

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church



July 14, 2024



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Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.

Assisting in Worship

Organist: Janet Goldner Worship Leader: Pastor Susan Kronbach Scripture Reader and Prayer Leader: Janet Goldner Ushers: JoLynn & Don Stewart Videographer: Beth Williams

To the Glory of God

July Altar Candles: *Beth & Clay McCartney* July Bulletins: *Beth & Clay McCartney* July Newsletters: *Beth & Clay McCartney*



North Baltimore Food Pantry July requested donations include: <u>cereal and pork & beans</u>. Without our help, some families in our community will go without. Please give generously.

Special Summer Mission Project requested donations for July are sprinkles, Birthday candles, small packages of Birthday dessert plates and matching napkins (if possible).

Order of Morship

Sunday, July 14, 2024

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.

Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.

GOD GATHERS US

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Holy Spirit." When you exhale, pray, "guide my life."

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

ALL: We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.

Leader: We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration

ALL: We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*GATHERING HYMN #669

RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD!

*AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♥ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. ALL: Amen.

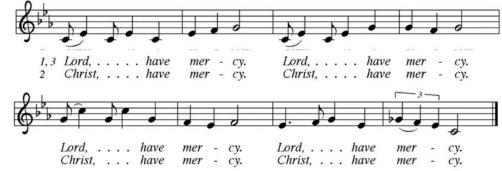
Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Please take a moment for personal reflection.

Leader: God, our provider,

ALL: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.



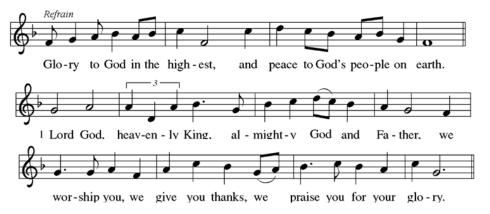


*CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE

<u>Leader</u>: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, \clubsuit the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **ALL: Amen.**



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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray together:

ALL: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

FIRST READING

Амоз 7:7-15

<u>Reader</u>: This is what the Lord GoD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, $^{\rm 15}\!and$ the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "

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

PSALM READING

(responsively)

Psalm 85:8-13

<u>Reader</u>: I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

ALL: Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

<u>Reader</u>: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

ALL: Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

<u>Reader</u>: The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

ALL: Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

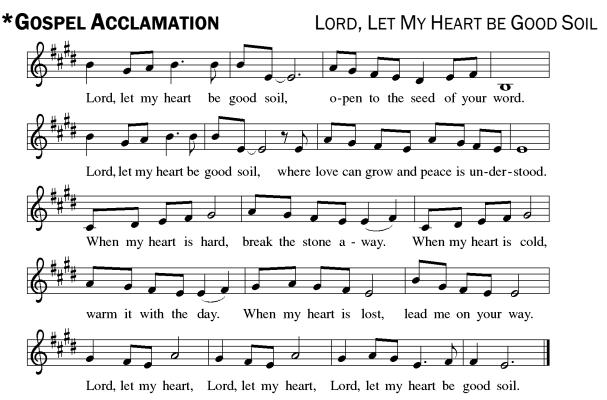
Reader: Word of God, word of life. ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

<u>Reader</u>: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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



*GOSPEL READING

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

<u>Leader</u>: There is good news for us today and if comes from the gospel according to Mark chapter 6. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<u>Leader</u>: King Herod heard of the disciples' preaching, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it

to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #838

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

***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>: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer for the church, the well-being of creation, our community, ourselves, and the people of a world in need.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Leader: In your mercy, ALL: hear our prayer.

We pray for Sue, Dave, Emily, Carl, Jim, Rick, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Barb, Kristen, Jennifer, Tony, Ron, Chase, Bob, Emelyn, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, Donnis, John, Gary, Paul, Sue,

Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Eric, Lisa, Chris, Arlene, Bob, Don, Beth, Ashley, and Pat.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

<u>Leader</u>: Let the Holy Spirit bring peace to your heart and let us share that peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: and also with you.

Please feel free to shake hands as you share God's peace.

INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

<u>Leader</u>: We come, we sing, we listen, we pray. Let us now give of ourselves through our tithes and offerings to serve the ministry and mission of this congregation, this community, and all of God's world.

