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Lord of Life Lutheran Church

A Serving Community

God's work, our hands!

Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor

Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 19, 2026

10:15 a.m.



It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

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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.

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.

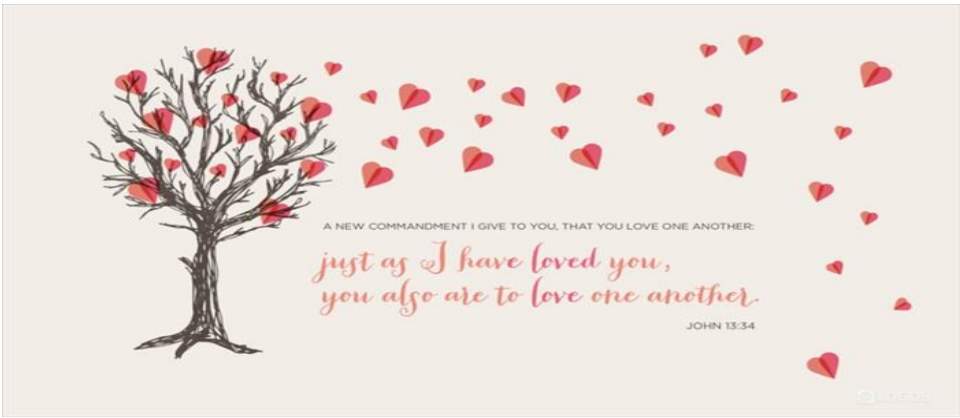


Life-Saving and AED Training Class

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.

CPR and AED Training Certificates

If you attended the training held on June 27th, please pick up your certificate in the church office.



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



New Church Directory
Please return by Friday, August 7

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 number corrections.

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 -



Prayer of the Day

- P Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen

Please be seated

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 22 The Ethiopian Eunuch
July 29 Cornelius*



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.

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.



Daily Scripture Readings for July 20 through July 25

Mon 07/20	Tues 07/21	Wed 07/22	Thurs 07/23	Fri 07/24	Sat 07/25
Psalm 75	Psalm 75	Psalm 75	Psalm 119: 129-136	Psalm 119: 129-136	Psalm 119: 129-136
Nahum 1: 1-13	Zephaniah3: 1-13	Daniel 12 1-13	1 Kings 1: 28-37	1 Kings 1: 38-48	1 Kings 2 : 1-4
Revelation 14: 12-20	Galatians4: 21-5:1	Matthew12: 15-21	1 Corinthians 4: 14-20	Acts 7: 44-53	Matthew 12: 38-42

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				

Scan for Online Giving



Scan for July Calendar



WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the LORD does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Psalm 86: 11-17



¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk [|] in your truth;
 give me an undivided heart to re- [|] vere your name.

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with [|] all my heart,
 and glorify your name for- [|] evermore. R**

¹³ For great is your [|] love toward me;
 you have delivered me from the [|] pit of death.

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people [|] seeks
 my life;
 they have not set you be- [|] fore their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full [|] of compassion,
 slow to anger, and full of kind- [|] ness and truth.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mer- [|] cy on me;
 give your strength to your servant, and save the child [|] of your handmaid.**

¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be [|] put
 to shame;
 because you, LORD, have helped me and com- [|] forted me. 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 **As the Grains of Wheat** **ELW 465**

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 **Neither Death nor Life** **ELW 622**

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

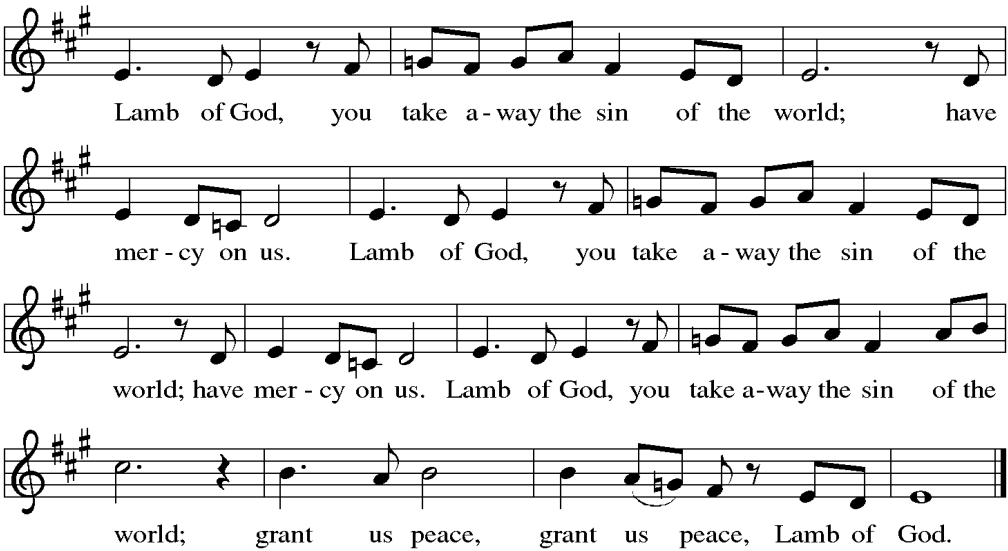
Lord's Prayer

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!



Second Reading

Romans 8: 12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God’s children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

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 Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God’s judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’

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:

²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 679

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.
God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**
P God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth’s dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**
P God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

P God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. We especially pray for those 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.)

God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**
P God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**
P God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. God of grace,
C **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.\

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.