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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Setting 3 with Holy Communion

*Congregation please stand as you are able.

Introduction

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds, we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

Prelude:

*Morning Song
The Risen Christ!*

**R. Martin
G. Peterson**

Welcome & Announcements: Joys and Concerns

Signing of the Pew Register by all present.

***Opening Hymn:**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

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.

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P: Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.
We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish us.
Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

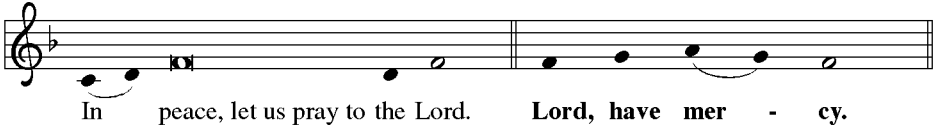
P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

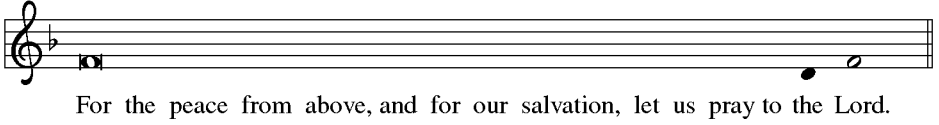
P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

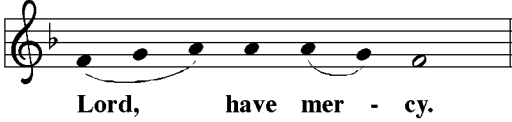
***Kyrie**



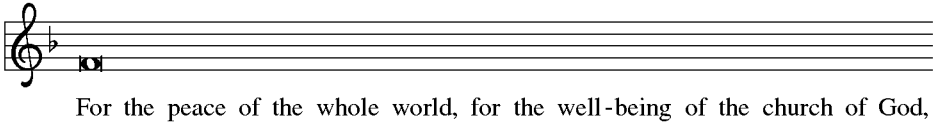
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



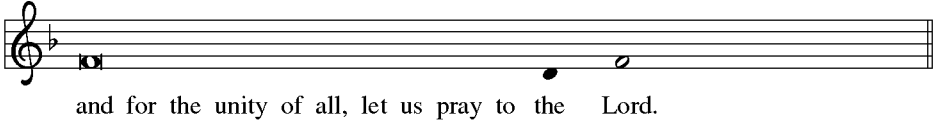
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



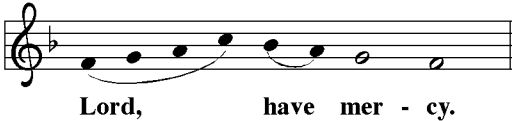
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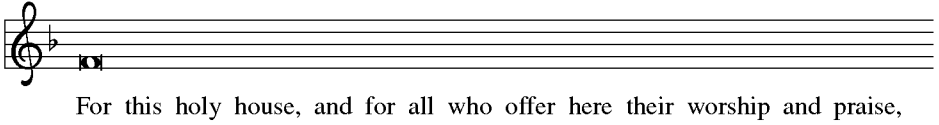
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*Canticle of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,




al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading:

Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

R: A reading from Acts, the seventh chapter.

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

² **Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who
persecute me.**

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."

Second Reading:

1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

R: A reading from 1 Peter, the second chapter.

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and

“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

***Sermon Hymn:** *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* ELW 816

*Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession**

R: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

R: God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick, *especially those we name at this time (Pause for 10 seconds for people to be named)*. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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.**

(10:30) Sr. Choir:

