

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
June 28th, 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Pentecost
Pastor Stephanie Newman

Welcome / Announcements

Prelude

John Joanette

GATHERING *(Please Stand)*

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.

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.

The Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW 522 (Vs.1-3)

The 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.

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Cross-Generation Message

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God’s hands.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

The Psalm will be read responsively

A: Your love, O Lord, forever I will sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

C: For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

A: “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

C: ‘I will establish your line forever and preserve your throne for all generations.’

A: Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

C: They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.

A: For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.
C: Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord; our king to the Holy ¹ One of Israel.

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. 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. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 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? 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 and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. 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.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So, what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. 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. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The congregation will please stand as able & comfortable

Gospel Verse

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”
(Lights off after Gospel Verse)

ELW 857

The Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to: **Matthew 10: 40-42**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aids his followers and support their ministry.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Congregation will please be seated

The Sermon

Edelyn Rose

*The Congregation will please stand as able
(Lights on after Sermon)*

Hymn of the Day **“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”** **ELW 708** (Vs.1-4)

** Pass Info Slips to Side Aisle and Prayer cards to the inside aisle*

Apostles Creed

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 into hell.
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.**

Prayers of the People

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

A brief silence.

A: Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,

C; receive our prayer.

A: Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We pray especially for Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace

C: receive our prayer.

A: We bring now the prayers sitting quietly in our hearts, and the ones we need to speak aloud.

(pause)

C: receive our prayer.

A: Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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

C: Amen.

Offering

Special Music

Mindy Leitman

Offertory

“God Bless To Us Our Bread”(twice)

ACS1056

Offering Prayer

P: Loving God,

C: 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.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 grave, by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way to everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth, the hosts of heaven, and all creation that sings of your glory, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

“You Are Holy”

ELW 525

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, you so loved the world that you gave your Son, that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life. On 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. Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O God, 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.

C: Amen.

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.

Invitation to Communion

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

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God

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ELW 195

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymns

<i>“Amazing Grace”</i>	ELW 779 (1-4)
<i>“Jesus Loves Me”</i>	ELW 595 (1-3)
<i>“When Peace Like a River”</i>	ELW 785 (1-4)
<i>“Savior Like a Shepherd”</i>	ELW 789 (1-4)

Prayer after Communion

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.

C: Amen.

(The Congregation will please stand as able and comfortable)

Pastor’s Blessing

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Lead Me, Guide Me

ELW 768 (Vs.1-3)

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.