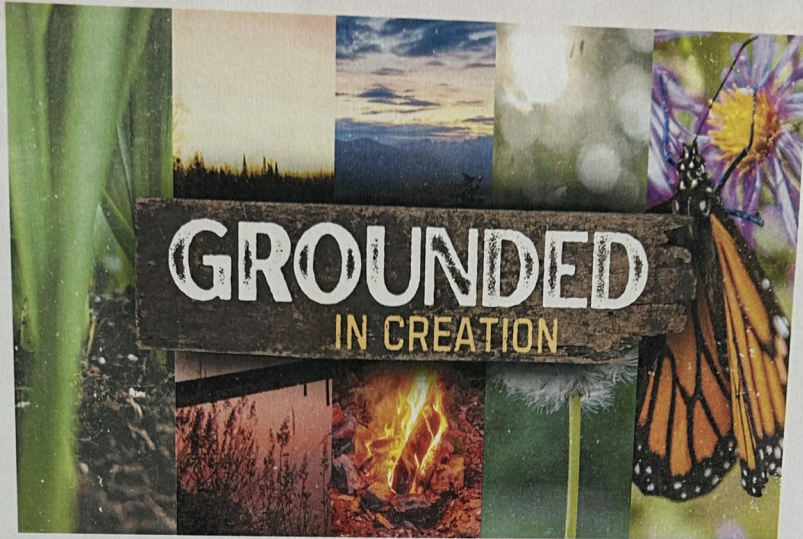


SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

June 25th through July 23rd
6:00 PM



Location: Hope Community Garden

@ Martin Luther Lutheran Church
420 Clearmount Ave – Youngstown

Outdoor Worship Themes:

June 25th – Earth

July 2nd – Water

July 9th - Fire

July 16th – Air

July 23rd – Flora & Fauna

Using the elements from above, below, and around us, we will explore Biblical stories of creation, connectedness, and care. We will get outside, put our hands into the dirt and our feet in the water. We'll engage all five senses all while we wonder and play together.

This summer, we invite you to root down, look up, and learn what it might mean for you and your community of faith to be grounded in creation.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

A Serving Community

God's work, our hands!

Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor

Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 21, 2026

10:15 a.m.



God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

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GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude

Please stand.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin to God.

C Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me,
All you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

C **Amen.**



4TH OF JULY POTLUCK
Come to a potluck picnic on
July 4th, at **Diana Williams'** house,
344 South Broad Street, Canfield.
Come at 9am if you want to see the parade,
by 12Noon, if just for the picnic.
Hope to See you!

Drive-Thru Spaghetti **Thursday, July 23rd,**
3:00pm until sold out!
Tell your friends.
Only \$8 per meal!



Plans are underway to update the church directory this summer. Please fill out this form if you have any changes. If you have any questions or comments, please call **Carol Ryan** in the church office, (330) 533-3531; Monday through Friday, 9:00a, - 1:00pm.

Household Last Name _____ Phone _____

Please make the following name, address, email address, phone numbers:

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

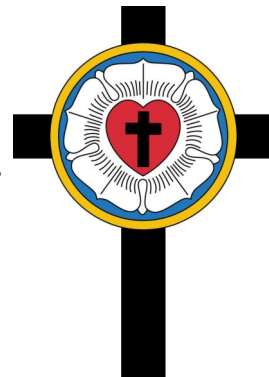
Please note: Patients at Akron Children's are often at high risk of acquiring an infection or illness and for this reason the hospital can only accept brand new, recently store bought items with the tags or in original packaging.

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!



Gathering Hymn

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876

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.**

Glory to God

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -

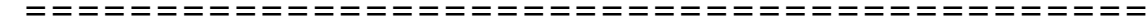
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.
Final refrain
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 C Amen

Please be seated

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Saturday, July 4th

Due to the 4th of July holiday falling on a Saturday, there will be **NO Saturday worship** on July 4th.

LUTHERAN NIGHT at the SCRAPPERS

Our Mahoning County Lutheran Cluster has once again planned a Lutheran Night at the Scrappers! The game will be on Friday, July 31st, and it begins at 7:17pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex/ Gathering Space for anyone interested. Tickets are



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.



