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21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024

Setting 8 with Holy Communion

*Congregation please stand as you are able.

Introduction

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

(8:00) Prelude:

Led By A Star

Paul Taylor

(10:30) Prelude:

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Dennis Janzer

Welcome & Announcements: Joys and Concerns

Signing of the Pew Register by all present.

***(8:00) Gathering Song:**

Be Not Afraid

1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Chorus:

Be not afraid. I go before you always.

Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. **Chorus**
3. Blessed are your poor for the Kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you. **Chorus**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***Greeting**

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.**

***Kyrie**

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

P: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain.*

P: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain.*

P: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain.*

P. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain.*

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith,
that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies
ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive
the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading:

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

R: A reading from Amos, the fifth chapter.

⁶Seek the LORD and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;

and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

- ¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- ¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**
- ¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**
- ¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.
- ¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

Second Reading:**Hebrews 4:12-16**

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

R: A reading from Hebrews, the fourth chapter.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

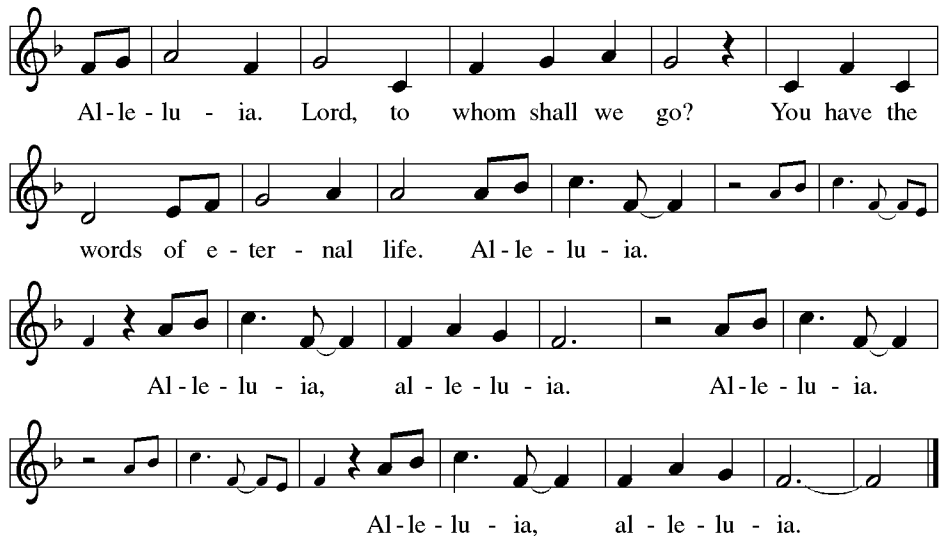
¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: ¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is

easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.” The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

***Sermon Hymn:** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW 798

***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 Intercession**

R: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

R: Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

R: Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

R: Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

R: Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely, *especially those we name at this time (Pause for people to be named)*. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

R: Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

R: Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

R: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(10:30) Sr. Choir:

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Amer. Folk/arr. S. Landon

Offering

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

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Give thanks.

*Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God,

source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts and with our lives,

help us to serve one another and all in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: 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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of

everlasting life.

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: 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 upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

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

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

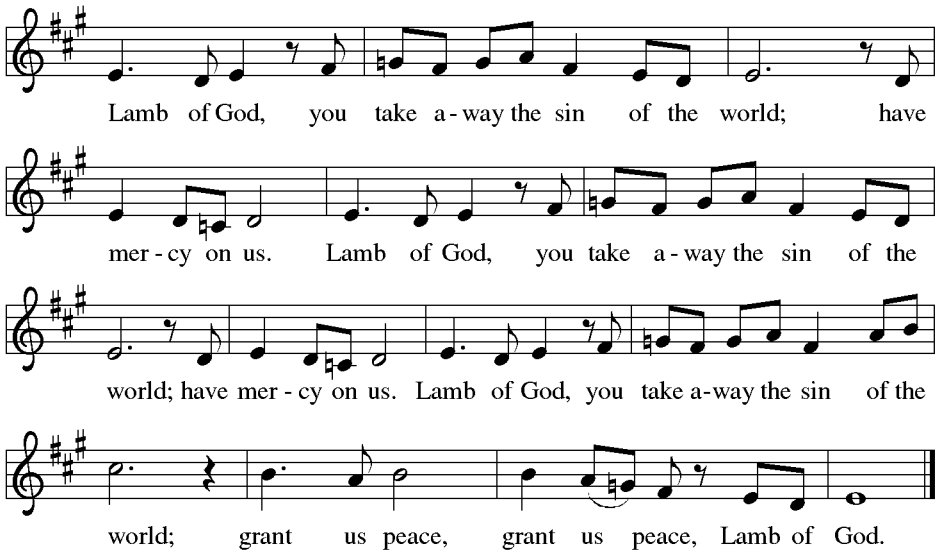
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come, here is your God.



