



## The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

### Gathering

*God does not promise that a disciple's path 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.*

*A warm welcome whether you are joining us in-house or by social media. Our prayer is that worship today will be a blessing as we sing and pray and hear God's Word together. Christ Church is a family of faith deeply rooted in our upper Bucks communities, supporting one another in faith, working together to serve God.*

*Our worship order is contained in this booklet. The people's parts are indicated by **bold** type. The red hardback hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is our main worship resource for hymns and song. You can find hymns in the second half of the book and are numbered at the top of each hymn. Occasionally, worship may veer from the printed bulletin – just follow the Spirit!*

*Changes and additions to the prayer list are published every Sunday in the announcements. Please share your prayer concern with Pastor, or Cindy Carper, if you would like it included on the prayer list. Please take this weekly resource home with you – use it to take notes, jot down reminders, pray, remember dates. You can call (215.766.8730) or email ([christpipersville@gmail.com](mailto:christpipersville@gmail.com)) for prayer needs. In an emergency, please call the parsonage at 267-362-8129.*

#### WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE PRELUDE:** time for prayer and preparation.

*Please stand in body or spirit at Pastor's invitation.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God,  
**Blessed be God forever, Amen.**

Called by the Holy Spirit and seeking God's abundant grace,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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,  
our sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** ELW #876, Let the Whole Creation Cry (on next page)



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.  
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

## GREETING

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

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *Silence.*

Teach us, good Lord God, to see you and serve you in our neighbor, to strive for your justice and peace in all our ways. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Word

**THE FIRST LESSON** is from Jeremiah, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter. (Jer. 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 dread 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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

+ *Silence* +

**PSALM 69** is read responsively by verse.

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered 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 eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup>**I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

<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 deliver me. **Amen.**

**THE SECOND READING** is from Romans, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. (Romans 6:1b-11)

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <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 have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been 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 too 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, and 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 have 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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence, then, please stand, in body or spirit.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #174**

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The second staff is identical. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below each staff, with hyphens under the syllables.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** (Matt. 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 him 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 our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

+ Alleluia repeats +

*Please be seated.*

**GUEST PRESENTATION**

**WE SING THE HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #798, Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)**

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949  
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional  
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Together we confess our faith, in the words of 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.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again 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.**

Empowered by the Spirit and trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us pray for a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

You challenge your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For fathers and father figures, we pray. We give thanks for all fathers, and those who have taken on a fathering role. Bless them with patience and peace, good humor and a steady heart for the children in their care. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by natural and human made disasters. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle in body, mind or spirit, especially those we name now, aloud or in silence... Answer us, heal us for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are struggling this day: Draw near to all for whom this day stirs up difficult emotions. Console all who long to be fathers, children estranged from their fathers, anyone grieving the death of a father, and fathers who have lost a child. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

## **Meal**

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in peace saying, "Peace be with you" or similar words.*

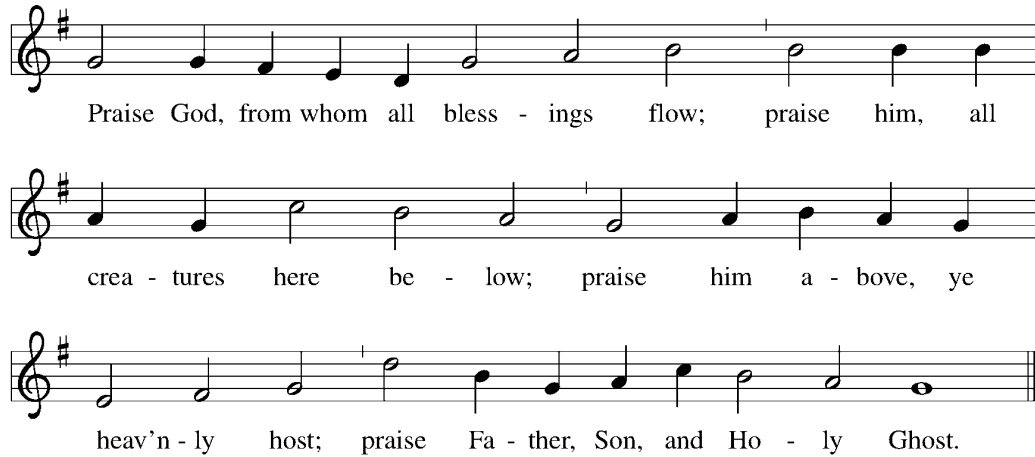
*Feel free to step out of your pew! Following the peace, please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY, AS WE GATHER OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS / ANTHEM**



*We offer our love, obedience and lives in thanksgiving as a response to God's gifts and mercies. In-House the offering is collected. If you are worshipping remotely, tithes and offerings may be gathered and given by mail, given online at [christpipersville.org](http://christpipersville.org) or using the QR code.*

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Please stand in body or spirit.*



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.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Creating God: The fields and forest, sea and sky are the work of your hands and we are blessed by their bounty. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Sending**

*Please be seated.*

**COMMUNITY & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able.*

Praise and thanks to you, holy God,  
for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness,  
called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.  
For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel  
to tell of your wonderful gifts:  
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey,  
a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.  
For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness:  
forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death,  
the way of your self-giving love.  
For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God;  
rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope,  
and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need.  
Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray in the words Jesus taught us:

**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.

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus. Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The God of all grace + bless us now and forever. Amen.

