

Stories In the Park-Stories of the Stranger

Join us once again Wednesday evenings in July for Stories in the Park! We will meet for Bible study at Greasel Park Wednesday evenings at 6 pm starting July 1st, and our theme is “Stories of the Stranger.” Bring a chair and a Bible. If it is raining, we will meet at the church.

July 1 Ruth

July 8 Naaman

July 15 The Woman at the Well

July 22 The Ethiopian Eunuch

July 29 Cornelius



Lord of Life Lutheran Church

A Serving Community

God's work, our hands!

Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor

Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 28, 2026

10:15 a.m.



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!



The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.



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 \$10 each

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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.

C Rest in God's love.
Amen.

Daily Scripture Readings for June 29 through July 4

Monday 06/29	Tuesday 06/30	Wednesday 07/01	Thursday 07/02	Friday 07/03	Saturday 07/04
Psalm 119: 161-168	Psalm 119: 161-168	Psalm 119: 161-168	Psalm 145: 8-14	Psalm 145: 8-14	Psalm 145:8-14
1 Kings 21: 1-16	1 Kings 21: 17-29	Jeremiah 18: 1-11	Zechariah 1: 1-6	Zechariah 2: 6-13	Zechariah 4:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4: 9-12	1 John 4: 1-6	Matthew 11: 20-24	Romans 7: 1-6	Romans 7: 7-20	Luke 10: 21-24

Serving in Worship in July

	07/05	07/12	07/19	07/26
Greeter/Usher	Phyllis Ruse	Gabe West	Zack West	Bob Soles
Lector	Pastor Mark Williams	Norma Thomas	Diana Williams	Larry Cohol
Counters	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff
Altar Guild	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Norma Thomas	Norma Thomas
Crucifer	Larry Cohol	Chris Eash	Art Thomas	Larry Cohol
Acolyte				

Saturday, July 4th

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



LifeLinks is sponsoring a church picnic on July 12, 2026 right after service. We are providing hot dogs, and buns. This will be a potluck, a sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. We look forward to a great fellowship.

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 **Just As I Am** **ELW 592**

Communion Blessing

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 **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee** **ELW 836**

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

Gathering Hymn

All Are Welcome

ELW 641

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.
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 O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 C Amen

Please be seated

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

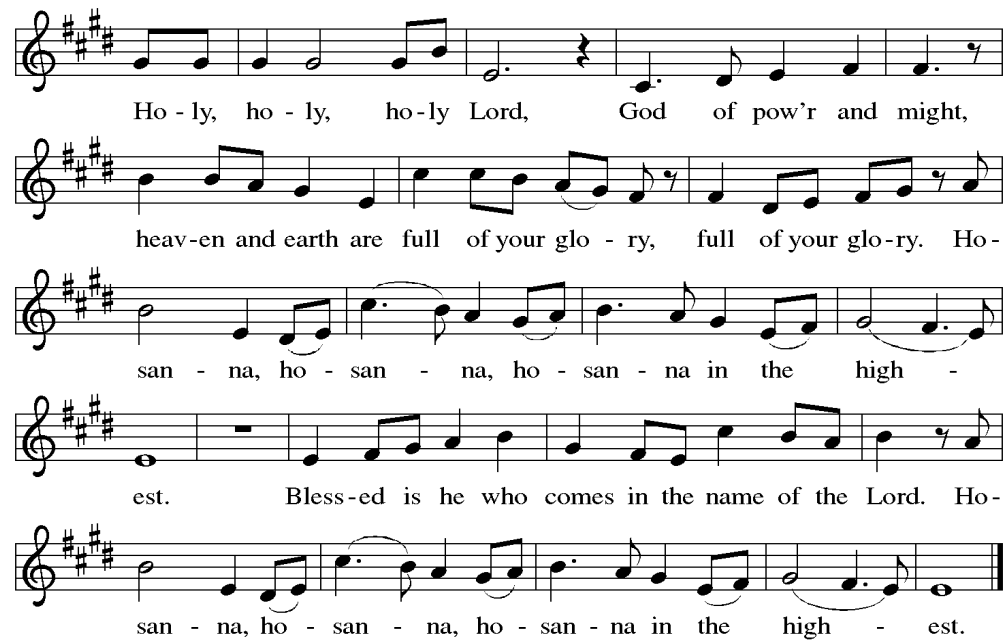
P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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

Lamb of God

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.

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.

WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

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

Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18



Your love, O LORD, for - ev - er will I sing.



Your love, O LORD, forever¹ will I sing;
 from age to age my mouth will pro-¹claim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab-¹lished forever;
 you have set your faithfulness firmly¹ in the heavens.**

³ “I have made a covenant with my¹ chosen one;
 I have sworn an oath to Da-¹vid my servant:

⁴ **‘I will establish your¹ line forever,
 and preserve your throne for all¹ generations.’” R**

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the¹ festal shout!
 They walk, O LORD, in the light¹ of your presence.

¹⁶ **They rejoice daily¹ in your name;
 they are jubilant¹ in your righteousness.**

¹⁷ For you are the glory¹ of their strength,
 and by your favor our might¹ is exalted.

¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs¹ to the LORD;
 our king to the Holy¹ One of Israel. R**

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:



P Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We pray especially for those we name out loud or in our hearts.

Sean Bandelier, Bonnie Eash, Oweda Frederick, Laurel Froelich, Dr. Ronald Gould, Chris Hunnicutt, Sean Kelly, 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.)

Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service.

C God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places.

C God of grace,
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.

Second Reading

Romans 6: 12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 10:40-42

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

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

[Jesus said to the twelve:]⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous,⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729

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.

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division (*places experiencing division may be named*). Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**