Daily Scripture Readings for June 22 through June 27

Mon 6/22	Tues 6/23	Wed 6/24	Thurs 6/25	Fri 6/26	Sat 6/27
Psalm 6	Psalm 6	Psalm 6	Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18	Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18	Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18
Micah 7: 1-7	Jeremiah 26: 1-12	Jeremiah 38: 1-13	Jeremiah 25: 1-7	Jeremiah 25: 8-14	Jeremiah 28: 1-4
Revelation 2: 1-7	Revelation 2: 8-11	Matthew 10: 5-23	Galatians 5: 2-6	Galatians 5: 7-12	Luke 17: 1-4

Serving in Worship in June

	6/7	6/14	6/21	6/28
Greeter/Usher	Phyllis Ruse	Jeff Dombroski	Woody Gingery	Bob Soles
Lector	Judy McCartney	Diana Williams	Larry Cohol	Chris Eash
Counters	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff
Altar Guild	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Norma Thomas	Norma Thomas
Crucifer	Art Thomas	Larry Cohol	Chris Eash	Art Thomas
Acolyte				

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WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."
¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
 will never be forgotten.
¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;
 you see the heart and the mind;
 let me see your retribution upon them,
 for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD;
 praise the LORD!
 For he has delivered the life of the needy
 from the hands of evildoers

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

Psalm 69: 7-18



⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,
 and shame has cov- | ered my face.
⁸ **I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,
 an alien to my | mother's children.**
⁹ Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;
 the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.
¹⁰ **I humbled my- | self with fasting,
 but that was turned to | my reproach. R**

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 **Borning Cry** arrng. Phil Kadidlo
We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus ELW 451

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,
 Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
 C **Amen.**

SENDING

Sending Song **Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus** ELW 802

Blessing

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
 C **Amen.**

Dismissal

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
 C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, 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 Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

¹¹ I put on sackcloth also,
and became a by-word among them.
¹² **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**
¹³ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:
“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.
¹⁴ **Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters. R**
¹⁵ Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.
¹⁶ **Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.**
¹⁷ Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
¹⁸ **Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me. R**

Second Reading

Romans 6: 1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L Word of God, word of life.
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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Matthew 10:24 - 39

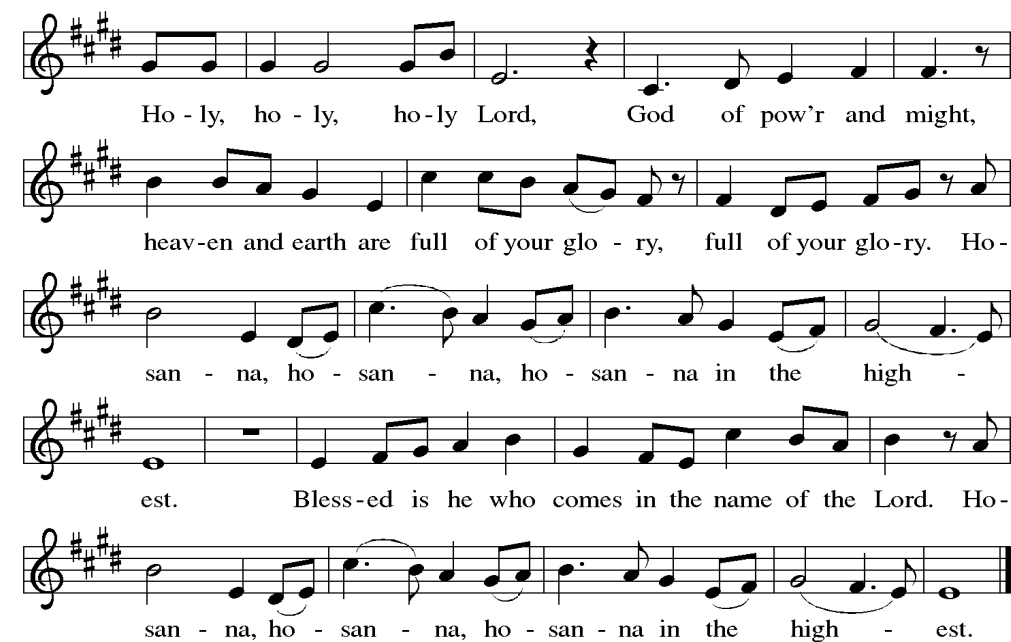
P The holy gospel according to Matthew.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

[Jesus said to the twelve:]²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master;²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known.²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted.³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

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, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent us to Jesus, you Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks: broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for your. 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

MEAL

Offering Response

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

Please stand.

Offering Prayer

P Let us pray,
Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

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.**

Preface

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



³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781



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 Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace

C **hear our prayer.**

P Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**



P Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering especially those we name out loud or in our hearts.

Sean Bandelier, Bonnie Eash, Oweda Frederick, Laurel Froelich, Dr. Ronald Gould, Chris Hunnicutt, Devon Kirtley, Todd Kirtley, George Lange, Diane Malloy, Craig Miller, Marge Pancher, Pam Parker, Frank Scott, Staci Thomas, Bob Titus, David Titus, Pearl Torrence, and Patty Weiss.

(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 God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our 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.