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# *Lord of Life Lutheran Church*

*A Serving Community*

*God's work, our hands!*

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Sunday, May 17, 2026

10:15 a.m.



In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

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## GATHERING

### Announcements

**Prelude**                      **Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song**                      **John Carter**

*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

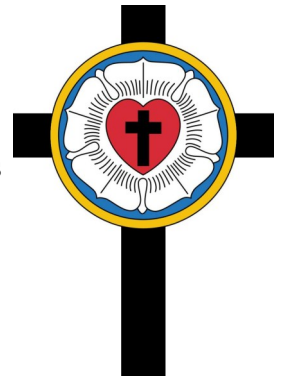
**Please note:** Patients at Akron Children's are often at high risk of acquiring an infection or illness and for this reason the hospital can only accept brand new, recently store bought items with the tags or in original packaging.

**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!**





**Grief Ministry at Lord of Life**-Tom Drotleff

My personal grief has been a daily effort to evolve in healthy grieving of helping others. From the endless support of this caring congregation and the love for Barb, I knew I had to give back, reflected in Pastor Becky's Annual report. Grief-Gratitude-Growth.

From 1:00pm till 2:30pm, on Tuesdays, I will be facilitating, with the help of Alta, the 13-week GriefShare.org program. This program is meant for individuals who have experienced the loss of a spouse, a parent, brother, sister, friend or the loss of a child.

If you are still struggling with grief or know someone who could be helped go directly to the website: [www.GriefShare.org](http://www.GriefShare.org) to register.

GriefShare helps walk you through your grief process and heal from the pain.

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**Sanctuary Light**

**JESUS** is the **LIGHT** *The Sanctuary Light, this weekend, is given to the Glory of God, and in honor of my Grandson, Lucas Whited's 18th Birthday on April 26th, and his high school graduation on May 23rd. (Diane Oliva - Grandmother).*

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**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](http://Campfrederickohio.com) for more information.

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

Ages: Preschool through 5th Grade  
Register online at [canfieldpresbyterian.org](http://canfieldpresbyterian.org)

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**Gathering Hymn**  
**Greeting**

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

ELW 393

**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.

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



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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.

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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.



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**Altar Flowers**

The Altar Flowers this weekend, are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of **Barb Drotleff**.

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**Prayer of the Day**

**P** O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1: 6-14**

*Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>6</sup> When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “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.”

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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



*Please be seated*

**Communion**

*Follow the usher’s direction to come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and take a glass of wine from the tray. Dispose of the cup in the basket provided on the railing and return to your seat by the side aisle.*

**Communion Distribution**      **You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**      **ELW 484**

**Anthem**      **I Will Sing With the Spirit**      **John Rutter**

P      The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C      **Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion**

P      Let us pray,  
Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.  
C      **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**      **Thine the Amen**      **ELW 826**

**Blessing**

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.**

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**      **Sinfonia**      **J. S. Bach**

**Second Reading**

**1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11**

*Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God’s grace will strengthen and guide us.*

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

*Please stand*

**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

John 17: 1-11

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

*On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.*

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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** Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song ELW 403

## 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!*

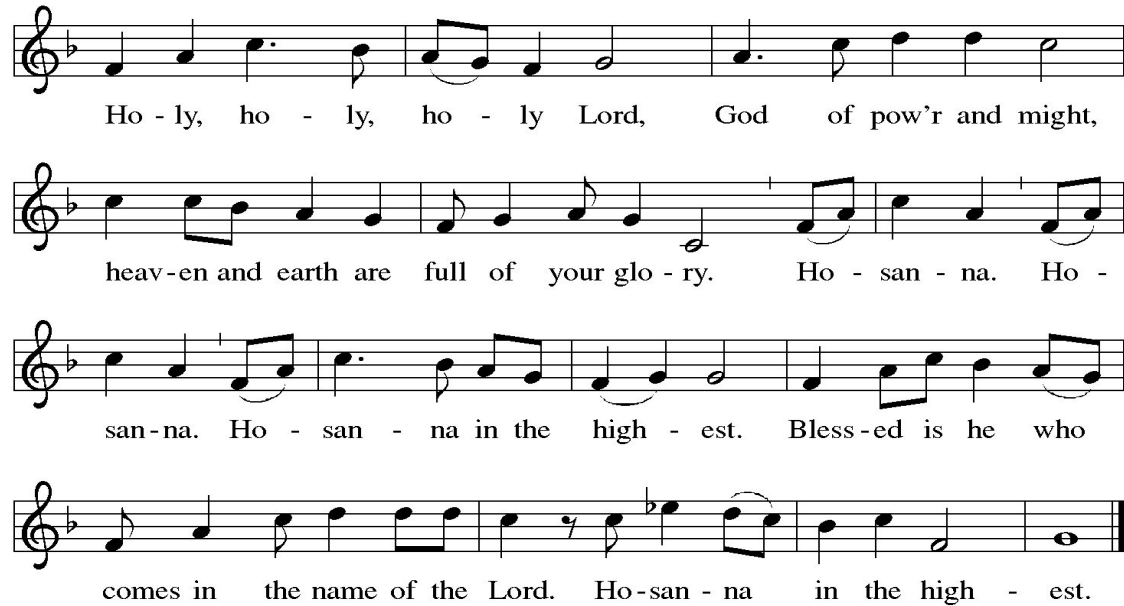
## Lamb of God

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.  
O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit,  
inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of  
Jesus. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**  
P Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants  
and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you  
have made. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**  
P Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political  
leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a  
desire for peace and equity. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

P Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick especially those that 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, the family of Pastor Eugene Koene, and the family of Tom Malloy.*

*(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 Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment (*other transitions may be named*), and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. 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.**