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, Lamb of God.

Distribution of Communion

Communion will be continuous. The ushers will invite you to come forward by the center aisle. You will be handed the bread with the words, "The Body of Christ given for you." You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!". Step to the Communion Assistant and take the cup. They will speak the words, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!" Empty cups may be placed in the basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer gluten-free bread, please let the Pastor know. If you prefer grape juice, please let the Communion Assistant know. If you prefer not to receive or have children who have not yet received, please let Pastor Tim know and he will offer a blessing.

Communion Hymns:

(8:00) Flute Solo: *Be Merciful to Me* Sharon Wilson

(8:00) TBOB 30 *Cares Chorus*

(10:30) ELW 583 *Take My Life, That I May Be*

(10:30) ELW 464 *Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal*

***Post Communion Blessing**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***Prayer After Communion**

P: Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Blessing**

P: God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

C: Amen.

***(8:00) Sending Song:** *Bring Forth the Kingdom* **TBOB 27**

***(10:30) Sending Song:** *God of Grace and God of Glory* **ELW 705**

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

(8:00) Postlude: *Bring Forth the Kingdom* **Marty Haugen**

(10:30) Postlude: *Jesus Shall Reign* **Martha Sobaje**

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BECAUSE JESUS IS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST, we “approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16, NRSV). Welcome.

ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are in memory of Kathy Lynn Weber given by Mr. & Mrs. Willis Weber.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – A congregational meeting is being held **TODAY**, Sunday, October 13, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall between services to vote on 2025 council members and the spending plan for next year.

FAITH LUTHERAN WOMEN’S THANK OFFERING SUNDAY will be Sunday, November 10th, 2024, at both services. We look forward to Cheryl Paeth sharing the sermon this day. We will also honor our veterans by recognizing them on this day. Please pick up your Thank offering envelopes in the Narthex for our special offering on this Sunday. Thank you.

OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, a member of council has brought up the idea of having TV screens installed in the sanctuary to be utilized during worship. These would be large screens and would have the bulletin shown on them, along with all the lyrics for the hymns we sing. The large font would make it easier for many members to read and having the bulletin and hymns on the screens would make it easier for many members, especially those with small children, to participate more fully in the service. The congregation council assembled a team of 5 people to look into this as well as look into updating the sanctuary sound system. On Sunday, November 3, during fellowship time, in between services, the team will have a Q & A meeting for any who would like to attend. **This will just be a Q & A meeting, we will not be voting on anything.** During this meeting, there will be a demonstration on the TV in the fellowship hall of what the bulletin would look like. The team has done extensive work and has compiled a list of 29 questions & answers relating to this project. Copies of those will be available beginning this Sunday, in the narthex. If anyone has a question that is not on this list, please speak with one of the team members, and you don't need to wait until the meeting. The team members are: Jackie Seibert, Deb Fahle, Marissa Northrup, Mike Tooman, and Cole Dymond.

THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS is studying the importance of making time for God using the Impact Video Series. We meet in Room 8 on Sundays, and start around 9:30 a.m., giving you plenty of time to have some breakfast! Due to the congregational meeting, we will not meet on October 13th. Thank you.

A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will be meeting on Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church lounge starting October 17 - November 21. Please consider joining this group to talk about grief and to just talk. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the coat room area.

