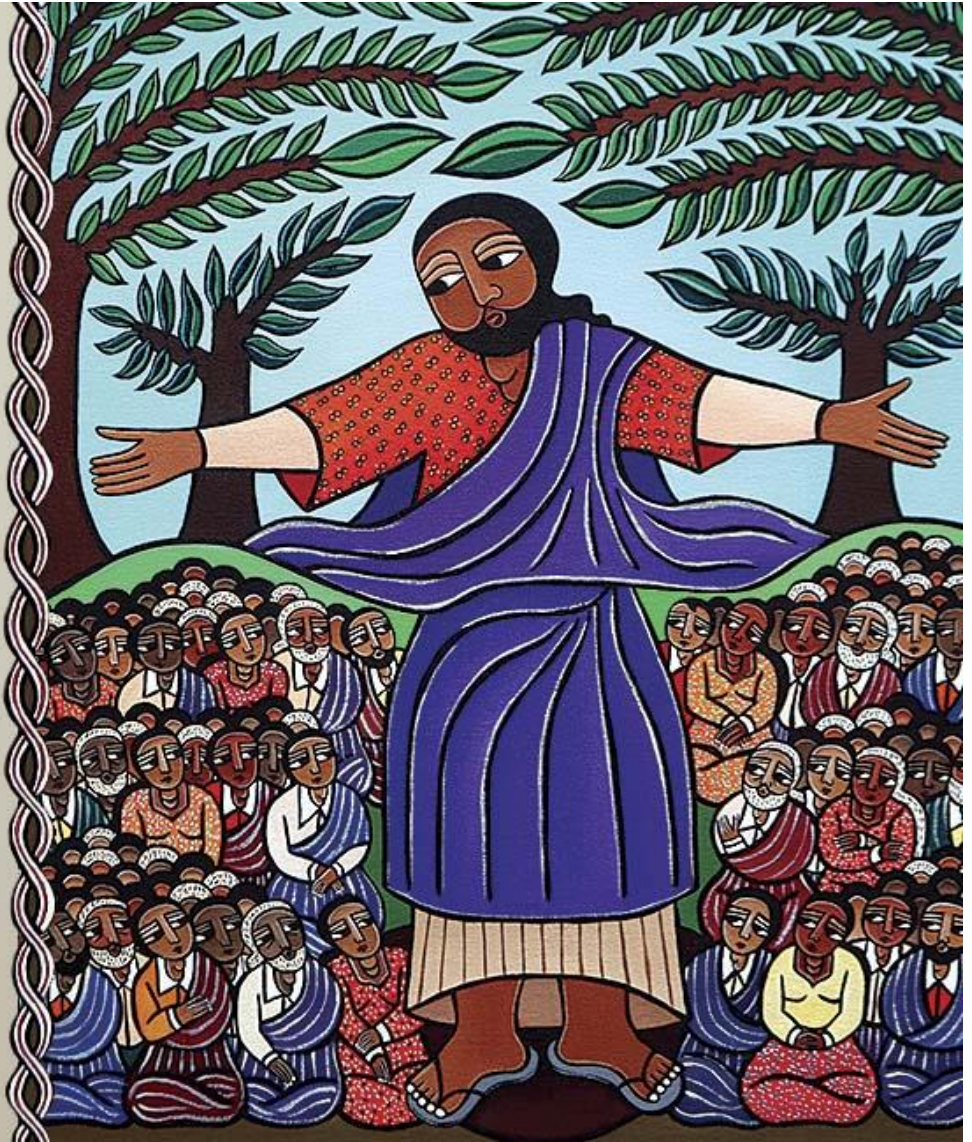


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*I will
give you
rest*

MATTHEW 11:28



Sunday, July 5, 2026
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

Congregation please stand

OPENING/CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Come, all you who carry burdens,
and Christ will give you rest.

**C: For he is gentle and humble in heart;
in him we find rest for our souls.**

From: *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion – Year A Vol. 2*, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, p. 66.

