

# *Lord of Life Lutheran Church*

*A Serving Community*

*God's work, our hands!*

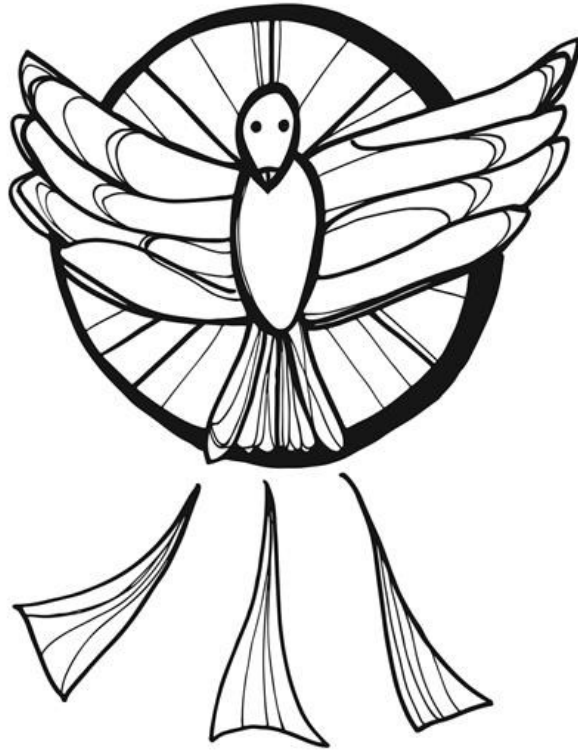
Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor

Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

## **The Festival of Pentecost**

Sunday, May 24, 2026

10:15 a.m.



*Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.*

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# GATHERING

## Announcements

### Prelude

Veni, Creator Spiritus

Richard Proulx

*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 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.**



Best Spaghetti in Canfield!  
Spaghetti Drive-Thru  
Tell all your friends  
Thursday, May 28  
3:00pm—sold out!

### 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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## Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of *Emma Hall* and *Aleah West* who affirm their baptism today, by your Lord of Life church family.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026!!!

*Emma Hall* and *Aleah West* will be affirming their baptismal vows this morning and officially becoming adult members of our congregation. We thank their parents and their sponsors—*Tim Elder* and *Lori Kavanaugh* for their guidance and support, through their confirmation program. Your church family here at Lord of Life will continue to keep both of you in our prayers as you continue your journey of faith. A reception in their honor will be held in Fellowship Hall following worship, to congratulate them and celebrate with them. Please join us!



Morning and Evening Prayer will resume in the fall.

### 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.

## Gathering Hymn

Come Down, O Love Divine

ELW 804

## 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.**

## 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.

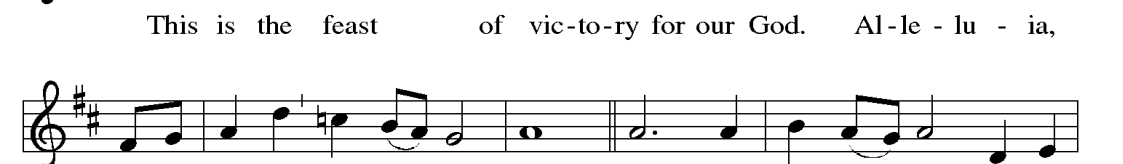
*Refrain*

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*



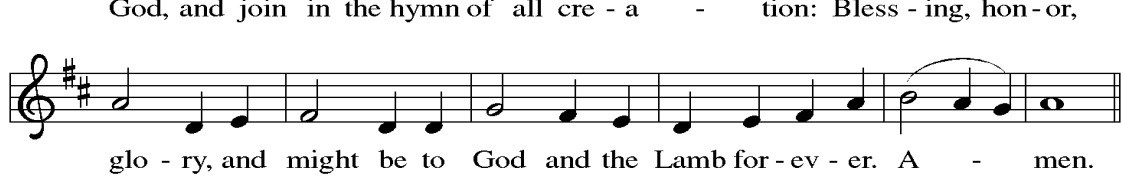
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



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

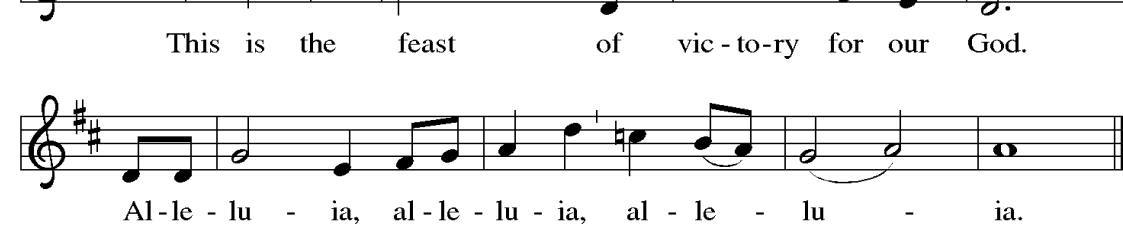


slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*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.