Seasons Come and Seasons Go

J. Bacak

***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: Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,

that goodness and mercy may follow us

and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

C: **Amen.**

***The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

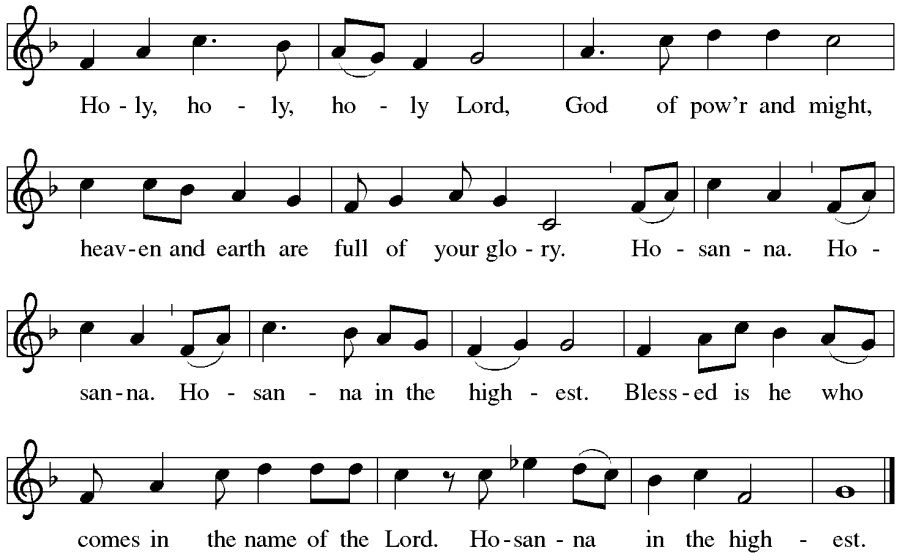
P: Lift up your hearts.

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,
 for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
 the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
 who in dying has destroyed death,
 and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
 And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
 and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
 with earth and sea and all their creatures,
 and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
 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: 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.

P: With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
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.**

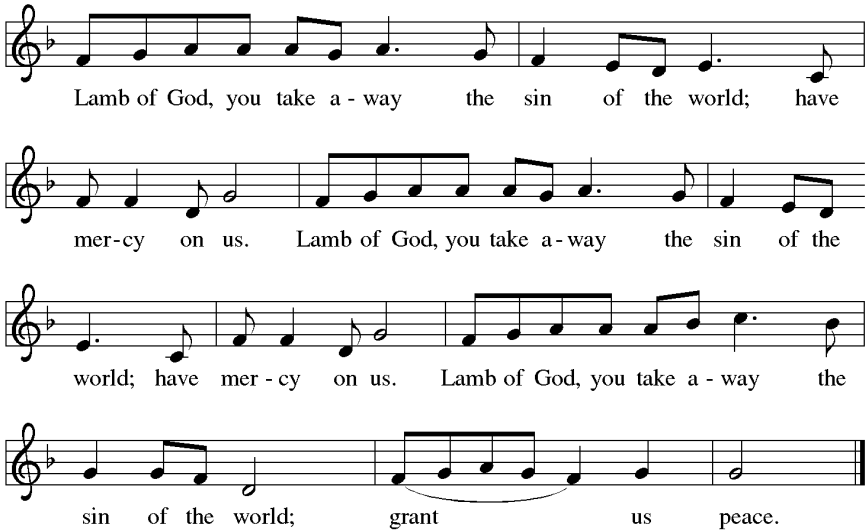
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

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

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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 482 *I Come with Joy*

ELW 477 *I Received the Living God*

***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 One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,
C: Amen.

SENDING

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

***Blessing**

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* ELW 810

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

***Postlude:** *The Call of the Trumpets* H. Purcell, Arr. F. Ritter

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WELCOME, ONE AND ALL. Let us join in the prayer of the psalmist: “May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. May those who love your salvation say evermore, ‘God is great!’” (Psalm 70:4). It is good that we are here. Let us praise God together.

SUNDAY MAY 17 WILL BE GRADUATE SUNDAY, where we will honor and pray for all of our youth that are graduating from high school or college. If your son or daughter will be graduating this year, we hope to see you at one of our two services.

SPRING OUTING: May 30th (Saturday) Cherry City Honey Farms & Apiary – A family run honey business in Bellevue. It is known for its raw, infused, and creamed honeys, teas, and gifts, with an educational focus on Beekeeping. Come along with us for a presentation and shopping. Then we will go to Halls in Clyde for lunch. We will meet at church and leave from there at 9:20 a.m. Cost is \$12.00 per person and **only 26 people can go – so please sign up on the women’s bulletin board – one name per line. ALL ARE WELCOME!** The event will start at 10:00 a.m.

LEARN FIRST AID & CPR – Hosted by Lindsey Firefighters Association.



Training Highlights: Life saving CPR techniques, Use of Automatic Defibrillator Device (AED), Choking rescue for adults & children, Identifying and managing common injuries, How to handle shock, burns, and

fractures and Hands On practice sessions. Your quick response can save a life. Register for one or both of our sessions: **Saturday, June 27th**. CPR 9:30 am – 12:00 pm / First Aid 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm at the Lindsey Fire Station, 238 S. Main Street, Lindsey, Ohio.

