

Millcreek Lutheran Church

June 7, 2026

Second Sunday After Pentecost

A warm welcome to our church! We appreciate your presence here today and enjoy the new and the familiar faces as we gather together. If you are a visitor and believe that Christ is your Savior and present in the Sacrament, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. All children who have received Communion instruction and have been approved to receive Holy Communion either here or at another church are also welcome to commune with us. Any child may come forward for a blessing. Visitors, please sign our guest book or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack. We're glad you're here!

Prayer: Gracious Father, whose Son demonstrated your mercy by associating with sinners, even calling them into your service: Convince us of your mercy for us, that we may surrender ourselves to you to be used according to your will. In our Savior's name we pray. **Amen.**

Serving you this morning:

Interim Pastor,	Pastor Frank Terhune
Lay Leader,	Jennifer Rosengrant
Organist/Pianist,	Debbie Tice
Lay Reader,	Mary Ream
Ushers/Audio,	Scott Johnson & Frank Hoffman

The Service

Prelude of Entrance

Announcements

Prelude of Preparation

***Confession & Forgiveness**

LBW p. 56

***Opening Hymn:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LBW #543

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus-tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

***Greetings:**

LBW p. 57, line 5

***The Kyrie**

LBW p. 57-58, line 6

Hymn of Praise, *This is the Feast*

LBW p. 60

Prayer of the Day (read in unison)

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Hosea 5:15—6:6

¹⁵ I will return again to my place
 until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will beg my favor:

- 6:1 “Come, let us return to the Lord,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
2 After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
3 Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”
4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

Psalm 50:7-15 (read responsively)

- 7 “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.
8 **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**
9 I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;
10 **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**
11 I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.
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 Reading: Romans 4:13-25

13 The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is

null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³ Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

***Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the ninth chapter.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The Holy Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Victory in Jesus

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Victory in Jesus

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1. I heard an old, old sto-ry, How a Sav-our came from glo-ry,
2. I heard a-bout His heal-ing, Of His cleans-ing pow'r re-veal-ing,
3. I heard a-bout a man-sion He has built for me in glo-ry,

How He gave His life on Cal-va-ry To save a wretch like me;
How He made the lame to walk a-gain And caused the blind to see;
And I heard a-bout the streets of gold Be-yond the crys-tal sea;

I heard a-bout His groan-ing, Of His pre-cious blood's a-ton-ing,
And then I cried "Dear Je-sus, Come and heal my bro-ken spir-it,"
A-bout the an-gels sing-ing, And the old re-demp-tion sto-ry,

Then I re-pent-ed of my sins And won the vic-to-ry.
And some-how Je-sus came and bro't To me the vic-to-ry.
And some sweet day I'll sing up there The song of vic-to-ry.

Refrain
O vic-to-ry in Je-sus, My Sav-our, for-ev-er, He sought me and

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bought me With His re-deem-ing blood; He loved me ere I knew Him And all my

love is due Him, He plunged me to vic-to-ry, Be-neath the cleans-ing flood.

***The Prayers**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray 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, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken) **LBW p.68**

***The Preface** **LBW p.68**

The Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy **LBW p.69**

***Words of Institution** **LBW p.69**

***The Lord's Prayer** **LBW p.71**

Communion of the Faithful

***Communion Blessing** **LBW p.72**

Post-Communion Canticle, *Thank the Lord **LBW p.72**

***Post-Communion Prayer** **LBW p.74**

***Blessing:**

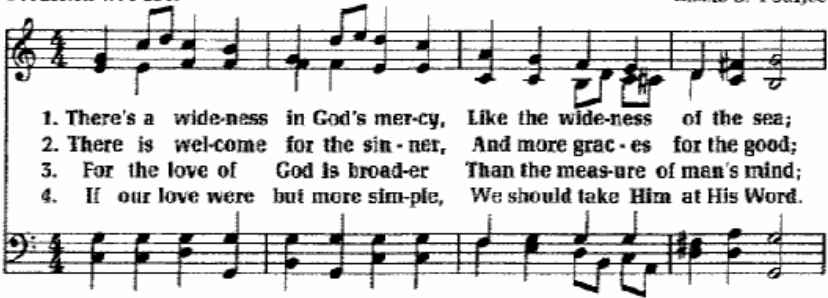
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. Amen.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy ⁴¹⁶

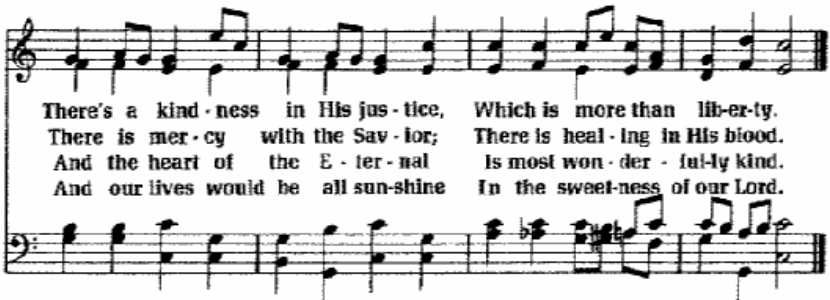
WELLESLEY

Frederick W. Faber

Lizzie S. Tourjée



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner, And more grac-es for the good;
3. For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ure of man's mind;
4. If our love were but more sim-ple, We should take Him at His Word.



There's a kind-ness in His jus-tice, Which is more than lib-er-ty.
There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; There is heal-ing in His blood.
And the heart of the E-ter-nal Is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
And our lives would be all sun-shine In the sweet-ness of our Lord.

Moments of Meditation (seated)

*Dismissal

LBW p.74

Postlude

The flowers & bulletins are given in honor & glory of God, and in memory of Diane and Eileen Sites, by Debbie Hartman.



