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Lord of Life Lutheran Church

A Serving Community

God's work, our hands!

Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor

Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 10, 2026

10:15 a.m.



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.

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GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude **Six Pieces in Canonic Form (No. 1-CMajor)** **Robert Schumann**

Please stand.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.

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 (*local waters may be named*).

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.**

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.**

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.**

Confirmation Project—Emma Hall

My name is *Emma Hall* and I am an 8th grade student at Canfield Village Middle School. I enjoy performing with Easy Street Productions, especially in the show Miracle on Easy Street. I also love dancing with my friends at Inspire Dance Center. During the summer, my family and I spend time at the beach and visit Disney World. These vacations are some of my favorite memories!

However, what matters most to me is helping others. For my service project along with my sponsor *Mr. Tim*, we chose to organize a toy drive for Akron Children's Hospital. I have seen through family and friends how difficult it can be when a child is in the hospital. I know that even a small toy can bring comfort and joy during a challenging time. This project will help provide resources to brighten children's days while they are in the ER, undergoing treatments, or staying at the hospital.

It would mean so much to me if you would consider donating to this cause! Your support can help bring smiles to children facing serious health challenges and remind them that they are not alone.

Thank you,

Emma

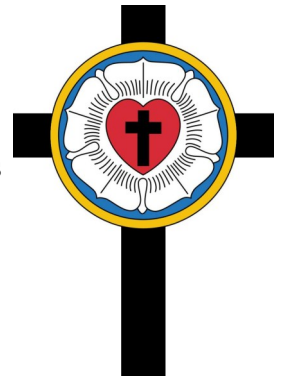
Please note: Patients at Akron Children's are often at high risk of acquiring an infection or illness and for this reason the hospital can only accept brand new, recently store bought items with the tags or in original packaging.

Monetary donations can be made out to "Akron Children's Hospital". In the memo line of your check please designate the funds go to **Volunteer Services**.

Items that cannot be accepted include:

- * Beads, magnetic items, pencil sharpeners or other sharp items
- * Items containing latex, glitter, sand or feathers
- * Handmade crafts, bracelets, jewelry etc.
- * Candy or food related items
- * Items depicting violence, political or religious messages
- * Fidget spinners, VHS or cassette tapes

Thank you!



Camp Frederick

Summer is approaching fast!

If you are looking for summer activities for your kids, Camp Frederick has a number of camp opportunities!

Check out Campfrederickohio.com for more information



Quarter Auction Fundraiser for Camp Frederick

Saturday, May 16, 2026
 at Zion Lutheran Church
 3300 Canfield Road, Youngstown, 44511.
 Doors open at 5:30pm
 Auction starts at 6:30pm
 Fundraiser to benefit Camp Frederick
 Information about Camp Frederick listed above.
 Go to www.Everbrite.com





CANFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH \ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 June 15-June 19, 9pm - 12:00Noon

Ages: Preschool through 5th Grade
 Register online at canfieldpresbyterian.org

Gathering Hymn Greeting

Come Thou Almighty King

ELW 408

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.

This is the Feast

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.

Wednesday Bible Study for May/June
On TV Series The Chosen



This is an eight-week study using The Chosen, to see Jesus' life in a more personal and relatable way. As Christians, it's important we understand how He's portrayed and compare it with Scripture.

And for those who find reading difficult or less engaging, this can be a meaningful way to experience the story of Jesus and grow in faith together.

Join us on Sunday, May 24th, as we celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism of *Emma Hall* and *Aleah West*.





May 20th we will be providing a Bingo for the residents of Shepherd of the Valle on West Boulevard in Boardman, at 2:00pm. We will be collecting Bingo prizes during May. A collection site will be in the Narthex.

Suggested prizes include:

- Candy bars or bags of miniatures*
- Snack pack crackers or cookies*
- Kleenex*
- Stuffed animals*
- Coin purses*
- Door decorations—seasonal decorations*



Shepherd has a new policy requiring volunteers to complete a volunteer Application and a Background Check. Copies of the forms are available in the Church Office. See *Barb Larson* or *Donna Hazzard* for more information.

Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to let us know you'll be attending.

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Wednesday Prayer Time
continues at 10:00am each Wednesday
before Bible Study.

The Service Board is expanding on Meals for the Sick ministry, started by **Kay Welch**. We came up with “The Meal Train.” This is for people who are released from the hospital who would be given a meal. The Chairperson for this ministry is **Phyllis Ruse**, and her co-chair is **Alta Johnson**. When you know someone is being sent home from the hospital you may call Phyllis (803) 553-3650 to get the process started. We need volunteers to either cook a meal or donate a meal card. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are able to help. We pray this is a valuable ministry for our congregation.



The Altar Flowers

*this weekend are given to the glory of God,
and in honor of all our wonderful
Mothers here at Lord of Life.*



Prayer of the Day

P 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.
C Amen

Please be seated

WORD

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.

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.”

