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July 20, 2025

Setting 3 with Holy Communion

*Congregation please stand as you are able.

Introduction

Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

Prelude:

Light of the Living God

David Paxton

Welcome & Announcements: Joys and Concerns

Signing of the Pew Register by all present.

Noisy Offering: The Noisy Offering is given so children from our Companion Parish of Bumila Lutheran Church have the opportunity to attend school in the Mpwapwa Region. Thank you for your support of the children of our sister congregation in Bumila, Tanzania.

***Opening Hymn:** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* **ELW 834**

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.

A11



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: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading:

Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

R: A reading from Genesis, the 18th chapter.

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ^{10a} Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

- ¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- ² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**
- ³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
- ⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who
fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not
take back their word.**
- ⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes
against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be
overthrown.

Second Reading:**Colossians 1:15-28**

*This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is
“Christ in you.” Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share
in his life, suffering, and glory.*

R: A reading from Colossians, the first chapter.

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

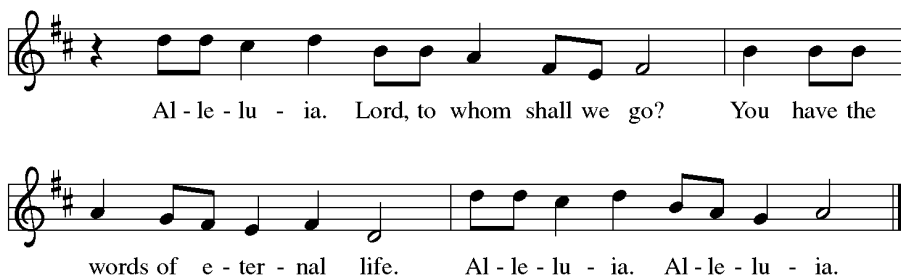
²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel**

Luke 10:38-42

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted

by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

***Sermon Hymn:**

Give Me Jesus

ELW 770

***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: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

R: Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known.
God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

- R: Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- R: Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- R: Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair, *especially those we name at this time (Pause for people to be named)*. Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- R: Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- R: For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- R: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- 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.

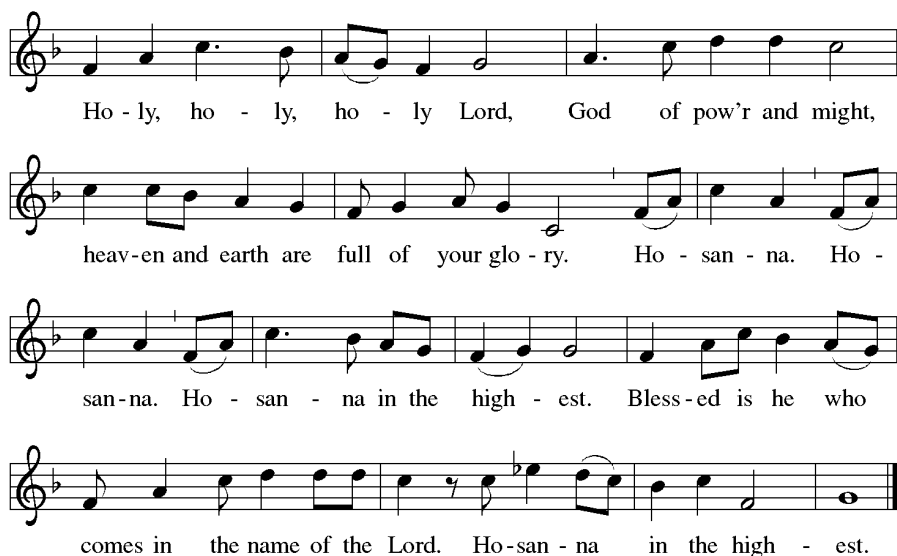
P: Lift up your hearts.

