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*You are of  
more value  
than many  
sparrows*

**MATTHEW 10:31**



**Sunday, June 21, 2026**  
**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

*Congregation please stand*

**OPENING/CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**C: Surely God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

P: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**C: That we may share God's love and life, that we may be renewed in the refreshing spirit of the living Christ.**

P: The living Christ is with us.

## PREPARING

### **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
 who looks upon us in compassion,  
 forgives our sin,  
 and heals our lives.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,  
**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

***"Lift Every Voice and Sing"***

**ELW 841**

## Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

## APOSTOLIC 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**                      *Congregation will sing all of the Kyrie in unison.*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Prayer of the Day

**Holy and gracious God, your steadfast love abides with your people of every age. You teach us to trust in you and call us to live in peace with one another. Show us the way to live grateful lives, without fear, knowing the true worth of your creation, including ourselves; in Jesus' name we pray.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading

**Jeremiah 20: 7-13**

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.  
<sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out;  
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.  
<sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention him  
or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.  
<sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.  
"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him  
and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;  
you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18



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- <sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,  
and shame has cov- | ered my face.
- <sup>8</sup> **I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,  
an alien to my | mother's children.**
- <sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.
- <sup>10</sup> **I humbled my- | self with fasting,  
but that was turned to | my reproach.**
- [ <sup>11</sup> I put on | sackcloth also,  
and became a by- | word among them.
- <sup>12</sup> **Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,  
and the drunkards make | songs about me.**
- <sup>13</sup> But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set, O LORD:  
“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- | failing help.
- <sup>14</sup> **Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep waters.**
- <sup>15</sup> Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal- | low me up;  
do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.
- ] <sup>16</sup> **Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;  
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**
- <sup>17</sup> Hide not your face | from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.
- <sup>18</sup> **Draw near to me | and redeem me;  
because of my enemies de- | liver me.**

**Second Reading****Romans 6:1b-11**

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation please stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

## Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Matthew 10: 24-39

Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

<sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup>“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Elaine**

## Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## 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. Amen.**

## Sign of Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Life-giving God, you do not abandon what you have created but continue to make your grace known among us. We thank you for those you have chosen to speak your reconciling word in this age and we pray for the faith to receive it.....God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we thank you for the gift of this fruitful earth. Open our hearts and transform our wills, so that we respect, share, and enjoy your abundance with all your children.....God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you call us to make warfare cease and to place out trust in the One who bears us up. Give comfort and courage to all refugees. Raise up peacemakers among all peoples and confound those who place their fortunes in weapons.....God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

Caring God, you hear the cries of the poor, you see the tears in the eyes of all who mourn, you know the pain of those in anguish and you come to the side of the lonely. We pray for Marian, Shirley, Allan, Charlotte, Jack, Cathy, Roxy, Karen, Darlene, Chuck, Jessie, Helen, Millie, Lillian, Peggy, Glenn & Carol. Call your church to compassion and service.....God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful.....God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service.....God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

P Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**Stewardship Snippet:** God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world. Our lives are on loan from God. May we be good and grateful stewards of this gift.

**Lector - We will now worship God with our offering.**

## Offertory

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH. Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## MEAL

P Let us pray,

**C 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.**

### 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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who are wandering still.

Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Be Known to us, Lord Jesus

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Communion

*Prepackaged communion is available for those who wish to remain in the pews.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS:**

**781, 787, 779**

*Congregation please stand*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen.



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,  
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

## Post Communion Prayer

P 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.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### Charge

P Walk in the way of faith,  
sure of God's endless and life-giving presence.  
Turn to the Lord with your needs  
and to your neighbor with aid,  
for in seeing ourselves as friends to others,  
we learn anew each day the meaning of our fellowship in Christ.