L Word of God, word of life.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66: 8-20



⁸Bless 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. R**

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us in to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up on our backs.**

¹²You 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—**

¹⁴those 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. R**

¹⁶Come 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.**

¹⁸If 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.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me. **R**

Daily Scripture Readings for May 11 Through May 16

Mon 05/11	Tues 05/12	Wed 05/13	Thurs 05/14	Fri 05/15	Sat 05/16
Psalm 93	Psalm 93	Psalm 93	Psalm 47/93	Psalm 93	Psalm 93
Genesis 9:8-17	Deuteronomy 5:22-33	Deuteronomy 3:1-13	Acts 1:1-11	2 Kings 2:1-12	2 Kings 2:13-15
Acts 27:39-44	1 Peter 3:8-12	John 16:16-24	Luke 24: 44-53	Ephesians 2:1-7	John 8:21-30

Serving in Worship in May

	05/03	05/10	05/17	05/24	05/31
Greeter/ Usher	Bob Soles	Jeff Dombroski	Phyllis Ruse	Gabe West	Zack West
Lector	Pastor Mark Williams	Norma Thomas	Diana Williams	Larry Cohol	Chris Eash
Counters	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff
Altar Guild	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Norma Thomas	Norma Thomas
Crucifer	Chris Eash	Larry Cohol	Art Thomas	Chris Eash	Larry Cohol
Acolyte					

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Scan for May Calendar



Gospel

John 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to John.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This 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. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They 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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Sermon

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day

Come Down, O Love Divine

ELW 804

Lord's Prayer

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.

This invitation is extended to all who receive Communion in any Christian denomination. All are welcome!

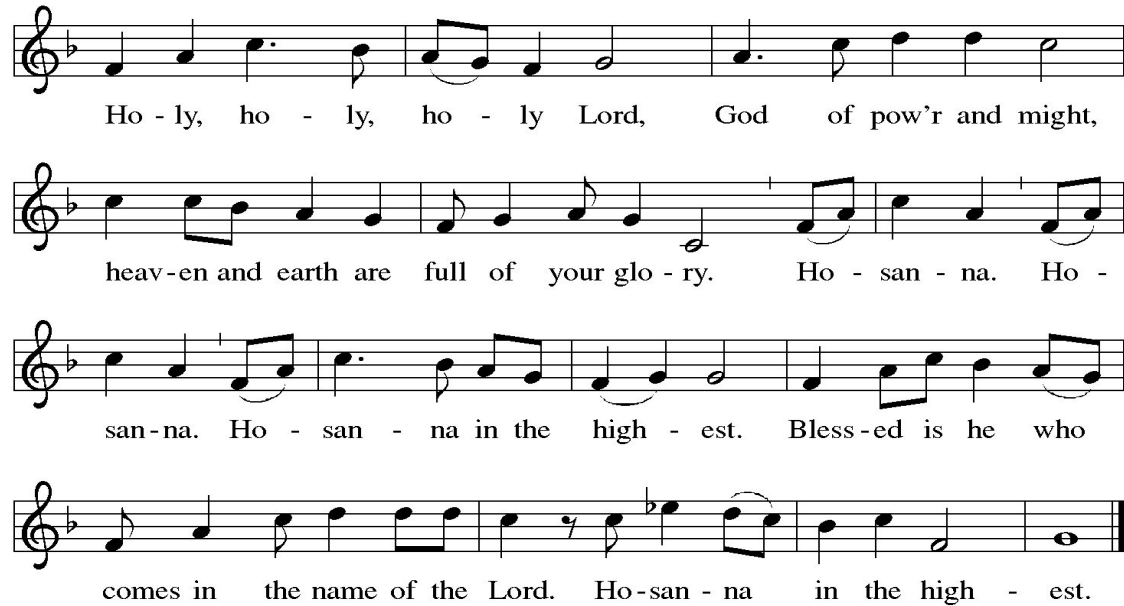
Lamb of God

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.

Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy,



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.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe....
With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as
we proclaim the mystery of life.
C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
P O God of resurrection and new life...Grace our table with your presence.
C **Come Holy Spirit.**
P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread...
...Send us forth burning with justice, peace and love.
C **Come, Holy Spirit.**
P With your holy ones of all times and all places...
...we praise you, O God, blessed Trinity, now and forever.
C **Amen**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the
third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right
hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life
everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

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

P 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 out loud or in our hearts.

Sean Bandelier, Bonnie Eash, Oweda Frederick, Laurel Froelich, Chris Hunnicutt, Rick Kershner, Devon Kirtley, Todd Kirtley, George Lange, Craig Miller, Marge Pancher, Pam Parker, Staci Thomas, Bob Titus, David Titus, Pearl Torrence, Patty Weiss, the people of God at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Warren, OH and the family of Pastor Eugene Koene

(The names on the prayer list are updated every 30 days. If you wish to continue to have someone on the list, please contact the office.)

C Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

P 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.**

P 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.**

P 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.**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The offering plate is located on the table as you enter/exit the worship space.

MEAL

Offering Response

Be Not Afraid

ELW 388

Be Not Afraid

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

Offering Prayer

P Let us pray,
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.**

Dialogue

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.**