### THE BENEDICTION

The Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Amen.

### OUR SENDING SONG ELW #785, When Peace Like a River



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

#### Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888  
Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE POSTLUDE**

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**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP** can be seen on Facebook Live and Zoom. Watch your email for links to the live-streamed service and the recorded service to be posted to YouTube and our website ([www.christpipersville.org](http://www.christpipersville.org)).

**THE JUNE WEB SITE** is sponsored by the Szymanowski Family in honor and thanksgiving for all Christ Lutheran Church members.

**TODAY’S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Norma Grasse in loving memory of Charles Grasse.

**GREETERS:** Diane and Dave Allison

**LECTOR:**

**FELLOWSHIP:** Delana Woodward

**WE EXTEND OUR THANKS** to those leading worship today while Pastor Caron enjoys a day off and we extend a warm welcome to this morning’s guest speaker, Peggy Schmidt from Tabor Children’s Services, who will share some information about their mission and services in support of children and families in need.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** – The prayer list is printed in the newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board. In addition, please remember David Cook (H,St), Riley Ann M (H,St,R), Bailey Sanford (pregnancy), Bev Maddux (H,R) and the family and friends of Stephen Reinard Sr. (esp. Jane, Stephen Jr. & Blake) and Betty Hager Blatz (esp. the Hager/Blatz families) as they mourn their deaths. Please contact the church office, 215-766-8730 or e-mail, with any prayer needs. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless a new request is made.

**GREETERS:** We need volunteers to welcome everyone to worship on Sunday mornings and distribute bulletins. There’s a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and there are several openings in July.

**FELLOWSHIP PERIOD** hosts are needed. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**LECTORS:** Volunteers would be appreciated to read the lessons each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board & copies of the lessons are available at least a week in advance.

**MORNING PRAYER** online has moved from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Applications for the Myers Swope Educational Fund scholarships are now available on the bulletin board or by contacting the church office. Deadline for submitting your application is July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**NEXT SUNDAY** is our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering. In order to help prevent a budget deficit from occurring, members are encouraged to give an extra offering, if you are able.

**BULLETIN/WEB SITE SPONSORS:** You may sponsor the Sunday bulletin or the church website in honor or memory of a loved one and we'll list your gift in the bulletin as well as social media and our website. The requested donation is \$20/week for the bulletin and \$25/month for the website. Sponsorship envelopes and a sign-up sheet are posted on the bulletin board for your convenience.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** A volunteer is needed each week to collect the trash and place it in the trash cart after worship. Instructions are posted on the bulletin board. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are also needed to fill the candles, turn off fans/lights and change the hymn board...see Pastor Caron or Kim Campbell with any questions or to volunteer.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** Drivers are needed for the Tinicum area on a regular basis as well as substitute drivers. Please call 215-345-6065 if you are able to deliver meals one or more times a month at lunch time.

**DID YOU KNOW...**Many Thrivent policy holders are eligible to designate "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to a charity of their choice. Christ Lutheran Church is one of those options. We received \$1,337.00 through this program in 2025 and \$895.00 to date in 2026.

**GIANT GIFT CARDS** can be purchased after worship (see Cindy Carper or Kim Szymanowski) or during the week from the church office. Gift cards are available in \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 & \$100 denominations. Checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. (*Gift cards may not be used to purchase other gift cards.*) Giant gives 5% back to the church for every card purchased. We raised \$2,600 in 2025 and \$1,600 to date in 2026.

**THE LORD'S PANTRY** has a continuing need for donations. During the month of June we are collecting canned vegetables, but all types of canned/dry goods are welcome (tuna, stews, cereal, condiments, etc.). Donations may be placed in the pantry cabinet by the parking lot doors or contact the church office to make drop off arrangements. You may also purchase Giant gift cards to be provided to The Lord's Pantry.

**TABOR HOME SUPPORT** – We have an ongoing collection of diapers (any size, except newborn) for Tabor Home. Diapers may be placed under the coat rack and will be delivered periodically to Tabor Home.

**SIMPLY GIVING** is a program that enables you to financially support our ministry easily, securely and faithfully. You choose the amount and the schedule: weekly, bimonthly, or monthly. You can easily change the amount or timing. You can be a blessing! Contact the church office with any questions.

### **The Week of June 21<sup>st</sup> at a Glance**

- Sun. 06/21 The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship  
10:30AM Fellowship Period  
Happy Father's Day!  
Happy Birthday, Peg Haskell!
- Wed. 06/24 11:00AM Ensemble Rehearsal
- Thur. 06/25 7:00AM Morning Prayer, 9:00AM Bible Study  
Happy Birthday, Jim Hadland!
- Fri. 06/26 Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off
- Sun. 06/28 The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship  
10:30AM Fellowship Period