Register at: lindseyfire.org/cpr-and-first-aid-class-registration. Cost: Free. For more information or questions: jconklin@lindseyfire.org or 419-680-4026.

HEARTBEAT HOPE MEDICAL PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER 5K



RUN/WALK FOR LIFE - We would be honored to invite your church to join us for this year’s **5K / Walk for Life on May 9, 2026 at 9 am.** Day of registration opens at 8 a.m. To register online go to:

<https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrsync/event/?e=31566>

For more information go to www.friendsofheartbeat.org/events

GRADUATES: Please let the church office know of any upcoming graduates and their plans. We'd like to keep them in our prayers and send them words of congratulations and encouragement. Office Number is 419-332-6820.

JOIN US FOR A GRAD PARTY held in honor of Michelle Garlock on Saturday, June 6th from 5-8 p.m. at our home located at 1714 Baker Road, Fremont. Matthew & Miranda Garlock.



BRYN LEE CISCO, graduated from Ohio University on May 1, 2026 with a Master's degree in Speech Language Pathology. Parents are Jeff and Dawn Cisco and Yvonne Vogel is her grandparent.

EMMA ROSE KAMINSKI, is graduating from the University of Florida with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering and Design. She will be working at Disney to create new venues. She is the daughter of Jane and Robert Kaminski and the granddaughter of Parm Boyer.

COOPER PERRY HECKMAN, is graduating from Lake High School and Penta Career Center with a major in Electricity. He plans to continue his education at Owens and work on the Data Center in Bowling Green. He is the son of Abby and Greg Heckman and the grandson of Parm Boyer.

BLAKE DYMOND, son of Nick & Becky Dymond, is graduating from two schools in May. The Vanguard Tech Center in Electrical Trades on May 19, 2026, and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society, SkillsUSA, and Drug Free Clubs of America. He will also graduate Cum Laude from Fremont Ross High School on May 31, 2026. Blake is currently working as an Apprentice for Burkett Industries Electric, Inc and plans on continuing his employment with Burkett and is taking his Fire Alarm Certification exam in early May.

ERIK JOSEPH GARLOCK, son of Matthew & Miranda Garlock, has graduated from Terra State Community College in December 2025. He will be walking in the graduation ceremony on May 15th to celebrate achieving his Associate of Applied Science degree in Computer Systems/Systems and Networking Support.

MICHELLE CHRISTINE GARLOCK, daughter of Matthew & Miranda Garlock, is graduating from Fremont Ross High School on May 31st. She is graduating at the top 5% of her class and has been awarded the Governor's Merit Scholarship and BGSU Freshman Merit Scholarship. She will be attending Bowling Green State University this Fall and majoring in Broadcast Journalism.

ALLISON COLLEEN GAZDECKI is graduating Summa Cum Laude with an Associate's Degree in Interactive Media from Terra State Community College on May 15th. She is actively looking for an entry level media marketing/video/advertising position while working at SportsForce. She will also be hanging up her softball cleats after 15 years, finishing her final collegiate softball tournament in May. Allison finished her final years of school with perfect attendance, Dean's List every semester, and All-OCCAC Academic Honors in Softball.

KALEB FOX, son of Carrie and Andrew Fox, will be graduating from Tulpehocken High School and Berks Career Technology Center specializing in machining. He plans to pursue a career in machining and obtain his pilot's license. Kaleb is the grandson of Becky Fox.

ALLISON KRUGH, daughter of Christine and Ben Krugh, will be graduating from Van Wert High School. She will be attending Kent State University majoring in audiology. Allison is the granddaughter of Becky Fox. Both Becky and Bill Fox were graduates of Kent State University.

TRENT ROBERT FAHLE is graduating from Tecumseh High School. He plans to advance his education at Jackson College, in Michigan and major in Business. Trent is the son of Mark and Katrina Fahle and grandson of Den and Deb Fahle.



SUMMER MUSIC: Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Please consider sharing your gifts of worshipful song through vocal or instrumental music at our 9 am worship service beginning June 7th. You may contact Darla Brown at 419-680-6717 or Parm Boyer at 419-307-1332 if an accompanist is needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the coat room area.



