



Christ United

Second Sunday after Pentecost

06-07-2026

Welcome!

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.

P: *Alleluia.* The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

C: and has anointed me to bring good news¹ to the poor. *Alleluia.*

(Luke 4:18)

P: Our mission statement guides us so that:

C: We welcome all people to experience the unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

A: Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

Opening Song: Red Hymnal #556 (Stand)

Prayer of the Day:

P: O God, as he showers renew the earth, bathe us in your healing power. Stretch out your hand, that we may live and know that you alone are God, in whose faithfulness we have life all our days.

C: Amen.

The Readings:

A: First Reading: Hosea 5:15—6:6

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Psalm 50:7-15

A: Second Bible Reading: Romans 4:13-25

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C: Thanks be to God.

A: The Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 9th Chapter

C: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel lesson is read

C: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Kids Time and the Sermon

Song of the Day: TFBF Hymnal #654 (Stand)

Apostles' Creed (Stand)

C: 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 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.

The Prayers

P: Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

A: God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of creation, all you have made is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Loving God, be with us and guide us during this time of discernment. Fill our leaders with your wisdom. Keep us mindful of the work you would have us do. Lead us and guide us O Lord to be about the work of your kingdom even as the search for a new pastor continues. Prepare the pastor you are calling to our congregation and prepare us to discern and recognize that calling. Prepare us in this congregation for new leadership and opportunities in this vast world in which we minister. Fill us with patience and understanding during this in between time. God of grace,. **C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness. May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

Other intercessions may be offered by anyone at this time.

P: Hear our prayers, God of power, and through the ministry of your Son free us from the grip of the tomb, that we may desire you as the fullness of life and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world. **C: Amen**

The Peace is shared at this time

P: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C: **And also with you.**

People may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Offering - June Noisy Offerings: LGBTQ DeWitt (Stand)

P: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,

C: **You have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

A: **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 Him thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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 acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

P: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

C: 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.

(Sit) The Bread is broken

P: Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

C: Thanks be to God.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion today is open to all. The Episcopal and Lutheran Churches believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

Communion is either wafer and individual cup, or celebrated as spiritual communion. You will receive a wafer from the pastor (gluten-free wafers are available upon request). You will then take a cup from the tray the assistant is holding (wine in the outer rings, grape juice in the center). Eat the wafer and drink from the cup. You will not be ushered but ask that you come forward when ready and return to your seat when you have received communion.

(Stand)

P: Let us pray.

C: 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

The Blessing

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

C: Amen

Closing Song: Red Hymnal #543 (Stand)

Announcements

Faith Word for the Week:

Dismissal

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

A: And This Week

C: Share the unconditional love of Jesus Christ

P: Presiding Minister A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation

Announcements and Events

Rummage Sale

We will have a second Ox Roast Weekend Rummage Sale this August. Set up will be Aug 13th. Rather than pricing everything, we will ask people for free will donations for our Empowerment Coats. No clothes for the sale please. We will request support from Thrivent as well.

Community Mutual Aid Needs

We continue to collect food items and personal care goods, etc. for the people of Lansing who are “housing-challenged” as well as the St. Paul Lutheran Food Bank.

Lawn Care

Although our area to mow has shrunk considerably, it is still spring, and some areas need cutting. We’ve had one volunteer, but clearly do not want to rely on them alone. CU has the riding mower and will cover gas. Please let any of us know if you’re interested.

Church Cleaning

We are in need of volunteers to clean the church. Our regular “cleaning fairies” have asked for the summer off, there is a list downstairs with separate jobs. If you can help (you need not feel like you must do it all!) please sign the chart of what’s been cleaned so others don’t come after you and re-clean!

Calling of new Pastor

We continue to “patiently” await news on the call process. Now is the time for all of us to continue to pray for God’s hand in this process.

Venmo

We are now participating with Venmo, if anyone is interested get with Kay.

Weekly/Monthly Events:

Bible Study - On hiatus until the Fall

Welcome to Christ United

Here is some information to help you feel welcome:

Relax - We don't expect you to stand up and introduce yourself or do anything which makes you feel uncomfortable. Most everything you need is in the bulletin.

Worship Service:

Children are always welcome in worship - There are some small toys in the entrance of the church for your use. The Pastor will invite children to be part of a "Kid's Time" before the sermon. Please feel free to move about as needed to make your children feel comfortable.

Bulletin and Music: Most everything you need is in the bulletin. We also use a variety of music resources, including hymnals and song sheets. Hymnals are located on the cart when you first come into the church. The sign next to the cart will direct you to which to pick up, the 'red' hymnal and/or the 'burgundy' hymnal. Song sheets are located by the bulletins.

Offering - Don't feel obligated to participate in the offering on your first visit. This service is our gift to you. Offering is a response to what God has given us. We also collect a "noisy offering." This is an offering of loose change for needs in our community and world. Each month the offering goes to a different need. The ideas for each of the offerings come from the participants in this ministry.

All are welcome to receive Communion - Whether you are a Christian or not, anyone can take communion here. Also, if you do not want to participate in the receiving of communion, feel free to come forward with your arms folded to receive a blessing.

Building - Restrooms are located on the lower level, at the far end of the building. Bathrooms are for all genders.

Refreshments after Worship - Please join us downstairs after worship for refreshments.

We're glad you came today and look forward to seeing you again! If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact us.

Christ United

An Interdenominational Church founded by the Episcopal & Lutheran Church.

Welcoming ALL people to experience the unconditional love of Jesus Christ!

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