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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 190 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

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An AED/Defibrillator unit is located in the Good Shepherd room. It is placed on the wall left side of the Springettsbury door exit.

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury Ave) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery.

The Nursery is accessed through the front right double doors. The liturgy is live-streamed into the Nursery. Parents are asked to stay with their children. Quiet activities are also available in the Narthex for infant through preschool children to use with an adult.



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Thank you to Christine Kates for serving as the organist this morning.



*The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God
In memory of Robert & Sylvia Little
from their children and grandchildren.*

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

Holy Communion 9:30 AM

Musical Setting 5 With One Voice

PRELUDE

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here (J. S. Bach)

Stand turning to face the Baptismal Font.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

PRESENTATION

Family: We present **Lillian Grace** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P In Christian love you have presented **Lillian** for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

R I do.

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters

of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that she who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of **Lillian Grace** who is cleansed by this water and bring her forth as inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

RENUNCIATION

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R **I do.**

PROFESSION (CREED)

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

BAPTISM

Lillian Grace, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Lillian Grace**: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

Amen

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

Lillian, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

PRAYER FOR PARENTS

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon **Charles & Karla**. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for **Lillian**. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

WELCOME

Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (LBW 551)



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird, and flow-ing foun-tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . O God, the strength of those who hope in you: Be present and hear our prayers; and, because in the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, so that in keeping your commandments we may please you in will and deed; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON Hosea 5:15—6:6 *back cover*

PSALM Psalm 50:7-17 sung unaccompanied cantor/**congregation**

⁷ Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you,*
for I am | God, your God.

⁸ **I do not accuse you because | of your sacrifices;***
your offerings are al- | ways before me.

⁹ I will take no bull-calf | from your stalls,*
nor he-goats out | of your pens;

¹⁰ **for all the beasts of the for- | est are mine,***
the herds in their thousands up- | on the hills.

¹¹ I know every bird | in the sky,*
and the creatures of the fields are | in my sight.

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 *back cover*

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
At the conclusion of the Gospel.
The Gospel of the Lord.

(back cover)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Stand

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, so that we extend mercy to others as we ourselves have received it from you.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Revive lands in need of healing. Find us to be wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice. Form us to be people of justice and peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality as we welcome friend, new and old. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness (*like Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, whom the church remembers today*).

May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that surround them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Sit

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus (Manz)

Stand

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

Spoken by Pastor and congregation

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.

PREFACE *The preface appropriate to the day is said.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You have revealed your glory as the glory also of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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

THANKSGIVING

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 your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Our Communion is “open” to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist. We receive communion by common loaf and pouring chalice.

Procedure for receiving Communion:

- 1. Come to communion using the center aisle.*
- 2. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.*
- 3. Take your place along the chancel step.*

4. The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.

5. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.

6. Return to your pew using the side aisle

COMMUNION HYMN

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God (WOV 783)

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -
D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -
D Em A⁷ D F#m

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
mouth . . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever.

Amen

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Festive Postlude (Fey)*

All My Hope on God Is Founded

1 All my hope on God is found - ed who will all my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 Great thy good - ness e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom,
 4 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

trust re - new, who through change and chance will guide me,
 tray our trust; what with care and toil we fash - ion,
 pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light and life at - tend thee,
 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing

on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - known, from thy
 tow'r and tem - ple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by
 beau - ty spring - ing out of nought. Ev - er - more from God's
 for the gift of God's own Son. Christ shall call one and

throne call my heart to be thine own.
 hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.
 store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
 all: you that fol - low shall not fall.

It is not too late to **volunteer to share your musical talent** during the summer months. A sign-up sheet is available on the stand in the Good Shepherd Room. The Worship and Arts Committee has already begun their work of arranging for instrumentalists and ensembles for Sundays while Victor is on sabbatical.

This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open Mon–Thurs 8:00 AM—4:00 PM Fri 8:00 AM—11:30 AM

Sunday, June 7

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Baptism
 10:30 AM Summer Fellowship
 5:30 PM VBS
 6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm

Monday, June 8

5:30 PM VBS
 7:00 PM Finance Committee

Tuesday, June 9

9:30 AM Pantry
 5:30 PM VBS

Wednesday, June 10

5:30 PM VBS

Thursday, June 11

5:30 PM VBS at Kain Park
 5:30 PM Church Picnic Kain Park

Sunday, June 14

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist
 10:30 AM Summer Fellowship
 6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Greeters	Ushers -	Altar Guild	Bread Bakers
6/7	9:30 AM	Janet Fitch	Denise Rider	Re-beka Hake	Greg Smith, Mary Heilig, Dave & Brandi Snyder	Team 3E: Norma Shue, Cliff Beck, Sheridan Palmer	Ann Anstadt, Jill Striebig	Kat Lemke

Summer Sunday Fellowship Time—Weekly Following the 9:30 AM liturgy

Summer Sunday Fellowship is taking a page from the *Great British Baking Show*. We are featuring; Bread week, cupcake week, coffee cake week and so forth to try and keep us from getting in a rut. A sign-up sheet is on the stand in the Good Shepherd Room.

Today Vacation Bible School begins! The sessions take place in the evening from 5:30 – 7:30 PM, June 7-11. Registration forms are available at the entrances to the church and were in the newsletter. As always, helpers are needed.

