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**Ascension of Our Lord**

**May 17, 2026**

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Setting 3 with Holy Communion

\*Congregation please stand as you are able.

## **Introduction**

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

**Prelude:** *Trumpet Tune on Lift Up Your Heads* Andrew Tessman

**(10:30) Bell Choir:** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*  
R. Jackson, arr. S. Eithum

**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.

## **Recognition of our Graduates**

**\*Opening Hymn:** *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* ELW 393

## **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.

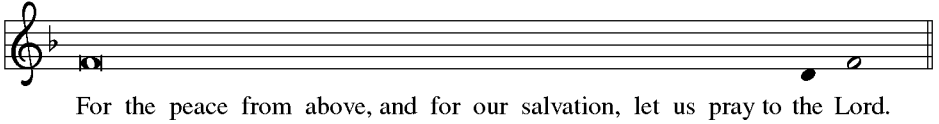
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

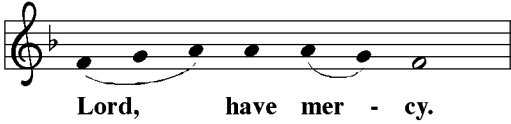
**\*Kyrie**



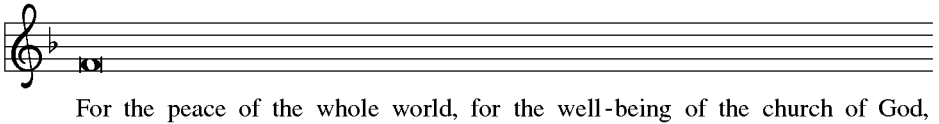
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



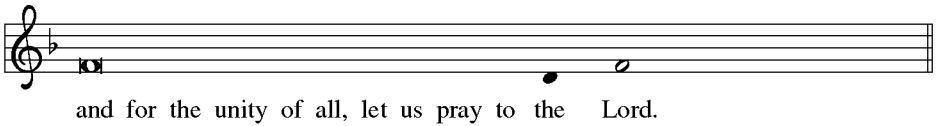
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



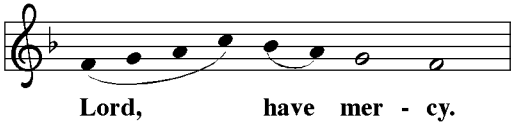
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



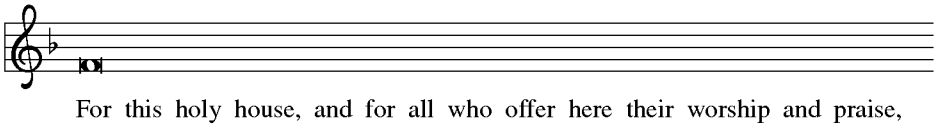
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign 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 1:1-11**

*Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.*

R: A reading from Acts, the first chapter.

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup> In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsive Reading:

**Psalm 47**

<sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with a joyful sound.

<sup>2</sup> **For the LORD Most High is to be feared:  
a great king over all the earth,**

- <sup>3</sup> who subdues the peoples under us,  
and the nations under our feet;
- <sup>4</sup> **who chooses our inheritance for us,  
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**
- <sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.
- <sup>6</sup> **Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.**
- <sup>7</sup> For God is king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a song.
- <sup>8</sup> **God reigns over the nations;  
God is enthroned on high.**
- <sup>9</sup> The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham. The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

## **Second Reading:**

## **Ephesians 1:15-23**

*The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.*

R: A reading from Ephesians, the first chapter.

