



CHOIR RESUMES!

Choir will resume on Wednesday, September 9th at 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the choir should talk to our **Director of Music, Tim Elder**, for more information. No audition is required, only a desire to sing praises to our God. Hope to see you there!

Rally Day

We will celebrate our new program year on Sunday, September 13 on Rally Day. *Come and join us!*



MORNING and EVENING PRAYERS RESUMING!



Evening Prayer will begin again on **Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m.** This simple service of prayer, readings and song will be broadcast live on our Facebook page each week.

Morning Prayer will begin again on **Friday, September 18th at 10:00 a.m.** Once again, this service will be broadcast live on our Facebook page.

We hope you can join us each week for these mid-week prayer events. You are also more than welcome to join us in person for these prayer opportunities as well.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

A Serving Community
God's work, our hands!

Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor
Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 30, 2026
10:15 a.m.



The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude

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

Please stand.

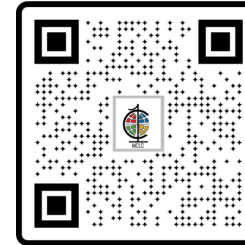
Confession and Forgiveness

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.**

Daniel and the Fiery Furnace

SCAN ME



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Online study started August 24th
Scan QR code to go to You-Tube
for study videos.

Sign up Sheet to attend movie, Saturday, September 19th is in the Narthex.



Rally Day is Sunday September 13th!

Join us as we kick off a new program year! The theme for Rally Day and for Fall faith formation is "Kingdom Quest: Following Jesus' Trail of Grace, Truth, Wonder and Service." The youth are invited at 9:30 am to pack the Lutheran World Relief School Kits in Fellowship Hall in partnership with WELCA. There will be other Bible-themed activities to prepare all ages for our kingdom quest!



Our Wednesday Bible study (10:30 am) will start again the following Wednesday (Sept 16 th). On that day, **Tom Drotleff** will be teaching about some of the on-line Bible study tools that can aid you in your own exploration of the Bible. The following Wednesday, Pastor will begin a study on the harder parables from Matthew's gospel that we will hear this Fall.

Through these and other faith formation activities, all are welcome to join us on this kingdom quest to discover more about God and our life of faith!

WELCA



Lutheran World Relief School Kits

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



Second Quarter Financial Statements

Second Quarter Statements are located in the Narthex. Thank you for picking them up so they do not have to be mailed, saving the Church postage.



The next session of our GriefShare group will start on Tuesday, September 15, at 1:00pm. There are thirteen sessions, and all are on Tuesdays, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Please register for the group at GriefShare.org.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Do you have a favorite Chili recipe? Hot? Mild? Smoking Hot? Secret Ingredients? Have you always wanted to enter it in a chili cook-off? Here's your chance—enter it in the Lord of Life Chili Cook-Off coming in September.



Details will follow soon.

Gathering Hymn

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

ELW 802

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 O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen

Please be seated

Lord of Life Book Club

“Between the Lines” Update

Please plan to join us.

A time for fellowship and good discussions on assigned books.

A CHANGE in SCHEDULING

Henceforth, instead of Saturdays, we have changed gatherings to the **Third Monday of each month at 10:00am**. We are off for the summer-starting back in September. If you want to do some summer reading and get ahead on the list, we will start back September 21, 2026.



FORTHCOMING READINGS

September 21- “The Dead Man Next Door” by Lucy Score



THE GATHERING

PLACE SENIOR CENTER EVENT

Monday, September 14th, 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.

Zack Felger, District Outreach & Education Specialist for Mahoning County Soil and Water, will present, “The Buzz of Overwintering - Protecting Pollinators.” He will address proper care for our gardens and flower-beds.

First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Daily Scripture Readings for August 24 through August 29

Mon 08/31	Tues 09/01	Wed 09/02	Thurs 09/03	Fri 09/04	Sat 09/05
Psalm 17	Psalm 17	Psalm 17	Psalm 119: 33-40	Psalm 119: 33-40	Psalm 119: 33-40
2 Samuel 11: 2-26	2 Samuel 11: 27b-12:15	Jeremiah 17: 5-18	Ezekiel 24: 1-14	Ezekiel 24: 15-27	Ezekiel 33: 1-6
Revelation 3: 1-6	Revelation 3: 7-13	Matthew 12: 22-32	2 Corinthians 12: 11-21	Romans 10: 15b-21	Matthew 23: 29-36

Serving in Worship in September

	09/06	09/13	09/20	09/27
Greeter/Usher	Jeff Dombroski	Phyllis Ruse	Gabe West	Zack West
Lector	Larry Cohol	Chris Eash	Judy McCartney	Pastor Mark Williams
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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Psalm 26: 1-8



Your love is be - fore my eyes; I have walked



faith - ful - ly, faith - ful - ly with you.



1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

² Test me, O LORD, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithful-ly with you.

⁴ I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful. R

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides. R

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 **Lift High the Cross** **ELW 660**

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

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Lamb of God

Musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God" in G major (one sharp). The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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."

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 Blest Be the Tie That Binds ELW 656

Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation in D major (two sharps). The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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 16:21-28

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

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P The gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Please stand.

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.

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 honor and glory 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!

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.



Hymn of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

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 With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in
need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the
love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross
and follow you in faith. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer**

P For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth
may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms,
and other disasters (*especially*). Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one
another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all
who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit especially those we name out loud or in our hearts-

Laurel Froelich, Dr. Ronald Gould, Chris Hunnicutt, Michael Jacques, Sean Kelly, Devon Kirtley, Todd Kirtley, Tami Kuhlmann, George Lange, Diane Malloy, Vangie McDorman, Craig Miller, Marge Pancher, Frank Scott, Staci Thomas, Bob Titus, David Titus, and Pearl Torrence.

(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 Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

P For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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: