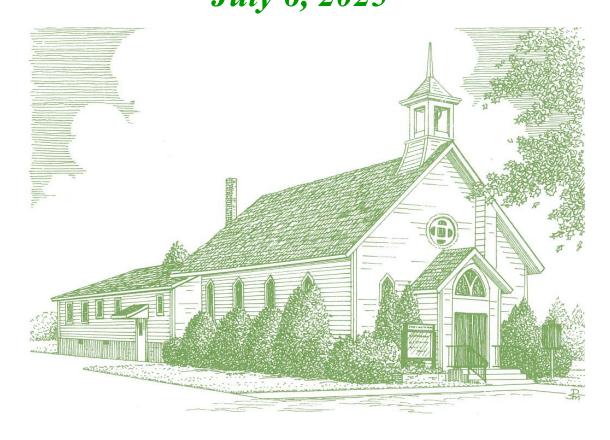
Welcome to Worship

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church July 6, 2025



CHURCH: 419-293-3445 SJLCMcComb@gmail.com

Pastor: SAM Paul Brooks - 419-722-8625 and Rev. Ken Pollitz

4th Sunday of Pentecost

July 6, 2025

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<u>Welcome:</u> Thank you to those who join us for Worship. We hope you will be blessed as we pray and sing together, as we hear God's Word read and proclaimed. We gather as equals in the sight of God, who loves us, forgives us, and is WITH US. Peace be with you.

Serving at Worship Today:

READER: David Sharninghouse ACCOMPANIST: Linda Ross

Your Servant Leaders:

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Attendance Last Sunday: 14
Offering Last Sunday: \$460.00

Direct Deposit: \$20.00 Mile of Pennies: \$5.00

<u>Prayers for the people affected by all the recent flooding:</u> We need to continuely pray for these people so they can receive the help they need. People have lost everything they own, their homes, car, clothes, just everything. They have also been hit hard with flooding in that area again as well. Please, pray for them.

<u>Food Pantry for July:</u> We would like to collect Bar Soap and Body Wash/Shower Gels. For August we would like to collect peanut butter and jelly. Thank you to everyone that helped with the contributions in June.

Order of Worship

Sunday, July 6, 2025

God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ♣ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.

*please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER REQUESTS

PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Loving God." When you exhale, pray, "help me to love like Jesus."

THE GREETING

<u>Leader</u>: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: and also with you.**

*GATHERING HYMN #673

GOD, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

<u>Leader</u>: In the name of the Father, and of the \(\mathbb{H}\) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

<u>Leader</u>: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Merciful God,

ALL: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

<u>Leader</u>: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of $\ \ \$ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

ALL: Amen.

*KYRIE

<u>Leader</u>: In Peace let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

<u>Leader</u>: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

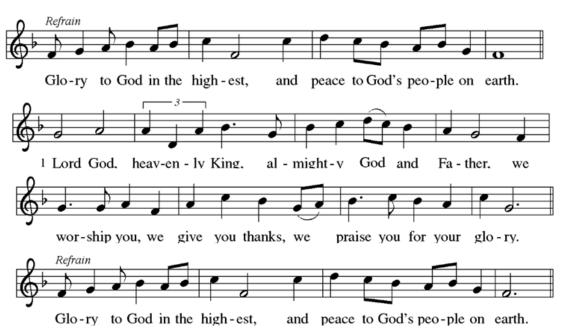
<u>Leader</u>: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

<u>Leader</u>: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. ALL: Amen.

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE

GLORY TO GOD





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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

<u>Leader</u>: Let us join our hearts and voices together in the Prayer of the Day.

ALL: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 66:10-14

<u>Reader</u>: Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her — 11 that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

¹² For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. ¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING

(responsively)

PSALM 66:1-9

Reader: Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

ALL: Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.

<u>Reader</u>: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

ALL: All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."

<u>Reader</u>: Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

ALL: God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.

<u>Reader</u>: Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

ALL: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

<u>Reader</u>: Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

GALATIANS 6:1-16

<u>Reader</u>: My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads.

⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

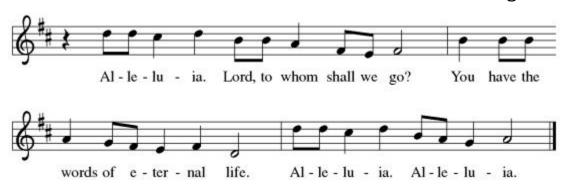
 11 See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! 12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you

to be circumcised — only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. ALL: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 3 #142



*GOSPEL READING

LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

<u>Leader</u>: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of Luke chapter 10. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<u>Leader</u>: After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of

wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

<u>Leader:</u> The gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #574

HERE I AM, LORD

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

ALL: 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 the life everlasting. Amen

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION

<u>Prayer Leader</u>: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

<u>Prayer Leader</u>: You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. God of grace, **ALL**: **hear our prayer**.

<u>Prayer Leader</u>: All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

<u>Prayer Leader</u>: You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

<u>Prayer Leader</u>: As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain. Hear our prayers for those close to our hearts - Jo, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene Eva, Eric, Lisa, Don, Ashley, Mary, Pat, Kelli, Gordon, Ellery, Ari, Josh, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, Nancy, John, Becky, JoLynn, Rick, Emily, Carl, Jim, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Barb, Amy,

Nickie, Eli, Riley, Mr. Doherty, Ron, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Laura, Michael, and Cindy. Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace, **ALL:** hear our prayer.

<u>Prayer Leader</u>: Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace, **ALL**: **hear our prayer**.