Church Picnic in conjunction with Vacation Bible School this Thursday, June 11, 5:30 PM Kain Park—The last evening of vacation Bible School a picnic will be held at Kain Park. The Witness Committee members are providing the appetizers and desserts. The Men's group is providing the main course (hot dogs, hamburgers and pulled pork are all in their notes about the event). If you would like to bring a side dish to share that would be incredibly helpful. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Good Shepherd Room.

St. Paul's Food Pantry Needs: Peanut Butter, Cereal, plastic and paper shopping bags, and monetary donations. Monetary donations can be placed in a special envelope marked "Pantry". Contact Teresa Rohrbaugh to volunteer for Tuesday distribution days. Contact Patty Snyder to volunteer for Thursday delivery days or Sunday stocking days or contact the church office. Thank you

Proper 5 A, 2026 Hoseas 5:15=6:6 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Long before the days when anyone was even giving serious thought to establishing this great land as an independent nation, there were bans placed on folks to establish conformity. In the mid 1600's in the Massachusetts Bay Colonies beards were banned. Facial hair for men would not be tolerated. This extreme positioning created conflict among the community. It carried over into the 18th century long after the nation declared independence from the British Monarch. And ever since there have been bans on one thing or another in an attempt to control, either behavior or character. There was the temperance movement in the early days of the 20th century and most recently book bans in our local school districts. But with or without publicly proclaimed bans, humankind has tried to enhance its reputation at the expense of another. We will put others down to make ourselves look good. This is not the way of our Lord.

During the early days of Jesus' ministry, when he saw someone despised by the dominant group, he called them to follow him. He would sit at the dinner table with them and share common meals and conversation. This gave rise to those who like to control things, to keep order, to make sure that rules and regulations are properly followed to ask, "*Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?*"

That is a fine question. Notice, that those asking the question, they have certainly not engaged with such folks, nor would they break bread with them. They are happy to proclaim bans but not so eager to sit down and talk. This is where the gospel writer Luke tells stories of lost things, lost sheep, lost coin, lost son. But Matthew pushes the listener and we are drawn into a metaphor. This morning Jesus' terse response "*Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.*" Then he tells them, "*Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.*"

Then things really heat up, like in those early days of the colonies when the son of a prominent pastor decides to hang up his raiser and let his beard grow naturally, not controlling it or taming it, and all heck breaks loose in the community. A leader of the synagogue, someone for whom the rules and regulations all matter, the leader comes and kneels before Jesus and makes a huge request. "*My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.*" A complete acknowledgment that Jesus has the power to raise the dead. The leader of the synagogue believes that Jesus, the one who eats with tax collectors and sinners, people who are banned from aspects of community life, will also come to his aid in this his hour of need.

And as if this isn't enough for us to take in, as Jesus is on his way to respond to the request of the leader of the synagogue, a woman who has suffered from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak. She is a believer. For she said to herself "*If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.*" It is, according to Jesus, her faith that made her well. This all took place outside because the woman was banned from public spaces due to her uncontrolled hemorrhages.

When Jesus and the disciples and the others who were following along that day finally reach the leader's house and the flute players and the crowds of mourners were making a commotion, Jesus told them to go away. "*Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.*" They laugh at him. When the crowd was put out of the house Jesus went in and took the girl by the hand. And the girl got up. And the news of this spread like wild-fire throughout the district.

The narrative this morning highlights some important things.

Jesus pays little attention to the boundaries that we construct to make ourselves feel good or safe or in control.

Male Jews were able to come directly to Jesus and speak to him and make requests.

Female Jews, especially those who were sick, could not come to Jesus inside for they were banned from public spaces. And so, they could not greet him face to face. The woman suffering for 12 years with hemorrhages, she worked around the barriers that were constructed to access the one she believed could and would heal her.

Both the leader in the synagogue and the woman with the ailment believed that Jesus could do outstanding things; raise the dead and make them well.

Both recognized something in Jesus, the one who came to save and redeem the lost sheep of Israel.

Jesus places his desire, his request before them "*I desire mercy, not sacrifice.*"

Clearly as we approach the 250th anniversary of our nation the desire to regulate and control goes beyond beard bans for men and banning women from public spaces. Conformity leads to one thing or another often being banned. Groups continue to establish a pecking order that works for them but cares little for those who are beneath them. Humanity continues to operate counter to the Lord God who modeled for us in Christ Jesus a desire to cut across cultural bans to welcome the despised and the lowly. To provide healing and restoration for all who need it regardless of gender, economics or status.

Today Jesus sets a place at the table for all who believe in him. He sets a place for you and for me and continues to invite, there are still plenty of places. Jesus calls out to join him, come and take a seat. Know that "*I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.*" Jesus is calling us.

Our occupations may not be tax collectors, and we are made uneasy when we are called sinners, but Jesus comes to welcome us, converse with us, dine with us, heal us from what separates us and raises us up from what is dead and lifeless. He does all of this through his great love made known on the cross. He suffered and died and is raised so that all may have life in him. This morning before we can come to him and make our request, he is preparing a place for us at his kingdom table. We put out our hand, and he gives himself to us, forgiving our sin, showing us mercy. He takes us by the hand. And through him, with him, in him, we get up. Amen.