SUMMER WORSHIP: BEGINNING MAY 24TH THROUGH SEPT. 6TH: Worship will be at **9 a.m.** **only** with Sunday School and Fellowship time to follow.



THE STATE OF THE FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS 2026 TRIPS

GET ON BOARD!

This is the latest information:

Adventures in Columbus – has a change in date. A concert has been booked which canceled us, so our new date is **July 22, 2026**. We currently have **16 deposits** and **need 9 more of \$150 per person by May 31st**.

Gardens and Castles – (June 26, 2026) we currently have **18 deposits** and **need 7 more by May 10, 2026** to make this trip happen.

Days on the St. Lawrence River – (Aug. 9-14, 2026) we currently have **9 deposits** and **need 16 more. The date for cancelation is May 10th.** Please make your deposits quickly!

Joshua & More (Sight and Sound) – (Oct. 12-15, 2026) we currently have **28!!!!** That means I have already secured all the venues, hotel, tours, restaurants and motorcoach for this trip. We can add more passengers at this time with a **deposit of \$300**.

Please send your deposits ASAP so we can have more trips guaranteed. Until we have 25 deposits for each trip (current numbers above), we cannot reserve the venues, restaurants and driver for these trips. If there are not 25 deposits by the cut-off, the above trips will be **canceled**, and *deposits will be returned **or** can be applied to another trip.* Sincerely, Yvonne Vogel 419-307-1774.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2026 OHIO SUMMER YOUTH



RETREAT! The Ohio Summer Youth Retreat will take place at Hopewood Pines (Lutheran Memorial Camp) from **Sunday, June 28 to Wednesday, July 1, 2026.** This retreat is for youth from the Northeastern, Northwestern, and Southern Ohio Synods entering 6th grade to 12th grade.

The 2026 Theme will be "Choose Love" based on 1 John 4:19, "We love because He first loved us." During our retreat we will learn what it means to Love God, Love Ourselves, Love Each other, and Love Our World. You can find more information and how to register at this link <https://hopewoodoutdoors.org/.../ohio-synod-youth-summer.../>



LIFT COMMUNITY BBQS – Free Food, Games, and Kid's activities. **Tuesdays at 5 p.m. June 9th – August 11th** in Birchard Park. Menu includes Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit, Cookies, Water and Lemonade. Support the BBQS – Mail checks to LIFT, 705 W. State Street, Fremont, OH 43420. LIFTchurches.org.

MOM 2 MOM SALE – **Saturday, June 6, 2026** from 9 am to 1 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 705 W. State Street, Fremont. Buy, Sell or Trade used Children's toys and clothing. Admission is \$2.00. Concessions available on site. Sell your stuff indoors or outdoors. Outside = 2 parking spots for \$20; Indoor = 10' x 10' space for \$20; Table = \$5. Proceeds to benefit Noah's Ark PreSchool & Grace Lutheran Youth. For more info contact HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

CAMP FIRE SANDUSKY COUNTY WILL HOST THEIR FIRST CHILDREN'S BUSINESS FAIR on Saturday, **May 23, 2026 from 9-2 p.m.** at 2100 Baker Rd., Fremont, (Misty Meadows Camp Glen). This is a free opportunity for youth ages 6-17 to create, launch and run their own small business for the day, everything from crafts to baked goods and more. This event is all about giving kids a chance to step forward, try something new and share their talents with the community. Come out and enjoy Kid-Run Booths! Fun and shopping! Visit us at www.campfiresc.org to register or call 419-332-8641. Thank you for supporting youth in our community! Danielle Wagner, Program/Camp Director.



Grief
Support
Group

A GRIEF GROUP WILL BE MEETING on Thursday nights starting April 9 from 6:00-7:00 in the lounge. The group will meet for 6 weeks through May 14th. If you are interested in attending, please call or text Becky Fox at 419-618-6948.

