



Life-Saving and AED Training Class

On July 27th, about 18 members of Lord of Life and One Church attended a very detailed class on life-saving and AED training. The *Canfield Joint Fire District*, through a State of Ohio Grant, provided us with life-saving and AED training at no cost to our group.

Mike Sofranko, Fireman, Trainer, Emergency Medical Technician, was an excellent trainer. He took the time to answer all our questions and watched each of us as we trained on the dummies and worked on the

AED units provided by the district. What a warm feeling I got as I looked around the room, watching so many members I've known for years, working so hard to get it right. I've received many compliments on Mike's training.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

A Serving Community

God's work, our hands!

Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor

Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 12, 2026

10:15 a.m.



God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

CPR and AED Training Certificates

If you attended the training held on June



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Canfield, Ohio 44406

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GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude

*All items in **bold** are congregational responses.*

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.**



Lutheran Night at the Scrappers - July 31st

We have turned in our list of those who signed up for the game. If you signed up, please make sure to put your payment in the envelope in the Narthex, and please use cash if possible. Make sure you bring cash to the game to pay for parking, You will go to the box office and tell them your name and church, and they will give you your tickets.

New Church Directory

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, or phone numbers corrections.

WELCA

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

We will be collecting school supplies during July and August. A display and shopping lists are located in the Narthex.



Gathering Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

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 -

THE GATHERING PLACE SENIOR CENTER EVENT

Monday, July 13, 11:00am

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
550 North Broad St, Canfield, Oh 44406

This is a free, community outreach social program, offered to all senior **citizens**, held on the second Monday of each month.

Reservations are not required.
Celebrating Our Country's 250th Anniversary

Jeff Hughes, professional pianist for the Queen Mary cruise ship will perform songs from the 40s/50s/60s.

Spread the word, and bring your friends! We are here for you!

Questions? Call *Woody Gingery* (330) 360-0419 or the Church at (330) 533-3531.



I alone 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 Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Please be seated



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers this weekend are given to the Glory of God by *Art and Norma Thomas* in honor of their 61st Wedding Anniversary on July 10th

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 15 The Woman at the Well
 July 22 The Ethiopian Eunuch
 July 29 Cornelius*



Mr. Tim and I would like to thank everyone for your generous donations for Akron Children's Hospital. We collected 117 toys and \$250 in monetary donations! It will bring smiles to kids' faces during their stay at the hospital.

It means the world to us!

Emma Hall

Daily Scripture Readings for July 13 through July 18

Mon 07/13	Tues 07/14	Wed 07/15	Thurs 07/16	Fri 07/17	Sat 07/18
Psalm 92	Psalm 92	Psalm 92	Psalm 86: 11-17	Psalm 86: 11-17	Psalm 86 11-17
Leviticus 26: 3-20	Deuteronomy 28: 1-14	Proverbs 11: 23-30	Isaiah 41: 21-29	Isaiah 44: 9-17	Isaiah 44: 18-20
1 Thessalonians 4: 1-8	Ephesians 4: 17-5:2	Matthew 13: 10-17	Hebrews 2: 1-9	Hebrews 6: 13-20	Matthew 7: 15-20

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				
Acolyte				

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WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55: 10-13

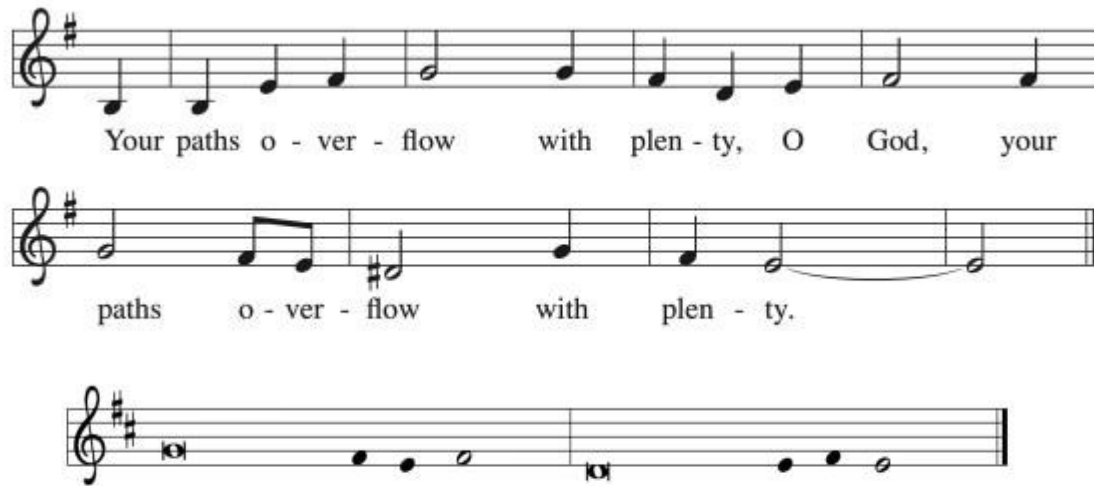
God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