### Blessing

P May the One who gives life to the dead,  
hope to the desperate,  
and healing to the brokenhearted  
call you to rest and rejoice in the power of the Almighty.  
**Amen.**

### Dismissal

P Let us get up in faith and go out in love!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Hymn**

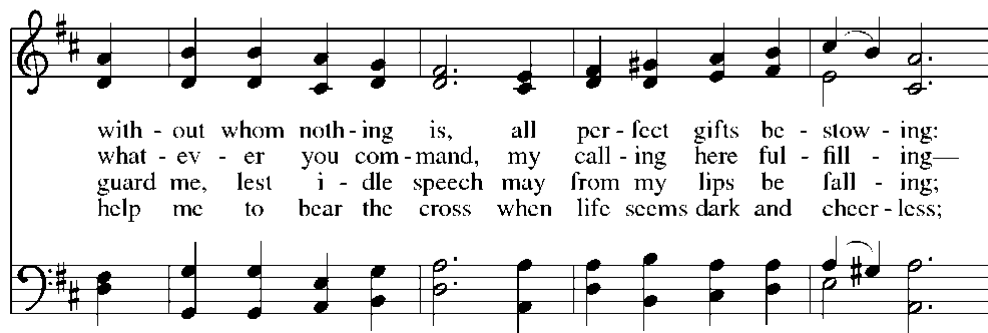
***“O God, My Faithful God”***

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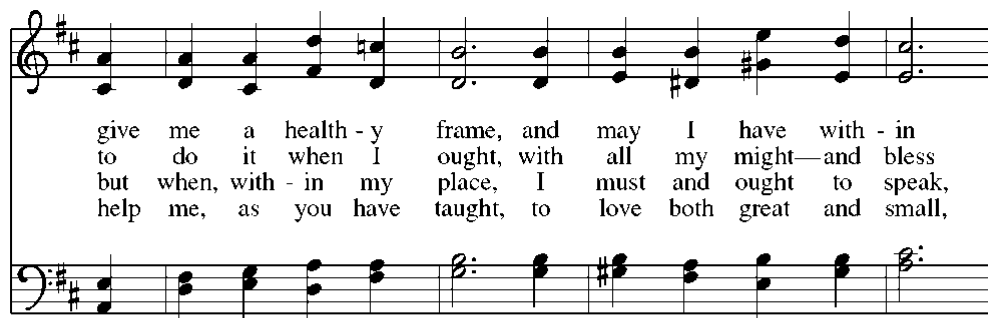
## O God, My Faithful God



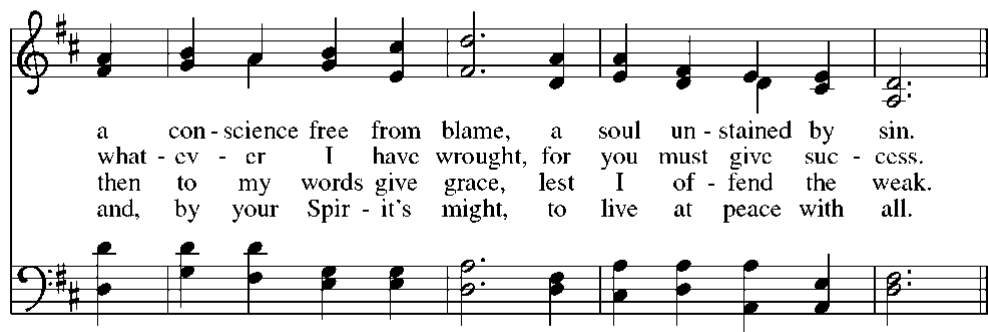
1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing  
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;  
 4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—  
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;  
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless  
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,  
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.  
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.  
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT. Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

P We at Christ Lutheran Church are  
C **God's called, Loved Children who serve.**  
P Go in Peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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## **Prayer Concerns**

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By Joe & Lillian Kistler

In Loving Memory of their Fathers.

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SUNDAY, June 21th, 2026

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service 11:00am – Holy Communion

NO Bible Study

MONDAY, June 22nd, 2026

TUESDAY, June 23rd, 2026

NO Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, June 24th, 2026

AT Hiker Meal 5-7pm

THURSDAY, June 25th, 2026

LWR Quilters – 1:00pm

FRIDAY, June 26th, 2026

Birthday – Jean Tota

SATURDAY, June 27th, 2026

SUNDAY, June 28th, 2026

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service – 11:00 am - Holy Communion

Bible Study – 7pm - Zoom

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome back Pastor Elaine Dent!** – Many of you will remember Pastor Elaine was our interim pastor in 2018. It's hard to believe 8 years have flown by!

