or Ruth Chiarenza.

Genesis 2:15 ¹⁵“*The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.*”

Our Worship & Music Committee would like to have copies of our new hymnal – All Creation Sings (Supplement to Evangelical Lutheran Worship) available in the pews.

If you would be interested in helping to purchase these hymnals, you can sign-up in the narthex for a hymnal to be placed in the nave pews. The cost would be \$15.00 per hymnal. You can order in honor or memory of loved ones. Please look for sign-up. For more information, see Pastor Daniel or a member of the Worship & Music

Mrs. Marian Ramona Tracy Bittle was one of the Charter Members of Christ Lutheran Church, LaVale. Among the many roles Ms. Marian served as a member of CLC, she was the church's original archivist. To commemorate her legacy and the significant contributions of the other Charter Women of CLC, the CLC Archives Committee has restored and showcased the photo album created by Ms. Marian, which captures the church's history from the 1960s to the 1980s. The team originally planned to only have it displayed in the Narthex from Mother's Day, May 10th, through the end of that month.

However, given that the album and the exhibit contains historical information pertaining to the CLC Organization Sunday, which occurred in June 1963, the Archives Committee has decided to keep the display up throughout the entire month of June 2026, as well. So, we invite you to take a moment to visit the exhibit in the Narthex, where you can delve into the early pictorial and written history of CLC. While you are there, we encourage you to take the CLC Quiz to further enrich your understanding of this history. The answers can be found in the images and information located above the display table.

As a reminder, the pages of the photo album are a bit fragile, so please be gentle when exploring them. *Sponsored by the CLC Archives Committee*

LAST WEEK'S REPORT – May 31, 2026

Attendance In-Person 10:00am = 53 Adult SCS = n/a
 Zoom 10:00am = 9
Wed. June 3 In Person 6:30pm = 10
 Zoom = 6

BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2026

Received = \$2,855.00
Needed weekly = 4,265.56
 (\$ 1,410.56)

BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-MAY 2026

Actual Income = \$79,130.90
Actual Expenses = (97,846.70)
 (\$18,715.80)

BUDGET UPDATE - The budget that was passed by the congregation in February had an expected annual deficit of (\$13,709). This was due, in part, to expected major increases in utilities and insurance premiums. To help address the issue, the Church Council continued the 2025 freeze on expenses. Despite these efforts, the deficit is growing at an alarming rate due to increased expenses and decreased offerings. **The deficit as of 5/31/2026 is (-\$18,715.80).** We have passed the anticipated deficit, and we are only 5 months into the budget year, with 7 months remaining. It should also be noted that our reserves are down to \$70,000 due in part to last year's roof repair. The reduction in reserves has left us more unprepared to manage expenses in excess of our budget. Finally, we are entering Summer when offerings historically drop. Please continue your offerings over the Summer, even if you are away, and prayerfully consider increasing your offerings if you can.

Please see me or one of the Church Council if you have any additional suggestions on how to address this issue. Thank you. Dianne Short, Church Council President

Thank you to everyone who purchased geraniums in honor or memory for our Pentecost service. They are now in our front flower bed thanks to Jim Smith. Please enjoy over the summer.

Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday

In honor of my grandchildren – Will, Madison, Max, Lily, and Ben
by Bill Bingman

**In memory of past choirmen – Bob, Ed, Dennis, Willard, Robert, Zig,
Hermann, Merle**

**In memory of past choir ladies – Marian, Rita, Marguarite, Mary,
Ruth, Sandy**

In honor of special members – Rae Ann & Jeff Smith

In honor of Mary Sue Crawford

In remembrance of our dear friends – Elwood & Janet Glass
by Bill and Alice Firey

In memory of Jim Martin by Lydia Martin and family

In memory of Jim and Shawn Miller

In honor of Cheryl A. Bielen by Jane Miller

In honor of our daughter, Abby

In memory of our son, Joshua by Fred & Kathy Powell

**In memory of my parents, Robert Lee Royster – 40th and Hattie Mae Royster
– 13th, Spring season transitions into eternal rest**

by Antoinette Royster

To the Glory of God by Pamela Russell

In honor of our grandchildren, Jacob, Eva, Emma, Ian and Harrison

In memory of our parents, John & Cynthia Smith and

Cecil & Helene Brenneman

In memory of sisters, Betty Kroll & Marilyn Adam by Jeff & Rae Ann Smith

In honor of my husband, Jim and our 3 children and our 8

grandchildren by Shirley Smith

In memory of Christina by Jim & Shirley Smith

In honor of our four children by Pastor Daniel & Kathy Swanson

The Labyrinth is where you go to nourish your inner gardens:



...it meets you where you are.....

...it is a safe non-judgmental space.....

...to listen to a longing to find a way to help our world (community, church, family, self) to be a peaceful, caring, and healing place.....

...listen, feel, to all experience, even mundane, to what emerges to you in the moment

...wandering the labyrinth cleans the mirror of the soul, deepens our awareness, and is an opportunity for healing...

There is no right way or wrong way to walk the labyrinth. Perhaps, the four R's are a helpful guide to start:

1. *Remembering*, that you are blessed. All that we have, all that we are is a blessing from God.
2. *Releasing*, letting go, quieting, opening, emptying, or shedding. This begins at the entrance and ends at the Center.
3. *Receiving*. Having emptied there is spaciousness within to receive the creative spirit. Receiving guidance, interior silence, a creative idea, a sense of peace, are only a few experiences that can occur on a labyrinth walk. You can stay in the center as long as you want.
4. *Resolving*. This begins when you leave the Center and return on the same path back out of the labyrinth.
There are many aspects of this: you can resolve to take the next step in your life, or come to a resolution about something bothering you. Or, on your way out you reclaim those responsibilities that you set down on the way in, but you have new strength carry them. Often a feeling of strengthening and integration occurs.
Symbolically you back out into the world what you have received during your meditative walk.

PRAYER LIST FOR JUNE 7, 2026

PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

Barb & James Simmons
Ruth Chiarenza
Pam Mulligan
Terri McCagh
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Patty Wilson
Bill & MarySue Crawford
Jane Miller
Jack Zealand
Sharon Diehl
Beverly Lang
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
Charles Moore, Bryan Oliver, Shepherd Grace	Sherry Tedrow
Cheri Bielen	Jane Miller
Carolyn Farr, Baby Whetzel, Kevin Mistretta	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
Gretchen Burke	Val & Gary Llewellyn
Sally, Roger, James Tibbetts	Dave Tibbetts
Andy Cocco	John Cocco
Ashley Turnbull, Marie Turnbull	Lita Havens
Dan Carr, Matt Doman	Steven Hansrote
Phil Fisher	Sherry T
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

Please keep us updated

- the marriage of Kyla Hull and Jacob Fazzalore yesterday June 6
- the family of Stephanie Sykes
- the family of Curtis D. Royster (Age 78)
- the family of Dr. Andrew J. Lee
- the family of Mary Lou Rowles
- the family of Elwood Glass
- 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,
Luke Smith



Second Sunday after Pentecost – June 7, 2026