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

"Before You, Lord We Bow"

ELW 893

Before You, Lord, We Bow

1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
 2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
 3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
 4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from

rules the world be - low with bound - less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
 forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
 lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your
 all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less

bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
 tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
 pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
 throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779-1843, alt.
 Music: DARWALL'S 148TH. John Darwall, 1731-1789

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

**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.**

WORD

First Reading

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.

Psalm 145: 8-14



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- 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 Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jenn

Hymn of the Day

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

ELW 611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889
 Music: KINGSFOLD. English folk tune

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

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our unity, your church flourishes in different languages, cultures, and movements. Help us to trust your Word and accept your invitation to find rest in you, that we may live and serve in the freedom of your rest.....God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

God our life-giver, we pray for the earth and all you have created and love, that all things may come back into the ecological balance that you first intended. What you have lovingly crafted, guide us to lovingly tend.....God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

God our freedom, you are no tyrant but bring peace. As this nation marks its declaration of independence, teach us our part in announcing peace for future generations. We pray that when the burdens of war, poverty, and hunger are too much to bear, we may do our part to offer rest and peace.....God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

God our comfort, we pray for all those who suffer violence in the streets and in their homes, that they might find safety and healing. We pray for those who are sick, those suffering mental illness, and those who struggle with moral dilemmas; uphold them and grant them peace. Among those known to us, we pray for Shirley, Allan, Charlotte, Jack, Cathy, Roxy, Karen, Darlene, Chuck, Jessie, Helen, Millie, Lillian, Peggy, Glenn, Carol and Marian.....God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

God our guide, we do not always have the strength to do the good we wish to do. Free us from the cycles of violence that bind us, that all know your liberation.....God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

God our home, you model freedom through the love shared across communities of trust and goodwill. As we remember those now gone to eternal rest, we thank you for the gifts of life together.God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

Stewardship Snippet: “For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light”

Life in our world is hard. It’s easy to become weary and feel overwhelmed by our responsibilities. We sometimes feel “burnt out”. However, taking care of ourselves, mind, body, and soul is an important form of stewardship. Just as Jesus stepped away from the crowds to rest and pray, managing our energy and preventing burn out allows us to serve others from a place of abundance rather than depletion.

In the ancient world, a yoke was a tool that connected two entities to share the load. Jesus invites us to come to him. He sees the load we’re carrying and steps in to give us rest, not the kind that ignores problems, but the kind that carries us through, knowing we don’t have to carry

them by ourselves. In great love, Jesus invites us to trust him, releasing the weight we were never meant to carry alone.

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 rests. 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**

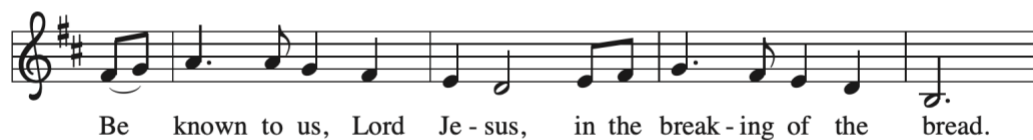
P So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who are wandering still.

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

Amen.

Please be seated

Be Known to us, Lord Jesus



Holy Communion

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

COMMUNION HYMNS:

759, 502, 465

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 Grow to know the yoke that is easy
and the burden that is light, which Christ offers you,
and in turn,
become rest for those who are weary
and heavy laden.

Blessing

P May the God who feels compassion for all
lead you to find love in your life,
and the peace that comes from
living with a gentle and humble heart.
Amen.

Dismissal

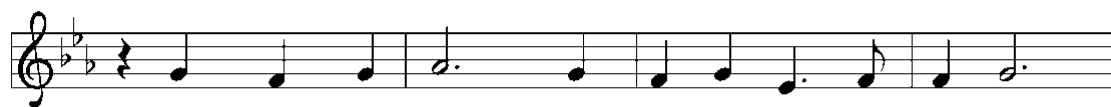
P Let us get up in faith and go out in love!
Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

“This is My Song”

ELW 887

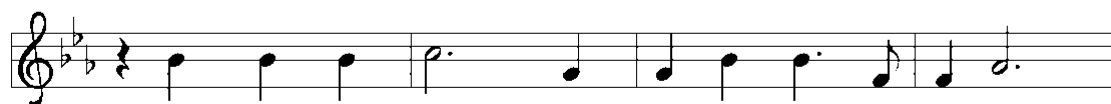
This Is My Song



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms.