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. 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 24:44-53**

*On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

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

**P:** <sup>44</sup> [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**(8:00) Children’s Choir:**     *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*  
Perronet/Holden, arr. by Wilson

## **Children’s Sermon**

### **Sermon**

**\*Sermon Hymn:**     *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*     **ELW 551**

## **\*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: Gracious God, your Son Jesus ascended to fill all time and space and is present with all people. By your Holy Spirit, lead your church and its leaders in faith, hope, and love, and in sharing the presence of Christ.  
Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

R: Majestic God, your Son Jesus entrusts his ministry to his followers to care for all you have created. Instill in us a commitment to sustainable ecological practices. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

R: Almighty God, your Son Jesus sits at your right hand and rules the cosmos. Inspire national and local politicians to lead with equity and fairness, raise up advocates and activists for those seeking justice, and cultivate peace throughout the world. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

R: Merciful God, your Son Jesus carries with him the scars of suffering as our wounded healer. Guide with your wisdom the work of surgeons, pharmacists, midwives, and all medical specialists, and bring your healing touch to all who are sick, *especially those we name at this time (Pause for 10 seconds for people to be named)*. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

R: Caring God, your Son Jesus reveals the depths of your love and gathers all people to himself. Accompany us in our work and play to make your presence known in all that we do. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

R: Life-giving God, by his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus destroyed death forever. With thanksgiving we remember those who rest from the labors, assured of your promise of everlasting life.  
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.**

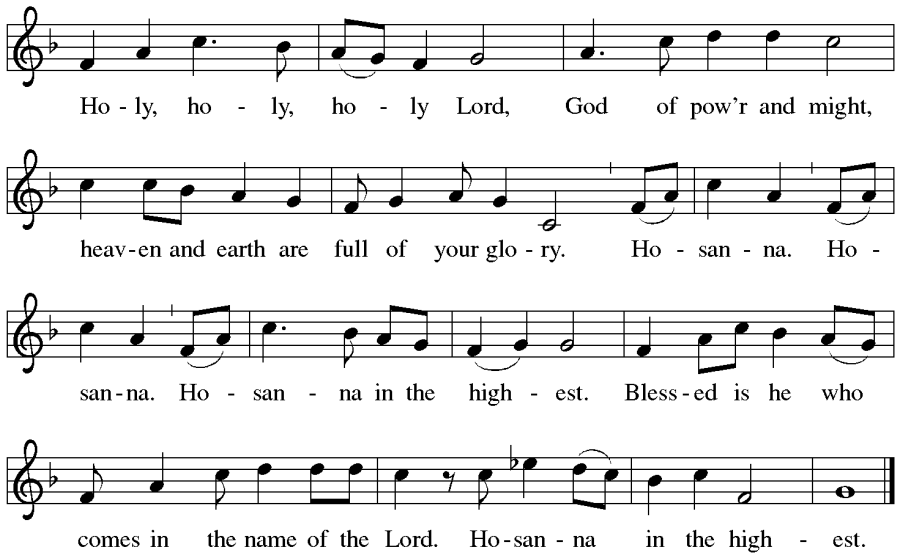
**\*Offertory:**      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise him, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*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;  
who, enthroned forever at your right hand,  
intercedes for us as our great high priest.  
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.**

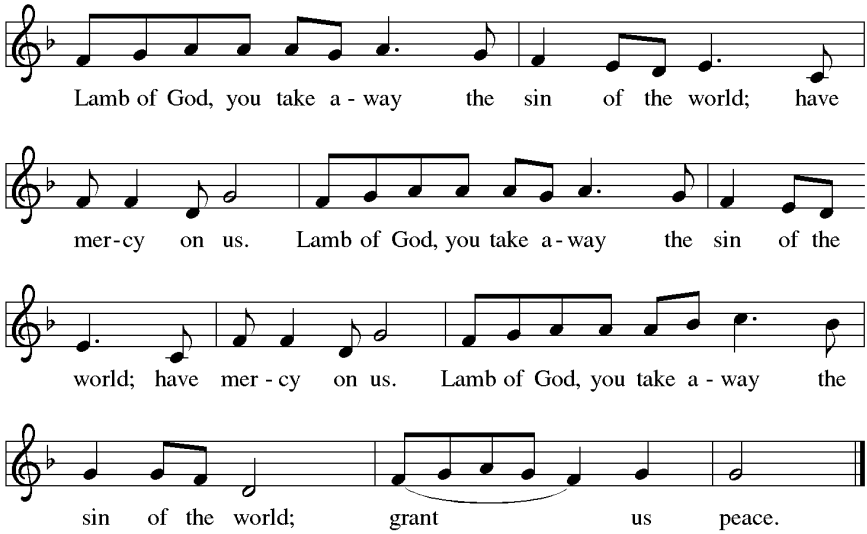
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**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 380 *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!***