Commemoration

When we are baptized, we are baptized into the body of Christ. We understand this body to be the communion of saints, a diverse witness of men & women across time and space. Throughout its history, the church has sought to lift up Christians who have been unique, exemplary people of faith.

Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866



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Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named after him.



Our Mission:
Motivating Lives Through Christ and our
community, our congregation, & ourselves.

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Sunday, June 7, 2026

You can **listen to the worship service** over the phone patch at **10:15 AM**. Just dial **717-628-0125**. You will hear a message welcoming you to Millcreek. At that point you are connected to our church sound system, so just stay on the line. You may also watch the service later on You Tube.



Motivating Lives Through Christ and our Community

SUMMER TUTORING: We will once again be holding summer tutoring sessions at the church beginning June 15th through July 17th for ELCO students in grades K through 5. If you can please share with family, friends and neighbors. There are fliers in the narthex.

Motivating Lives Through Christ and our Congregation

FLOWER AND BULLETIN SIGNUP SHEETS for 2026 are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Flowers-\$30, Bulletins- \$10.

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE & EVENTS:

- Sunday June 7- communion service. Last day of Sunday School.
- Saturday June 13- Church breakfast, 8am at Country Fare
- Sunday June 14- 9:30am regular service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: The last day for Sunday school will be Sunday, June 7th. On this day we will work on a Father's day craft. Sunday school will resume in September with our Rally Day picnic.

Barb Heckendorn is hosting our annual Sunday school pool party again this summer. The date she has chosen is Saturday, June 27th from 1-3pm. Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex with the number of people attending. We will be ordering pizza & having snack items as well. We look forward to this every year and I hope all of you can join us.

As always, if you need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Sunday school teachers. ~Nicole Johnson

CHURCH BREAKFAST

The next church breakfast will be held at Country Fare Restaurant on **Saturday, June 13th** at **8:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome and no advanced notice is needed. Ask the hostess for the Millcreek Lutheran group & you will be directed to our table. We'd love to have breakfast with you...a nice way to start the day! ~Nancy Deiter

SWEET SUNDAY: June 14th will be the last Sweet Sunday before taking a break over the summer. Sweet Sunday will then return in October.

Motivating Lives Through Christ and Ourselves

WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) WITH CARDS & PRAYERS:

Violet Hepler
Stone Ridge Poplar Run
450 E. Lincoln Ave.
Myerstown, PA 17067

PRAYER LIST: Please make requests to Jen M. by noon Wed. each week: secretary@millcreeklutheran.com or call: 610-589-2570. *Please provide updates when our prayers have been answered, so this list can be kept current.*

MILLCREEK MEMBERS:

Violet Hepler

Liz Leibig

Michael Yiegst, Jr

Dale Bentz

Portia Lindermuth
Gerry Strickler

Brian Ream
Stewart Wolf

Devon Yiengst
Aaron Yiengst

Norm Sharp
Greer Zellers

NON-MEMBERS:

Gary Beatty, brother in law of Debbie Hartman
JoAnn Deahl, Brandy Gahres' mother
Linda McMullan, sister in law of Greta McMullan
Jennifer Clinton, daughter of Renee & Layne Strickler
Alethea Grissinger, friend of Deb Buffington
Kevin Kochinsky, family friend of Stephanie Seldomridge
Ann Shallcross, sister of Stephanie Gahres
Kaylee Gordon, family member of Jamie Keener
Rev. Althea Seidel

GRADUATION: If you have a student graduating from high school or college and wish to have their future plans posted in the bulletin, please inform Jen M.

SUMMER CAMP registration is open at Camp Kirchenwald! If your children are interested, please see Jen Rosengrant as we have scholarships available to reduce the cost.

HERSHEY PARK TICKETS: 6 Hersheypark passes available, \$40 each.

Note: Tickets must be used by June 30th. Thanks! Deb Buffington (717) 277-8876

To Be Well

The fourteenth-century mystic Julian of Norwich is famous for writing about a vision of Jesus assuring her that “all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.”

Jesus, in today’s reading, is deeply concerned with the matter of wellness. He uses a metaphor of illness and wellness to defend his decision to keep fellowship with those whom society has rejected, despised, or cast out. Just a few verses later, Jesus performs two intertwined acts of healing, saying to one of the individuals, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well” (Matthew 9:22).

Wellness, for Jesus, is a holistic endeavor. Physical health is one part of the equation, but so are spiritual wholeness, mental and emotional well-being, financial stability, and health in relationships and society. Jesus does not limit his work to any one of these areas. Consistently in the gospels, Jesus is concerned with all aspects of life. He recognizes and works to dismantle all kinds of barriers to full, whole, peaceful living.

Too often, our contemporary society exploits the idea of wellness to sell us a product, to market an unattainable lifestyle, or to guilt us into a particular set of behaviors. Jesus, however, is not trying to sell us something. Jesus invokes wellness as a way of assuring us that he cares deeply about our whole being, and that every part of us is worthy of God’s care and keeping. Jesus desires that we be at peace in our bodies, minds, spirits, and relationships.

When our world and our lives are difficult and painful, we can turn again and again to scripture, which witnesses to Jesus’ deep compassion, empathy, and care for us. He is a living sign of God’s power to comfort and heal. He is our living sign and symbol of resurrection and restoration. He is the embodiment of our divine assurance that all manner of things will, one day, be well, and whole, and at peace.

The Calling of Matthew

"For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 9:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)



Z G U C Q R R B H Z V X S C R
F J U S E C G I S X T K U N E
N Q B N A N O E G U H O T O N
R I N I I C L L D H K S P J U
C I T T Q P R F L P T W I D P
D M T E I Y S I A E R E U C D
D I A C A Q E H F K C L O M K
S H S T S C V B E I G T W U Y
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