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:



***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.

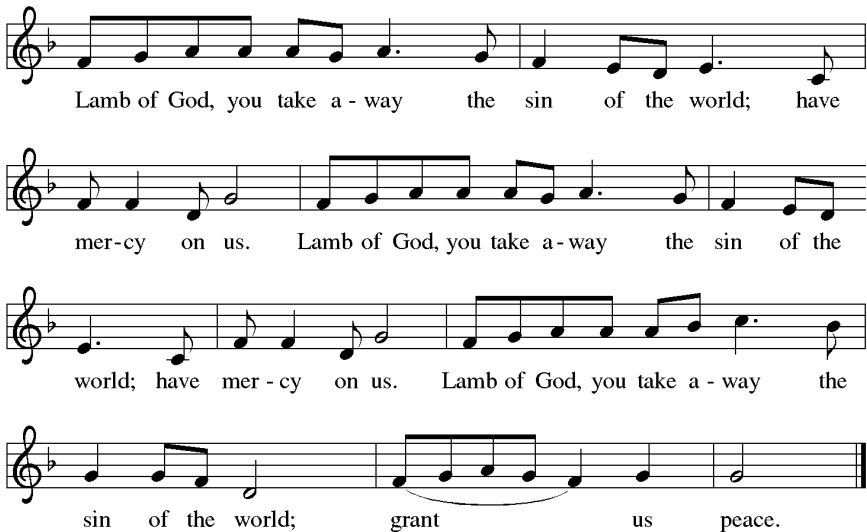
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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



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.

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 596 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

ELW 474 *Bread of Life from Heaven*

***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.

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude:**

Trumpet Tune and Air

Henry Purcell

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WELCOME TO GUESTS AND LONG-TIME FRIENDS, as we worship in the name of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given in honor of our 59th Wedding Anniversary and All God's Blessings by Carroll & Connie Diekman.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given in celebration of the 109th Annual Hirt Family Reunion by the Family of Lyle & Gladine Hirt.

WE ARE IN NEED OF 6 PEOPLE TO HELP OUT at the Lindsey Sunflower Festival on **July 26** at the park in Lindsey. Our church will be leading 3 games from 11-1. This is an opportunity to have our church visible in the community. If you are available to help out for this 2 hour timeframe, please contact Judi Neill (419-217-9326). Thank you!

PLEASE CONSIDER TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL for grades Pre-K - Kindergarten. After 22 years, Peggy Koch is retiring. Thank you.

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)

SAVE THE DATE: NWOS Women of the ELCA 2025 Gathering will be Sept. 26-27 at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Bowling Green, Ohio. Theme is: BE STILL. “*LISTEN*” for more information next month.

THERE WILL BE A HOPE FEST held on **Friday, July 25th**, at Shiloh Church, 259 Main Street, Helena, Ohio. Cruise in at 4 p.m. There will be food trucks and Live Music at 6 p.m. featuring Glory Way Music.

THE 40TH 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 or 419-972-4338.

ASSISTING TODAY

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

9:00 a.m.

Greeter: Sarah Wilson & Yvonne Vogel

Lector: Marie Reiselt

Acolyte: Rachel Wasserman

Communion: Randy Brown & Miranda Garlock

Counters: Dave Kocsis* & Judi Neill

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: The Paeth Family

Lector: Matthew Reiselt

Acolyte: Evan McBride

Communion: Amy Wagner & Kim Smith

Counters: Marie Reiselt* & Nicole Weiker

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. 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 20 to July 27

Sunday

July 20-----9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 10 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Time

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

Monday

July 21-----10 a.m. Valley View Worship & Holy Communion

Tuesday

July 22-----7 p.m. Esther Circle – Sermon on Mount #9

Wednesday

July 23-----

Thursday

July 24-----3 p.m. Christ Care

Friday

July 25-----

Saturday

July 26-----

Sunday

July 27-----9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 10 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Time
 12-3 p.m. Hall Reserved – D. Fahle

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025: ATTENDANCE: 121 – OFFERING: \$4,526.67