**ELW 376 *Thine Is the Glory***

## \*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.

**(8:00) Bell Choir:**      *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*  
R. Jackson, arr. S. Eithum

**\*Closing Hymn:**                      *Jesus Shall Reign*                      ELW 434

**\*Dismissal**

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

**\*Postlude:**                      *Partita on Old Hundredth*                      David A. Gell

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**GOD HIMSELF IS WITH US! LET US NOW ADORE HIM!**

We welcome every worshiper today. May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts to praise the Lord. Praise to the Father! Praise to the Son! Praise to the Holy Spirit! God, three in One.

**SPRING OUTING: May 30<sup>th</sup> (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.

JOIN US THIS SUMMER

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**DAILY THEMES**  
I WONDER  
SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT  
SOMETHING TO SHARE  
SOMETHING TO SAY

**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

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Register at: [lindseyfire.org/cpr-and-first-aid-class-registration](http://lindseyfire.org/cpr-and-first-aid-class-registration). Cost: Free. For more information or questions: [jconklin@lindseyfire.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 received enough travelers and this trip will happen. We can take more at this time.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.campfiresc.org) to register or call 419-332-8641. Thank you for supporting youth in our community! Danielle Wagner, Program/Camp Director.

**A REDEMPTIVE LIFE STORY:** The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board is excited for our upcoming free community event with Jim Wahlberg on **May 20<sup>th</sup>**, 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 20<sup>th</sup>**, 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. Bruce T. Gazdecki, Craig Johnson, Jackie Mowry, Eric Paul, Dave Wellington.

**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

## 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:** Parm Boyer

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

**Bell Choir Director:** Darla Brown

#### 8:00 a.m.

#### 10:30 a.m.

**Greeter:** Margaret Schwartz    Yvonne Vogel

**Lector:** Kendra Paeth    Darla Brown

**Acolyte:** Karly Paeth    Brielle Weiker

**Communion:** B. Wasserman/S. Copley    D. Brown / B. Kocsis

**Counters:** Ann Waggoner\* & Randy Koch

**Fellowship Time Host:**

**Altar Guild:** Margie Roach & Marie Reiselt

**Ushers:** (8:00) Jim Smith

### ASSISTING NEXT WEEK

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

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

#### 9:00 a.m.

**Greeter:** Marg Schwartz & Vicki Weickert

**Lector:** Kim Smith

**Acolyte:** Karly Paeth

**Communion:** Kim Smith & Marie Reiselt

**Counters:** Marie Reiselt\* & Randy Brown

**Fellowship Time Host:**

**Altar Guild:** Margie Roach & Marie Reiselt

**Ushers:** (8:00) Jim Smith

**FAITH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF – May 17 to May 24**

**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

**Monday**

May 18-----10 a.m.   Valley View – Worship & Holy Communion

**Tuesday**

May 19-----2 p.m.   Ruth Circle  
                          6:30 p.m.   Executive Council  
                          7 p.m.   Church Council

**Wednesday**

May 20-----

**Thursday**

May 21-----9-3 p.m.   Fellowship & Sew Day  
                          3 p.m.   Christ Care  
                          7 p.m.   Sr. Choir

**Friday**

May 22-----

**Saturday**

May 23-----9:15 a.m.   Christ Care

**Sunday**

May 24-----9 a.m.   Worship with Holy Communion  
                          10 a.m.   Sunday School & Fellowship Time

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SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026: ATTENDANCE: 164 – OFFERING: \$4,373.52

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