



# Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**4th Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 6, 2025**

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Setting 3 with Holy Communion

\*Congregation please stand as you are able.

## **Introduction**

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

**Prelude:** *Variations on the National Anthem*    **Franklin D. Ashdown**

**Welcome & Announcements:** Joys and Concerns

Signing of the Pew Register by all present.

**\*Opening Hymn:**

*Blessed Assurance*

**ELW 638**

## **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.

## **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✙ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C: Amen.**

## \*Canticle of Praise

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **WORD**

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

### **First Reading:**

**Isaiah 66:10-14**

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

R: A reading from Isaiah, the 66<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,  
and dandled on her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;  
and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

- <sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
be joyful, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> **Sing the glory of God's name;  
sing the glory of God's praise.**
- <sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- <sup>4</sup> **All the earth bows down before you,  
sings to you, sings out your name."**
- <sup>5</sup> Come now and see the works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.
- <sup>6</sup> **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the  
water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**
- <sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;  
let no rebels exalt themselves.
- <sup>8</sup> **Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.**
- <sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

**Second Reading:****Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16**

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."*

R: A reading from Galatians, the sixth chapter.

[<sup>1</sup> My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from

the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand!

<sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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.

### **\*Gospel**

**Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

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

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

P: <sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to

go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

<sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ”

<sup>16</sup> “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup> He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children’s Sermon**

### **Sermon**

**\*Sermon Hymn:**

*We All Are One in Mission*

**ELW 576**

### **\*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:** Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

**R:** You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**R:** All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**R:** You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**



R: As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain, *especially those we name at this time (Pause for people to be named)*. Carry your people when grief is heavy and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

R: Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

R: You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

R: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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.**

### **\*Offertory:        *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **\*Offering Prayer**

P: Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,

that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **\*The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

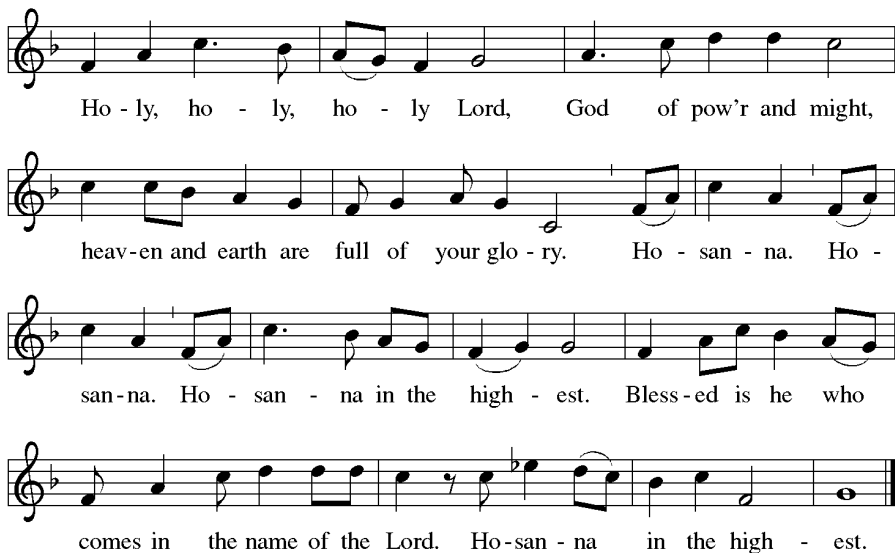
P: Lift up your hearts.

**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.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### **\*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.
- P: 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.
- P: 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.
- P: Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.
- P: 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.**

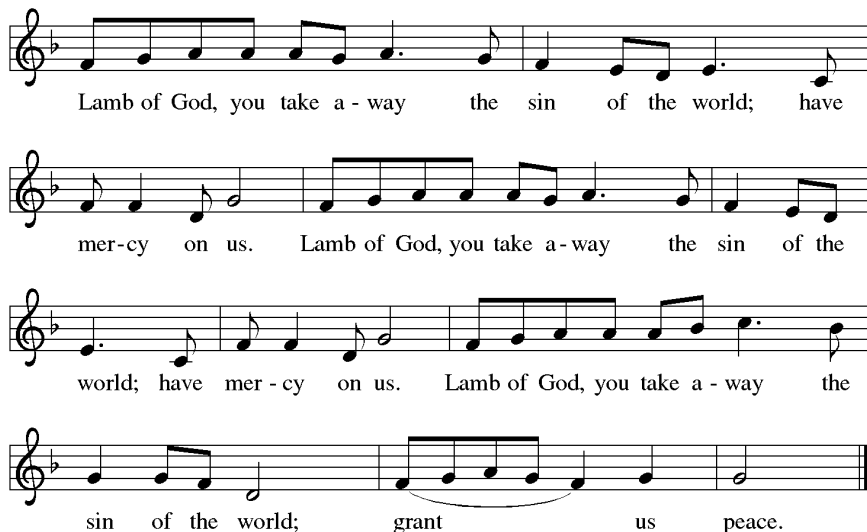
### **\*Lord's Prayer**

- 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: The kingdom of God is set before you. Come, eat and rejoice.