A REDEMPTIVE LIFE STORY: The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board is excited for our upcoming free community event with Jim Wahlberg on May 20th, hosted in partnership with the Sandusky County HOPE Court! Jim shares a powerful and personal story of redemption, from being an imprisoned, drug addicted adolescent to encountering hope at his lowest point and completely turning his life around. It is a message of resilience, second chances, and the impact of recovery you will not want to miss. **Doors open at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20th**, at the Clyde High School Auditorium, 1015 Race St., Clyde, Ohio. There will be Book Signing and refreshments at 7:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

PRAYING DAILY

For healing and hope: Larry Ackerman, Joan Bolen, Mary Ann Diekman, Denny Fahle, Millie Fetterman, Pat Forsyth, Della Humbarger, Denny Krumnow, Laurie Krynock, Bill Leutenegger, Dean May, Stan Moyer, Nancy Mylander, Betty Nielsen, Gary

Overmyer, Sharon Peña, Sandie Reed, Ken & Gloria Root, Bob Schneider, Janet Tressler, Minnie Weber, Linda Woessner. Sharon Cornado, Bruce T. Gazdecki, Peyton Heschel, Al & Judi Krumnow, Jackie Mowry, Eric Paul, Dave Wellington, Vickie Will.

For the Family of: Joan Ameling

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

For our Bishops: Bishop Christian Ndossa, Bishop Yehiel Curry, and NWOS Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and Staff

For our partner congregation in Bumila, Tanzania

And its pastor: Pastor Peter Magasi

Ushers Needed



USHERS NEEDED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS –

I would like to appeal to those of you interested in being ushers to please sign up on the clipboards in the coat room area. Thank you very much! Mike Fought, Deacon.

ASSISTING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Tim Miller **Organist:** Darla Brown

Sr. Choir Director: Darla Brown **Choir Accompanist:** Amy Wagner

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Noah Seibert Greyson Tooman

Lector: Jackie Seibert Laurie Krynock

Acolyte: Jackson Fought Braelyn Weiker

Communion: K. Smith / G. Tooman R. Brown / L. Krynock

Counters: Becky Dymond* & Niki Wasserman

Fellowship Time Host: Adult II Sunday School Class

Altar Guild: Margie Roach & Marie Reiselt

Ushers: (8:00) J. Fought & J. Smith

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK

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

Sr. Choir Director: Darla Brown **Choir Accompanist:** Amy Wagner

Flautist: Marilyn Ring **Praise Choir Director:** Becky Fox

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Mike & Brenda Tooman Lillian Harder

Lector: Kim Smith Marie or Matthew Reiselt

Acolyte: Evan McBride

Communion: A. Gazdecki/M. Fought A. Wagner / L. Krynock

Counters: Dave Kocsis* & Scott Miarer

Fellowship Time Host:

Altar Guild: Margie Roach & Marie Reiselt

Ushers: (8:00) Jim Smith

FAITH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF – May 3 to May 10

Sunday

May 3-----8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Time

Monday

May 4----- 10 a.m. Valley View – Worship with Holy Communion
 11 a.m. Prayer and Conversation
 6 p.m. Mission & Outreach

Tuesday

OFFICE CLOSED – ELECTION DAY

May 5-----

Wednesday

May 6-----6 p.m. Bell Choir
 7 p.m. Praise Choir

Thursday

May 7-----9-3 p.m. Fellowship & Sew Day
 3 p.m. Christ Care
 6 p.m. Grief Support Group
 7 p.m. Sr. Choir

Friday

OFFICE OPEN

May 8-----

Saturday

May 9-----9:15 a.m. Christ Care

Sunday

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026: ATTENDANCE: 109 – OFFERING: \$2,690.67

GOSPEL MESSAGE

May 3, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Love, Love, Love

That's what it's all about! Jesus loves.

Jesus' love is a constant in scripture. From his humble birth to his teachings, parables, healing miracles, feeding of the multitudes, power over creation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus loves.

Some people wanted the Messiah to take a much different approach. They thought their savior would come as a strong military leader, but Jesus did not start a violent overthrow of the Roman Empire. He just could not and would not do anything in conflict with love. He gave himself up and loved until the very end. In his last breath on the cross, he forgave everyone involved in crucifying him. This is the depth of the amazing love of God shown to us in Christ Jesus.

Stephen, "a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit" (Acts 6:5), strove to live as Jesus lived and to love as Jesus loved. As he was being stoned to death, Stephen shouted, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (7:60).

Following Jesus was not easy for Stephen and other early Christians. It is not easy today. But in today's gospel reading, Jesus assures his followers—then and now—of three things. First, the great doors to a place with God will be open to us, in a house with many rooms. Second, he is the way, truth, and life, and by knowing him, we come to know God the Father. Third, we can ask him for anything. These are promises of Jesus' continuing care for us, for people of every time and place, and for all creation.

Jesus loves.