## Daily Scripture Readings for May 25 through May 30

Mon 05/25	Tues 05/26	Wed 05/27	Thurs 05/28	Fri 05/29	Sat 05/30
Psalm 104:24-34,35b	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Psalm 8	Psalm 8	Psalm 8
Joel 2:18-29	Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29	Numbers 11:24-30	Job 38: 1-11	Job 38:12-21	Job 38:22-38
Romans 8:18-24	Romans 8:26-27	John 7:37-39	2 Timothy 1:8-12a	2 Timothy 1:12b-14	John 14:15-17

## Serving in Worship in May

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

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## Dismissal

P Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.  
C Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Improvisation on “Veni Creator Spiritus” Alfred V. Fedak

*Today’s prelude and postlude are based on an ancient chant of the same name (“Come, Holy Spirit”).*

*Our Director of Music will sing the chant before the prelude and postlude begins. The chant melody will be quite prominent throughout each work.*



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## Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray,  
O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 2: 1-21

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ’s resurrection.*

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
 and your young men shall see visions,  
 and your old men shall dream dreams.  
<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
 and they shall prophesy.  
<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
 and signs on the earth below,  
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
 and the moon to blood,  
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

L Word of God, word of Life  
 C **Thanks be to God!**



### 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** Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart ELW 800  
 Gracious Spirit, Hear Our Pleading ELW 401

**Anthem** Song of Pentecost Joel Raney

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,  
 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 Hymn** God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind ELW 400

### 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.**

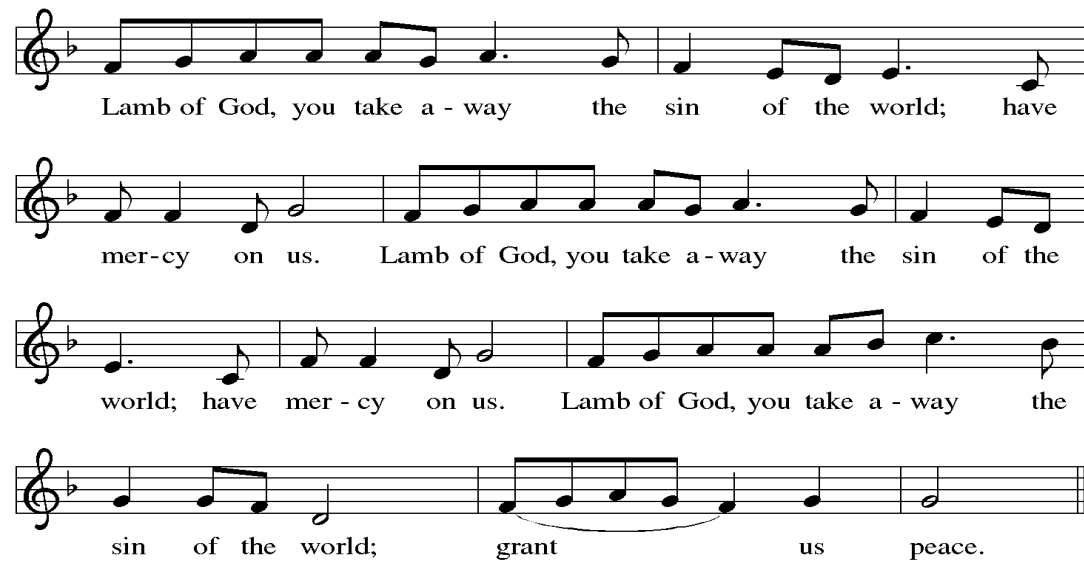
## Lord's Prayer

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 grace. Receive the gift of new life.