## **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 the Pastor know and he will offer a blessing.*

## **Communion Hymns:**

**ELW 611 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

**ELW 492 *Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup***

## **\*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: Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

### **SENDING**

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

### **\*Blessing**

P: The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

### **\*Closing Hymn:**

*Spirit of Gentleness*

ELW 396

### **\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **\*Postlude:    *Trumpet Voluntary on the National Anthem*    John Barr**

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**GOD, YOU GAVE FREE WILL TO ALL PEOPLE.** As we celebrate independence, help us use our freedom to love our neighbors as ourselves.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given in honor of Larry & Donna Leow's 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, by Mike & Heather Leow.

**A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:15 a.m. after worship to vote on the council's recommendation for the new narthex doors and automatic opener and for their recommendation on the roofing contractor. Pastor Tim will also discuss and answer any questions regarding the 30-day sabbatical he will be taking next year. Please plan to attend.

**AFTER 22 YEARS** as the Sunday School teacher for grades Pre-K – Kindergarten, I am retiring. Please consider a teaching position for this age group, as it is needed. Thank you. Peggy Koch.

**QUILTS FOR KIDS** – 53 quilts and counting. Way to go Faith Family! A reminder that **we would appreciate all quilts be returned by Sunday, July 13.** You can place them on the bench in the catechism room - Not on the table please since those have been counted. Again, thank you. Many children will be blessed through your love.

**MISSION AND OUTREACH PROJECT TO BENEFIT THE LIBERTY CENTER**

During the month of July, the Mission and Outreach Committee will be holding a drive to help provide the Liberty Center with some needed supplies. A white board containing sticky notes, listing some of the products needed, will be set up in the narthex by the end of June. The committee is asking the congregation members to take a note or two, purchase those items, and place them in the cart located in the narthex by the end of July. The supplies will then be delivered to the center here in Fremont.

Supplies needed include paper towels, toilet paper, bags of sugar, Ziploc bags (gallon size), trash bags (13-gallon size), canned tuna in water, paper plates, and liquid dish soap.

Thank you for your consideration and participation in this project.

Randy J. Brown (Committee Chairperson) and Yvonne Vogel (Project Leader)

## ASSISTING TODAY

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

**9:00 a.m.**

**Greeter:** Laurie Krynock

**Lector:** Laurie Krynock

**Acolyte:** Jackson Fought

**Communion:** Marie Reiselt & Annie Gazdecki

**Counters:** Laurie Krynock\* & Randy Koch

**Fellowship Time Host:**

**Altar Guild:** Martha Wise, Ann Waggoner & Barb Kocsis

## ASSISTING NEXT WEEK

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

**9:00 a.m.**

**Greeter:** Amy Wagner

**Lector:** Amy Wagner

**Acolyte:** Karly Paeth

**Communion:** Amy Wagner & Paul Antesberger

**Counters:** Ann Waggoner\* & Anne Gerner

**Fellowship Time Host:**

**Altar Guild:** Martha Wise, Ann Waggoner & Barb Kocsis

## PRAYING DAILY



**For healing and hope:** Paul Antesberger, Joan Bolen, Mary Ann Diekman, Millie Fetterman, Della Humbarger, Denny Krumnow, Bill Leutenegger, Dean May, Stan Moyer, Nancy Mylander, Ken & Gloria Root, Letty Rusch, Bob Schneider, Bill Seibert, Janet Tressler, Linda Woessner. Kathy Gerber-Rogers, Marie

Reynolds, Lori Swartz, John Triplett, Laura Walby.

**The Family of:** Jim Schwartz

**For our Military:** Noah Egbert, Troy Halfhill, Jade Kayser, Daniel Linder, 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 – July 6 to July 13**

### **Sunday**

July 6-----9 a.m.   Worship with Holy Communion  
                  10 a.m.   Sunday School & Fellowship Time  
                  1-4 p.m.   Hall Reserved – 4-H – Jackie Seibert

### **Monday**

July 7-----8 a.m.   Prayer & Conversation at Wendy's  
                  10 a.m.   Valley View Worship & Holy Communion

### **Tuesday**

July 8-----

### **Wednesday**

July 9-----

### **Thursday**

July 10-----3 p.m.   Christ Care

### **Friday**

July 11-----

### **Saturday**

July 12-----

### **Sunday**

July 13-----9 a.m.   Worship with Holy Communion  
                  10:15 a.m.   **Special Congregational Meeting**

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SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025: ATTENDANCE: 107 – OFFERING: \$3,056.52

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**THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING OF LUTHER HOME OF MERCY** will be held on August 15, 2025 at Maumee Bay State Park, 1750 State Park Rd., #2, Oregon, Ohio beginning with an 8 a.m. Shotgun start. A copy of the registration form is on the bulletin board in the coat room area for your information. If you would like a copy to fill out and send in, please inquire in the office. Thank you. Questions can be directed to Melissa Gregg at [mgregg@lutherhome.org](mailto:mgregg@lutherhome.org) or 419-972-4338.