**Altar Flowers** – Effective June 7<sup>th</sup>, the cost of altar flowers is \$40.

**Noisy Offering Sunday** – Offering will go to The Lower Susquehanna Synod 2026–2027 Generosity Appeal. **Moving Forward in Mission**, supports congregational vitality, collaboration, partnership, and innovative mission across our synod. Through this appeal, they invest in ministries that strengthen leaders, connect congregations, and help us respond faithfully and creatively to the needs of our communities.

**Social Ministry Project for May & June** – We are collecting the following items for the Duncannon Senior Center: toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, dish soap, cleaning supplies, shampoo, body or hand lotion.

**June Fundraiser** – One of our favorites! Eat at Harshbarger's on Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, and 20% of your bill will be donated to CLC. Becky Yohe will have the fundraiser cards. She will also post on the church Facebook page.

**Kitchen Wish List** – Gallon Zip Lock Bags and Decaf Coffee.

**Community Aid** – Community Aid's donation credit program functions on a variable credit model or on an "as needed" basis as the store needs fluctuate. This mean CLC does not always get credit for some of your donations. The Good News is that beginning July 1st, we will be able to receive credit for Hard Goods as well as clothing donations. Hard Goods are household items, electronics, toys, furniture and more. They are items the Community Aid store is in need of right now. Please remember to use our CLC Partner Number: 10119 when dropping off your donations.

**Church Picnic – Mark your Calendar** – The church picnic will be held on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> here at CLC in the Fellowship hall following the worship service.

As always, the hot dogs and hamburgers will be supplied. You are asked to bring a dish to share. Plan to stay and enjoy the afternoon. There will be games and lots of fellowship.



**June Meetings/Events**

June 15 – CLC Book Club Discussion – 7pm – Zoom.

June 17 - AT Hiker Spaghetti Dinner – 5-7pm.

June 20 – Appalachian Trail Festival – 2-8pm in the Duncannon Square.

June 21 – NO Sunday evening Bible study.

June 23 – NO Tuesday afternoon Bible study.

June 24 - AT Hiker Spaghetti Dinner – 5-7pm.

June 29 – Promo/Marketing Task Force – 7pm – Zoom.

June 30 – Harshbarger’s Fundraiser

**July Meetings/Events**

July 1 – AT Hiker Spaghetti Dinner – 5-7pm.

July 7 – NO Tuesday Bible study.

July 12 – Church Picnic – will be held in the Fellowship hall following worship.

July 15 – Final AT Hiker Spaghetti Dinner – 5-7pm.

July 19 – NO Sunday evening Bible study.

July 21 – NO Tuesday afternoon Bible study.

July 27 – CLC Book Club Discussion – 7pm – Zoom.

July 29 – Christmas in July – 7pm. – Will be collecting gifts for Toys for Tots.

Fellowship time to follow the service.

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**June 21, 2026**

**LECTIONARY 12**

**Between Hiding and Exposing**

The desire to make known that which is currently hidden can evoke various responses. When abusive power and fear suppress opposition, or when liberating truth is just under the surface, the desire for uncovering and justice is likely strong. However, when harm or injustice is not an obvious outcome and that which is hidden is perceived to benefit stability or peace, there may be resistance to making the hidden known.

Through a variety of images, the speech in Matthew's gospel calls for the unknown to be revealed and intentions made plain. Our liturgical practice of corporate confession provides an opportunity to acknowledge our relationship with what stays hidden and what we wish to reveal in our own lives. The confession may be discomfoting, but it reminds us of an important dynamic in the life of faith: Just as Jesus tells his disciples not to fear and reassures them of their value, the words of forgiveness in the liturgy orient us toward a God who restores relationships and calls us beloved.

If only the liturgical practice of confession and forgiveness would once and for all set us on the right path and give us permanent assurance! But that would also free us from curiosity about what taking up the cross means in our lives. Once the cross is exposed, we must face our response to it, and it challenges our allegiances and prods at our vulnerabilities. However, Jesus is clear that the cross also uncovers a path to life. Instead of this path being a lonely, exposing journey, Jesus knows it well and joins us on the way.