## Lamb of God

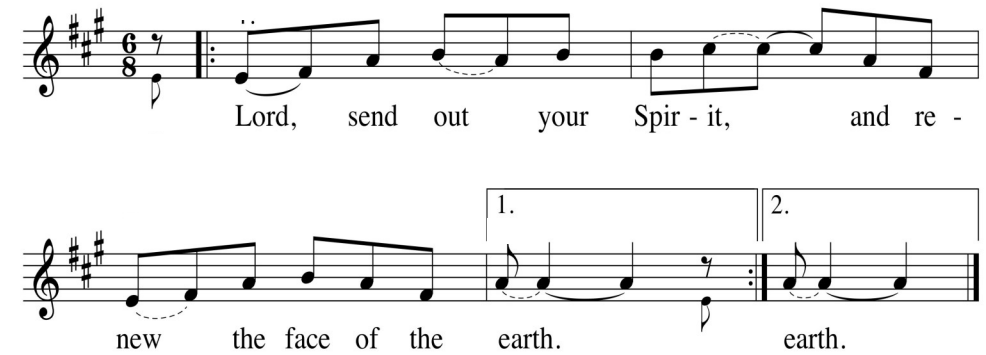


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated*

## Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

*The refrain below will be sung twice through each time, the first time by the song leader and then repeated by the assembly.*



Lord, send out your Spir - it, and re -  
new the face of the earth. earth.

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord, my God, you are great indeed!  
How manifold are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your creatures! **R**
2. You take away their breath, they die, and they return to their dust.  
When you send forth your Spirit of life, they are created in your sight. **R**
3. May God's glory last for all time; may the Lord be glad in God's works.  
Pleasing to God will be my theme; I will be glad in the Lord! **R**

## Second Reading

**1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13**

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

<sup>3b</sup> No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

<sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

L Word of God, word of Life  
C **Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand*

### Gospel Acclamation

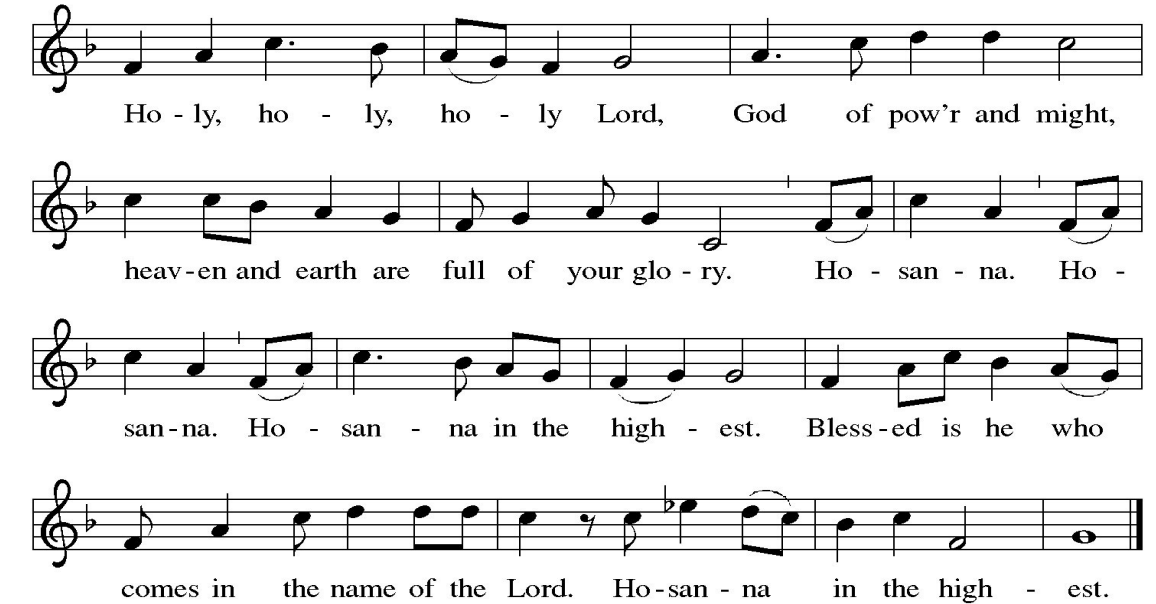


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### 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**

## 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.*

*Please be seated.*

## MEAL

### Offering Response

Veni Sancte Spiritus

ELW 406

### 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.**

### Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Gospel:

**John 20:19-23**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

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

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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**

## **Affirmation of Baptism**

*Please refer to the bulletin insert.*

## **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, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name especially those we name out loud in our hearts..

*Sean Bandelier, Bonnie Eash, Oweda Frederick, Laurel Froelich, Chris Hunnicutt, Rick Kershner, Devon Kirtley, Todd Kirtley, George Lange, Craig Miller, Marge, 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.)*

Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

P You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. 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.**