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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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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The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God

By Sue Landis

In Loving Memory of her husband Wayne,
on their wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector/prayers – Pam Dobbs
Next Sunday – Hatch Dobbs

Wine – Beverly Reifsnyder
Next Sunday – Cindy Brookhart

Grape Juice – Jean Tota
Next Sunday – Becky Yohe

Altar Guild – Clyde Tota
Next Sunday – Cindy Brookhart

Counters – Bill Brookhart, Sue Landis
Next Sunday – Sandy Hoover, Charlene Lentvorsky

Ushers – Team 3
Bill Brookhart, Joe Kistler
Terry Kuhn, Becky Yohe

SUNDAY, July 5th, 2026

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service 11:00am – Holy Communion

NO Bible Study

MONDAY, July 6th, 2026TUESDAY, July 7th, 2026

NO Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, July 8th, 2026

AT Hiker Meal 5-7pm

THURSDAY, July 9th, 2026

LWR Quilters – 1:00pm

Church Council meeting – 6:30pm.

Birthday – Adam Still

FRIDAY, July 10th, 2026

Anniversary – Jean & Clyde Tota

SATURDAY, July 11th, 2026SUNDAY, July 12th, 2026

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service – 11:00 am - Holy Communion

* Congregational Meeting following worship

* Church Picnic following the meeting – in the Fellowship Hall

Bible Study – 7pm - Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Congregational Meeting - A Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, July 12th, following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the repairs needed to the ceiling in the sanctuary. Please plan to attend. A quorum is required to conduct church business. The church picnic will follow the meeting.

Church Picnic – Sunday, July 12th, the CLC annual picnic **will be held here at CLC** following worship. This change was made with the hope that holding the picnic here in the Fellowship Hall, more members of the congregation will be able to enjoy this event.

Social Ministry Project for July – Donate items for Back to School Bingo which will be held August 9th at the Duncannon EMS building. More information to come.

July Meetings/Events

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

July 5 – NO Sunday evening Bible study.

July 7 – NO Tuesday Bible study.

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

July 14 – Community Outreach committee Meeting – 7pm – Zoom.

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

July 19 – NO Sunday evening Bible study.

July 21 – NO Tuesday afternoon Bible study.

July 26 – NO Sunday evening 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.

August Meetings/Events

August 5 – Guest speaker Harriet Magee – The Underground Railroad

August 8 – Rock the Block in the Duncannon square – 4 – 8pm

August 9 – Back to School Bingo – Duncannon EMS – 1pm.

August 13 – 15 – Harriet Tubman trip to Maryland

August 17 – Social Ministry committee meeting – 1pm.

August 23 – Ice Cream Social – Clark’s Ferry Tavern – 3-5pm.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

July 5, 2026

LECTIONARY 14

Invited

Jesus offers a comforting invitation, “Come to me,” amid a reflection on the mystery of God’s wisdom and the failure by some to recognize it. Instead of making the search for wisdom into a game of hide-and-seek, Jesus sheds any presumption that God’s wisdom belongs only to the elite or adventurous. He declares that the gift of wisdom is accessible and available not just for the smart or those who have earned it in some way; it is for the willing, the burdened, and the heavy-laden. Do not worry about going to find secret knowledge. No need to try harder to figure it out. Just receive his invitation to come.

But in our culture, with so much energy and attention devoted to what we can earn, how do we hear this simple invitation from Jesus? When we find that the wise and intelligent are no closer to obtaining this gift from God, does that give us pause? Is all the effort to find the hidden things Jesus is speaking about part of the burden he asks us to lay down? How can we experience the rest Jesus gives?

The expression “come to Jesus” has varied usage in the broader culture, but our gatherings for the Lord’s supper reveal something about Jesus’ invitation and God’s gifts. When we receive the sacrament, we acknowledge a gift given—one that we need. When we come forward, we may not fully understand exactly how receiving those elements is “coming to Jesus,” but the space is made. We can accept Jesus’ invitation without knowing its full implications. And while the invitation is personal, it also helps us recognize that the community is united in a common response.