<u>Prayer Leader</u>: You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

<u>Leader</u>: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Please share God's peace with those worshiping around you.

Invitation for Offerings

<u>Leader</u>: As we present our tithes and offerings today, and we remember those less fortunate and those recovering from devastating storms and fires, let us give with gratitude for all we have received and remember that everything we have comes from God.

*Offertory response #186

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts

of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

<u>Leader</u>: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

<u>Leader</u>: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

<u>Leader</u>: Let us given thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL**: **it is right to give our thanks and praise**.

<u>Leader:</u> And so, with all creatures and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and sing:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

<u>Leader</u>: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

To you, O God, Father, ♣ Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. In the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying,

*THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US

All: 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

*THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

<u>Leader</u>: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

DISTRIBUTION

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Please join with me in prayer.

ALL: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313

O LORD NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

(VERSE 1) Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly for I have seen the rv of glo your re - deem - ing grace: light to lead na tions un - to vour ho - lv hill a the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho-sen Is - ra - el.

BLESSING





*SENDING HYMN #890

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY

*DISMISSAL

<u>Leader:</u> Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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St. John's Lutheran Church of McComb

An invitation from McComb's St. John's Lutheran Church, 203 W. South St., we will host our 11th annual Adult Vacation Bible School,

July 6th - 10th from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Activities include: singing favorite hymns, fellowship and snacks,
Bible Study on Steps of Faith and Trust with group involvement,
and community enrichment showing how faith and trust were necessary to
develop their new programs. All are invited to come to gain personal insight
into life and have fun.

No registration is required.

Our Community Enrichment Program will include speakers from:

Sunday - Blessing Basket

Monday - Bench Warmers

Tuesday - Little Panther Learning Center

Wednesday - Hope House

Thursday - Transformation Thrift Store/ City Mission



St. Luke's Church Vacation Bible School July 20-24, 2025 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served each night.

Registration for 5-year-olds through those just completing 6th Grade has begun online
@ www.myvbs.org/stlukeslutherannb, or call the church and leave a message.

<u>Farly bird deadline</u> for registration is <u>July 12</u> for a chance to win a prize.

Parents, grandparents, and guests are invited on Thursday @ 7:45 for our VBS closing program.



New friends + Amazing experiments + Creative games + Surprising adventures + Incredible music

ONE STUDENT PER FORM, PLEASE

Vacation Bible School July 20-24, 2025, Registration Form St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 215 N Second St., North Baltimore, Ohio 45872 419-257-3253

Student Name: ______ \(\)Male \(\)Female

Their Phone Number: Relationship to child:



Saturday, September 6, 2025 St. Luke's Lutheran Church North Baltimore

Bishop Daniel Beaudoin will be sharing the

ART of LISTENING

9:00am check in and snacks 1:00pm closing Cost is \$7.00 for lunch



RSVP by September 2, to St. Luke's Church @ 419-257-3253 and please leave a message.

In-kind offerings of non-perishable food items, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and laundry supplies will be received.

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. You'll be glad you did.



Calendar of Events:

Sun. July 6 - 8:00 A.M. Worship Service w/Communion

Sun. July 6- 9:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School

July – No Council Meeting – No Newsletter in Aug. - July & Aug. to be combined

July 6 - 10 - Adult Vacation Bible School Sun. thru Thur. 6 pm to 8 pm

Readers for July & Aug:

July 13 - Lori McDaniel

July 20 - Carol Cary

July 27 - Linda Ross

Aug. 3 - David Sharninghouse

In Our Prayers: John Sharninghouse, Gary Kern, Paul & Sue Maki, Betty Hornbeck, David Cary, LuAnn Beverly, Colene Shoop, Eva George, Eric & Lisa Kreh, Don Edler, Ashley Edler, Brandt Edler, Mary Scroll, Pat Newell, Gordon Myers & Ellery Robinson, Ari & Josh, Pat Cary, Linda Hoops. Pray also for the victims of all natural disasters, our shut-ins, others absent from our worship this morning, all who grieve, and all others with special needs.

AVBS: Linda Ross has done a great job getting speaker for the Community Enrichment part of our 11th annual Adult Vacation Bible School. It will truly be a joy to hear from these people. It starts tonight at 6 P.M. Please join us.



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Sent with the Seventy

Close your eyes and picture Jesus and his followers together. Most likely people either picture Jesus sitting around with the twelve disciples or standing in the midst of thousands preaching and teaching. Yet in today's gospel Jesus has



seventy followers close enough that he trusts them to be sent out in pairs to heal the sick and announce that God has come near. Seventy trusted preachers. Thirty-five pairs of preachers telling the good news of God. So telling the story is clearly not to be limited to the twelve disciples. The good news is meant to be shared far and wide by those who trust Jesus and follow him.

This is a reminder to all of the followers of Jesus of every time and place. Sharing the good news is not just the responsibility of "professionals" like clergy. Sharing the good news is the calling of everyone who follows Jesus.

Consider the assignment Jesus gives to the ones he sends. First, they are sent to cure the sick. Second, they proclaim that "the kingdom of God has come near." It has been said that "you don't throw a drowning person a sandwich." Jesus sends the seventy out with not only words of comfort but with acts of grace as well.

God's people are sent out into the world to serve in the name of Jesus each time they gather for worship. In this gospel text we are again reminded that the gospel message is to be shared in more than just words. We share the message by welcoming others, sharing bread with the hungry, and offering compassion to the afflicted. Yet our baptism also reminds us that God has first come near to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ—a relationship that is like a mother comforting a child. The promise that God is near in Christ compels us to live faithfully and compassionately, wherever our journeys take us.