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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

Setting 3 with Holy Communion

*Congregation please stand as you are able.

Introduction

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

Prelude:

Sacred Mountain

S. Lanier

Welcome & Announcements: Joys and Concerns

Signing of the Pew Register by all present.

GATHERING

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

***Invitation to Worship**

P: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C: and also with you.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

C: Amen.

P: Blessed is the Lord

C: for he has heard the voice of our prayer.

P: Therefore, our hearts dance for joy

C: and in our song will we praise our God.

P: Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator and redeemer of all;
To you be glory and praise for ever. From the waters of chaos, you
drew forth the world and in your great love fashioned us in your
image. Now, through the deep waters of death, you have brought your
people to new birth by raising your Son to life in triumph. May Christ
your light ever dawn in our hearts as we offer you our sacrifice of
thanks and praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Blessed be God for ever.

P: As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your
presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and
forever.

C: Amen.

(Above liturgy from “Unfolding The Living Work” by Jim Cotter)

Gathering Song: *Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, you are forever.

Lord of the ages, God before time.

We are a vapor, You are eternal.

Love everlasting reigning on high.

Chorus:

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Highest praises, honor, and glory

Be unto your name. Be unto your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer.

Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.

You are the love song we'll sing forever.

Bowing before you blessing your name. *Chorus*

***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.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who 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 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

R: A reading from Acts, the 17th chapter.

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.

- ⁹ **Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**
- ¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- ¹¹ **You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- ¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- ¹³ **I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—**
- ¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- ¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**
- ¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
- ¹⁷ **I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**
- ¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;
- ¹⁹ **but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**
- ²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

Second Reading:

1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

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

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer

for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation** *Open Our Eyes*

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

To reach out and touch Him

And say that we love Him.

Open our ears. Lord, help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

***Gospel** **John 14:15-21**

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

*Sermon Hymn:

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW 879

*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 new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill, *especially those we name at this time (Pause for 10 seconds for people to be named)*. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. 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) Senior Choir:

My Jesus, I Love Thee

D. Paxton

*Offertory

The Greatest Thing

The greatest thing in all my life is serving you.

The greatest thing in all my life is serving you.

I want to serve you more; I want to serve you more.

The greatest thing in all my life is serving you.

*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.

***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



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:

TBOB 66 *Glorify Thy Name*

TBOB 155 *Make Me a Servant*

***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.

Sending Song: *Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord.

And these are the days of Your servant,

Moses, righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trials,

of famine and darkness and sword,

Still, we are the voice in the desert crying,

“Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

**Behold, He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

**These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David,
rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the
world.
And we are the laborers in Your vineyards,
declaring the Word of the Lord.**

**Behold, He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

**There is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah,
there is no god like Jehovah,
There is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah,
there is no god like Jehovah,
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there is no god like Jehovah,
There is no god like Jehovah.**

**Behold, He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

***Postlude:**

Days of Elijah

Robin Mark

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LOVING GOD, as we gather on this Mother's Day, quiet our hearts and prepare our spirits for worship. We thank you for mothers and mother figures, and for your steadfast love that surrounds and sustains us all.

ENDOWMENT will meet this Monday, May 11th, at 7 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

LIFEWISE ACADEMY: Are you able to – Walk students to LifeWise and back to school in Gibsonburg? Help provide financial support? Serve on the LifeWise Gibsonburg Board? Lead as a teacher or substitute teacher? Help organize a fundraising event? Donate your time behind the scenes? Provide supplies? Pray? Consider how God might use YOU to help provide Bible education for public school students during school hours? We are launching this September at Hilfiker for grades K-5!! Want to contribute to the future of LifeWise Gibsonburg? Visit [lifewise.org/\[gibsonburgoh\]](http://lifewise.org/[gibsonburgoh]) or contact Mandy Bentley, LifeWise Gibsonburg Program Director at mandybentley@lifewise.org See also the flyer on the LIFT bulletin board in the coatroom area.



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.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

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.

REAGAN ELIZABETH BROTHERS graduated Summa Cum Laude from Bowling Green State University with University Honors on December 13, 2025 with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Reagan will be attending The Ohio State University in August to obtain her Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology. Reagan is the daughter of Julie and Mike Brothers and the granddaughter of Larry and Teri Hinline.

LILY CHRISTINE HINELINE will graduate from Penta Career Center on May 13, 2026 with a Certificate in Small Animal Care and from Perrysburg High School on May 17, 2026. Lily hopes to find a job in the Animal Care field. Lily is the daughter of Dan and Beki Hinline and Amanda and JR Miazga and the granddaughter of Larry and Teri Hinline.

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.



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.



GET ON BOARD!

THE STATE OF THE FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS 2026 TRIPS

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) This trip will happen. We received enough travelers. Yay! We can still accept more passengers at this time.

Days on the St. Lawrence River – (Aug. 9-14, 2026) This trip has been canceled due to not enough passengers.

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.



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, 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, Jerie Young, Cindy Zorn. Sharon Cornado, Bruce T. Gazdecki, Peyton Heschel, Jackie Mowry, Eric Paul, Dave Wellington, Vickie Will.

For the Family of: Denny Fahle

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

FAITH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF – May 10 to May 17

Sunday

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!

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

Monday

May 11-----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
 7 p.m. Endowment

Tuesday

May 12-----

Wednesday

May 13-----6 p.m. Bell Choir

Thursday

May 14-----3 p.m. Christ Care
 6 p.m. Grief Support Group
 7 p.m. Sr. Choir

Friday

May 15-----

Saturday

May 16-----9:15 a.m. Christ Care

Sunday

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

May 17-----8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Time
 2:30 – 5 p.m. Hall Reserved – 4-H – Jackie Seibert
 6-7:30 p.m. Hall Reserved – 4-H – Brianne Harder

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026: ATTENDANCE: 137 – OFFERING: \$5,318.02

GOSPEL MESSAGE

May 10, 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Perspective of Love

It has been said that, on our journey of discipleship, each of us receives new eyeglasses. These glasses have a prescription that filters out all the cobwebs and distractions, giving us the ability to see everything through love. If we wonder what a particular scripture passage means, we read and interpret it through love. If we wonder how to make a big decision, we discern it through love. If we wonder how to respond to a challenging person or situation, we consider responses through the perspective of love.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments,” Jesus says to his disciples (John 14:15). Loving Jesus means keeping his commandments, and keeping his commandments means loving: loving God, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and seeing our neighbors and ourselves in the same way our God of grace and forgiveness sees us.

We are not left on our own to maintain this perspective of love in all that we see, think, say, and do. Jesus promises that he and the Holy Spirit will not only be alongside us but will also live in us forever.