Psalm 65: 1-13



¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

² **To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple. R**

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶ **You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. 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 **There is a Balm in Gilead** **ELW 614**

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 Hymn **Will You Come and Follow Me** **ELW 798**

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

Lord's Prayer

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

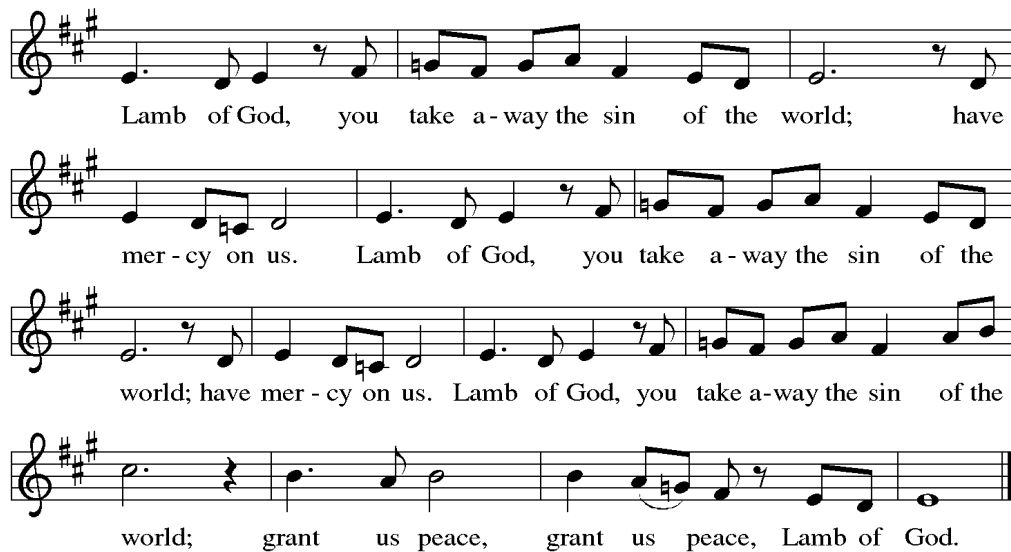
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is 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.

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is¹ full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide¹ for the earth.
¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth¹ out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and¹ bless its increase.**
¹¹ You crown the year¹ with your goodness, and your paths over-¹ flow with plenty.
¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be¹ rich for grazing, and the hills be¹ clothed with joy.**
¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them-¹ selves with grain;
let them shout for¹ joy and sing. **R**

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

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 you. 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.

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.

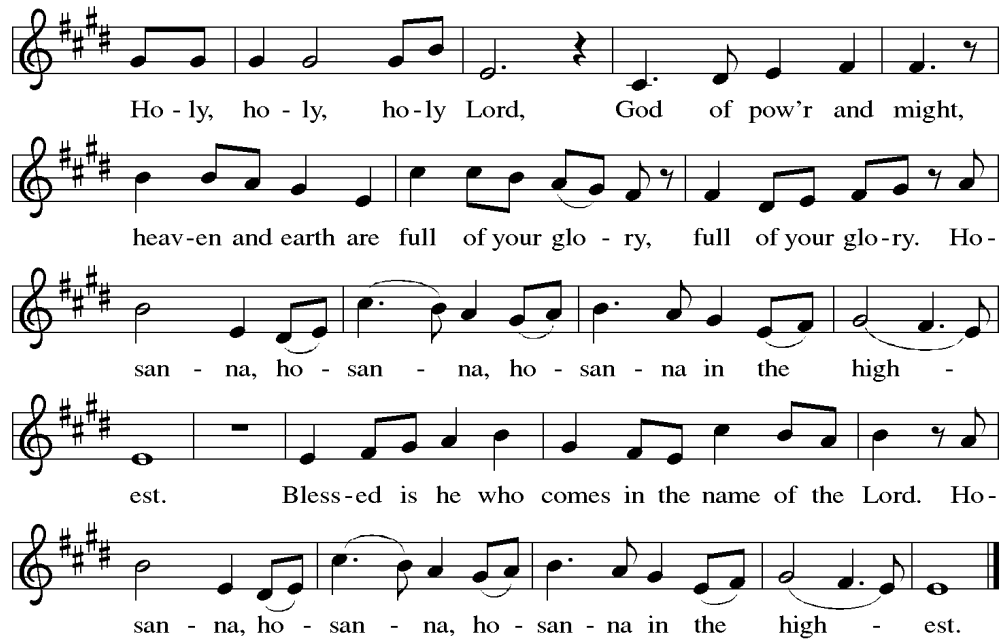
C **Amen**



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, 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.



¹⁸“Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

ELW 617

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 God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

C God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah's vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world (*global concerns may be named*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for local concerns especially those we name out loud or in our hearts.

Sean Bandelier, Bonnie Eash, 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, Patty Weiss and the family of Oweda Frederick.

(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 God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

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

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.
Amen.

Dialogue

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

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

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