CALLING ALL SINGERS. Whether you're in the senior choir, praise choir, or not in a choir, we need you for our Christmas Cantata which will be at the 10:30am service on December 22. We currently have 6 people, and we need to have at least 12 to make it work. We'd love to have more than 12, and we know there are a lot of you out there that can sing. If you're interested, there's a sign-up sheet in the coatroom. Please sign-up by October 13. Practices for the cantata will be on Wednesday nights from 7:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., and there may be some Saturday morning practices as well.

THE TOLEDO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 705 W. State St., Fremont, on Friday, December 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Organizers are hoping for sponsors to help with the cost of \$13,000. Please help us bring this fine musical program to Fremont. There are tiers for how many free tickets you receive with sponsorship. Please see the letter on the bulletin board in the coat room area. Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church, earmarked for the Toledo Symphony and mailed to the above address. Tickets will be mailed 3 weeks prior to the concert. We thank you for your consideration.

TERRA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FALL CONCERT will be held next Sunday, October 20th, at 3 p.m. in the Student Activity Center. It is open to the public with free admission. The Symphonic Band, Concert Choir and Orchestra will be performing featuring Patriotic Music.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL DINNER OUT will be held on Tuesday, November 19th, at 6:30 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings in their party room. You will be ordering from the menu and can get a burger or large salad for \$10 to \$13. There is a sign-up sheet on the Women's Bulletin Board in the coat room area. Please consider joining us for this festive night out.

48TH ANNUAL APPLE BUTTER AND FALL FESTIVAL AT HOPEWOOD PINES (LUTHERAN MEMORIAL CAMP), will be held at 2790 State Route 61,

Marengo, OH, 43334, **TODAY**, October 13th from Noon to 6 p.m.

Come celebrate the fall season with us at our annual Apple Butter Festival! Enjoy a wagon ride through camp, sample tasty apple butter, grab a meal, and let the kids have fun in the supervised children's activity area.

This year we are excited to offer craft vendors, food trucks, wine and beer vendors, and so much more!

Also, enjoy our NEW pumpkin patch while you are there. Come and buy pumpkins of all shapes and sizes and even bring them to paint during our festival!

Your support of this festival will help us provide camperships at HopeWood Pines. We hope to see you there!

At our annual Apple Butter Festival, we raise funds for camp scholarships (camperships). Your support can make a big difference — \$590 can send a child to summer camp, and \$2,235 can send a family of four to camp at Luther.

Last year, thanks to your generosity, 269 campers were able to attend camp. Help us make camp accessible to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. Every contribution matters — thank you for your support!

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH: FINAL WORSHIP

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hessville will be dissolving as a congregation. The building is being gifted to Luther Home of Mercy, a ministry dedicated to helping adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The final worship service at Emmanuel (3557 US-20, Lindsey, OH 43442) will be on Reformation Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 PM.



BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEON COMMITTEE

Would you like to be a part of a team providing a bereavement luncheon to our members?

Currently we have 3 members who plan, order, make calls, pick up supplies, cook, and prepare the fellowship hall and serving line.

New idea: To rename committee, possibly “Hospitality Committee”. To have 2-3 teams of 3 individuals to serve on the committee. Instead of one bereavement luncheon committee we would have 2 or 3 groups that would rotate. The benefit of this, more involvement in the congregation, more know how to provide this service, possible new ideas on ways to make this luncheon even nicer for our members.

For those interested, and we hope this is several of you, please look for the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board located in the coat room area. Once we hopefully have several of you interested we will then set a date and time to meet so the responsibilities of the bereavement luncheons can be discussed.

Thank you, Marilyn Ring, Carol Trick, Deb Fahle

A BEREAVEMENT (HOSPITALITY) MEETING has been scheduled for Thursday, October 17th, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining this committee or have already signed up, please plan to attend. Thank you!

IF MY PEOPLE – As our prayer group gathers we have our conversations with God, praising him, offering thanks for all he is and all he does and putting our cares and concerns before Him. One of those concerns is this country of ours and the cares of the entire world. We ask that you join us in a 40 day prayer journey for our leaders and the future of our country, using the ‘If My People’ devotional.

“If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

(2 Chronicles 7:14)

These devotionals will be distributed on Sunday mornings at worship and will be available on the shelf in the narthex. We hope that you will pray with us as we continue our faith journey. Blessings to you.

