

**WHOEVER  
WELCOMES YOU  
WELCOMES ME**



**MATTHEW 10:40**

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### ***FRIENDS OF CHRIST ~ ALL OF OUR PEOPLE***

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***We celebrate the promise that all people are loved  
and enough in Jesus Christ as we worship, learn,  
and serve together.***

# *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

## *June 28, 2026*

*In our Lutheran Tradition, liturgy reminds us that we are one in Christ, so we do it together! You are invited to respond in community with the **bold print** and stand in body or spirit when indicated by the asterisks (\*).*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*~time of silent confession~*

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: *God Is Here!* (ELW 526)



**\*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.**

**\*KYRIE & CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (*Setting Four, page 147 & 149*)

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*in unison*)

**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. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:** *Jeremiah 28:5-9* (*page 566*)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL READING:** *Psalm 89*

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**Refrain: The son of David will live forever.**

I will sing forever of your mercies, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your fidelity. I have declared you mercy is established forever; your fidelity stands firm as the heavens.

“With my chosen one I have made a covenant; I have sworn to David my servant; I will establish your descendants forever, and set up your throne through all ages.”

**Refrain: The son of David will live forever.**

“He will call out to me, ‘You are my father, my God, the rock of my salvation.’ I will keep my faithful love for him always; with him my covenant shall last.”

**Refrain: The son of David will live forever.**



SECOND LESSON: *Romans 6:12-23 (page 119)*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*  
(ELW 401) - verse 1

\*GOSPEL LESSON: *Matthew 10:40-42 (page 8)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*~Gospel is read~*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

\*HYMN OF THE DAY: *The Church of Christ, in Every Age (ELW 729)*

\*THE 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE OF THE CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Offerings can be placed in the offering plate on the small table as you walk in to the sanctuary.*



**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*Setting Four, page 152*)

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.**

**\*SANCTUS** (*Setting Four, page 153*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION & 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.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you his peace.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

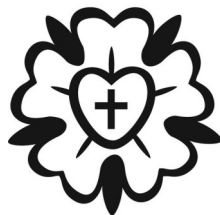
**\*SENDING HYMN: *To Be Your Presence* (ELW 546)**

**\*SENDING**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE**



## SERVER SCHEDULE

	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>
6/28	Terry Fuss	Sandy Matthews	Bill Matthews	Mitchell Brown
7/5	Janice Beiter	Lori Abel	Mark Andrichyn	Nathan Pelino

If you would like to help serve on a Sunday morning, let Pastor Zach know ([pastorzach.blcne@gmail.com](mailto:pastorzach.blcne@gmail.com)).

## SERVICE NOTES

A **special and warm welcome** to everyone here this morning – seekers, members, and guests. We are glad you are here to join our church family for worship!

For worship, you'll need the bulletin and the cranberry-colored hymnal in the pew back in front of you. The liturgy is indicated by page number and can be found in the front half of the hymnal. The hymns are indicated by hymn number and found in the back half of the hymnal.

If you find yourself needing to leave the worship space for any reason (cough, noisy child, overstimulated, etc.), the service is being livestreamed to the television in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to worship in there and come back into the sanctuary when you're ready.

## COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

**The communion table is God's table.** Jesus invites all who desire to partake of His body and blood to come forward and receive God's amazing grace in the promises of forgiveness and eternal life. At **communion distribution**, please come forward to the altar rail, filling in the space from right-to-left. Pastor Zach will hand you a wafer to eat. You may then take wine from the tray (center ring is grape juice), drink it, and dispose of your cup in the basket as you return to your seat. If you want a blessing instead, please indicate this by folding your arms across your chest.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Pastor Wes Hamlin this morning to preach the good news of Jesus Christ while Pastor Zach is away. Thank you for being among us. If there are pastoral emergencies, you can contact Pastor Tara Magoon (Grace, Hockessin) at 302-239-6481.

Vacation Bible School is July 27-30. We need your help! If you're interested in helping, let Pastor Zach know. We will need everyone's help decorating on Sunday, July 26.

You are invited to bring any broken crayons you might have from the end of school and put them in the Crayon Initiative Box on the back table. These crayons get melted down and recycled into new crayons and given to children hospitals.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back for anyone who would be interested to assist with the nursery throughout the summer. If you have any questions, talk to Kelly Campana.

Our next Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up is August 15. We'll gather and head out in crews at 8:45AM to our portion of 272 and be done around 10:15AM.

Make sure to mark your calendars for August 9th. We will be celebrating Bethel's 75th Anniversary. Bishop Bill Gohl will be with us to share in the celebration.

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

Please fill the food donation bin in the back for the St. Mary Anne's food pantry. Specific needs: **shelf-stable milk, add-water-only pancake mix, canned meat (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages), peanut butter & jelly, and cereal** \*Make sure to check those expiration dates.



If you would like to give online, you can use the QR code, which will redirect you to our giving platform.

*Thank you for you for your faithfulness and generosity.*

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mike Beiter	Linda Stoflet	Cathy Heaps	Rayanne Lavery
Steve Bird	Terry Fuss	Stacy Igo	Lori Scott
Pastor Zach			

If you have a question, concern, or a new idea,  
make sure to tell someone!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

*Blue print indicates a church event.*

*Regular print indicates an outside community event.*

### Sunday, June 28th—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- 10:30am Traditional Worship Service

### Monday, June 29th

- 7:00pm Sisters of Serenity NA Group

### Tuesday, June 30th

- 6:30pm North East AA Group

### Wednesday, July 1st

- 7:00pm AA Meeting
- 7:00pm Al-Anon Meeting

### Thursday, July 2nd

- 8:30am Men's Breakfast (meet at JoJo's in Elkton)
- 12:00pm Children's Sermon (via Facebook, YouTube, and Beacon)
- 4:00pm Nicanor Feeding Ministry
- 6:30pm Women's AA Group

### Friday, July 3rd

- 8:00pm AA Meeting

### Saturday, July 4th

- 5:00pm Pastor Tom Bible Study

### Sunday, July 5th—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

- 10:30am Traditional Worship Service
- 11:45am Celebration Sunday Fellowship