ASSISTING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Tim Miller **Organist:** Parm Boyer **Pianist:** Becky Fox

Sr. Choir Director: Darla Brown **Flautist:** Marilyn Ring

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Gil & Pat Root Gil & Amy Wagner

Lector: Jackie Seibert Amy Wagner

Acolyte: Caleb Seibert Rachel Wasserman

Communion: J Seibert/J. Neill A. Wagner/C. Trick

Counters: Niki Wasserman* & Nicole Weiker

Fellowship Time Host: Church Council

Altar Guild: Sarah Quaintance & Nicole Weiker

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK

Pastor: Rev. Tim Miller **Organist:** Parm Boyer

Sr. Choir Director: Darla Brown

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Paeth Family Alta Olmstead & Ruth Gerber

Lector: Cheryl Paeth Ken Walker, Jr.

Acolyte: Karly Paeth

Communion: C. Paeth/B. Fox C. Trick & B. Kocsis

Counters: Dave Kocsis* & Judi Neill

Fellowship Time Host: Paeth Family

Altar Guild: Sarah Quaintance & Nicole Weiker

PRAYING DAILY



For healing and hope: Pat Copley, Connie Diekman, Della Humbarger, Denny Krumnow, Bill Leutenegger, Stan Moyer, Nancy Mylander, Letty Rusch, Bob Schneider, Dorothy Swedersky, Janet Tressler, Carnetta Weber, Linda Woessner, Jay Kinchy, Bethanie Wichman.

For the Family of: Tonya Ickes, Emily Egbert, Tim Cromwell

For our Military: Noah Egbert, Troy Halfhill, Jade Kayser, Daniel Linder, Katie Olmstead, Tony Rozzi, Christopher Templeton, & Joshua Tooman.

For our Bishops: Bishop Christian Ndossa, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, and NWOS Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and Staff

For our partner congregation in Bumila, Tanzania

And its pastor: Pastor Peter Magasi

FAITH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF –Oct. 13 to Oct 20

Sunday

Oct. 13-----8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Time
 9:15 a.m. **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING in Hall**

Monday

Oct. 14-----8 a.m. Men’s Group in Fellowship Hall
 10 a.m. Valley View Tea Time with God
 11:30 a.m. FLCW Visitation at Bob Evans

Tuesday

Oct. 15----- 2 p.m. Ruth Circle

Wednesday

Oct. 16-----6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 7:30 p.m. Praise Choir
 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday

Oct. 17-----9-3 p.m. Fellowship & Sew Day
 3 p.m. Christ Care
 6:30 p.m. Hospitality/Bereavement Committee Meeting
 7-8 p.m. Grief Share in Lounge

Friday

Oct. 18-----

Saturday

Oct. 19-----9:15 a.m. Christ Care

Sunday

Oct. 20 -----8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Time

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024: ATTENDANCE: 125 – OFFERING: \$5,506.67

GOSPEL MESSAGE

October 13, 2024

Beloved Worth, Not Wealth

Perhaps you are familiar with the idiom “worth one’s weight in gold.” The phrase means that someone is valuable because of their skills or what they can contribute. It can mean they are so good at their job that they are worth a high sum of money. This is a very old saying that points to how humans often determine the value of other humans.

The challenge Jesus presents to all of us is to see ourselves and others the way God sees us. We often see each other through the lenses that have been prescribed by our societal norms. We see the brand labels on our shoes and cars. We determine the amount of wages someone earns based on merit or years of experience. (See Matthew 20:1-16 for more from Jesus about wages and the kingdom of God.) Our society often assesses someone’s position in the world based on their money or job. In today’s gospel reading, is wealth itself what stands in this man’s way, or is it a symptom of wealth?

Our worth is not defined by wealth and riches, our skills, or our productivity; rather, it is defined by God. And God names each of us beloved. We are claimed, marked, and redeemed by God through Jesus Christ. Martin Luther shares that our job isn’t to earn this salvation; it is a free gift, and our job is to live in response to this gift and to nurture and share it with others.

Everything that we own is made by humans from materials created by God. Jesus instructs us to be generous with these gifts of God. We are to share these riches not according to human standards but God’s standards, and God names all beloved and worthy.