OFFERTORY

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #186**

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray together,

ALL: God of grace and glory, bless these gifts, which we offer in response to your mercy, your love, and the gift of your life-giving spirit. Make us faithful followers of Jesus, with his love inscribed on our hearts and woven into all our actions. In his name we pray. Amen.

GOD NOURISHES US

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

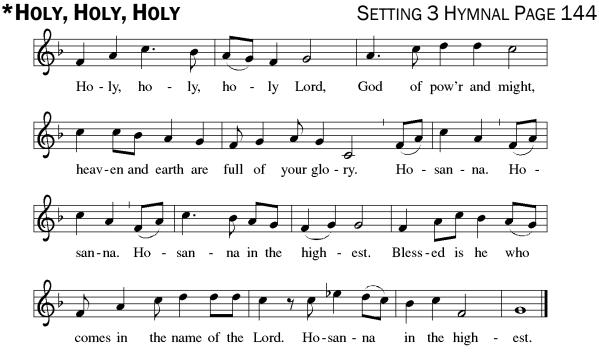
<u>Leader</u>: God's love binds us together. Grace comes to us through Christ Jesus. The Spirit moves among us giving us life.

ALL: All praise to God who is holy, almighty, and merciful.

<u>Leader</u>: As children of God, in baptism, we were sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

ALL: With our hearts lifted high, we give God thanks and praise.

<u>Leader</u>: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting, who in the multitude of your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life and sing to the God of everlasting love.



***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body, given to you. This do in

remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink of it all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do in remembrance of me." **ALL: Amen**

<u>Leader</u>: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith;

ALL: Christ died humbling himself on the cross. Christ rose to re-create our lives in him. Christ will come to make all creation new forever.

<u>Leader</u>: 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

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Leader: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

DISTRIBUTION

***TABLE BLESSING**

Leader: Through the body, blood, and spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. This is God's promise to us. May his love and mercy strengthen you and keep you in his grace. ALL: Amen

***HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #204**

THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Please join with me in prayer,

ALL: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

GOD SENDS US

*BLESSING

Leader: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, \mathbf{H} be upon you now and forever.

*THE AMEN



*SENDING HYMN #864

PRAISE. MY SOUL. THE GOD OF HEAVEN

*DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord! ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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As we leave worship each week, we remember the poor around the world by placing loose offerings in the "hunger bowls" on the Information Table in the Narthex. These gifts are then forwarded to the ELCA World Hunger Program.

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There are still <u>opportunities</u> for you to assist with VBS July 21-25. See the bulletin board in the mail hallway or call the church office weekdays between 9 and 1. Please consider helping out so that a few people are not doing it all. Even if you cannot help every day, one or two days will be a HUGE help. Thank you.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE that the office hours will change for July 22-25 due to VBS. <u>Dana will be in the office from 1-5 Monday, July 22 through Thursday, July 25, and from 9-1 on Friday, July 26.</u>

Include God in everything you do.

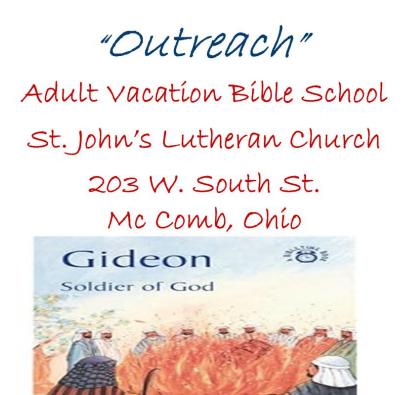


ONE STUDENT PER FORM, PLEASE

Vacation Bible School July 21-25, 2024, Registration Form

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Student Name:		_ ()Male ()Female
Date of Birth:	Grade COMPLETED:	Age:
Parent Name(s):		
Street Address:		P.O. Box:
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Primary Phone:	Secondary Phone:	
e-mail:		
Name of your Church:		
Special Needs/Allergies:		
Person Responsible for Pickup after VBS:		
Their Phone Number:	Relationship to child:	



Tuesday - Wednesday & Thursday July 16-18 6-8 p.m. Music & Singing & Snacks Our Outreach Program this year will include Speakers from The Gideons. The third night may include information regarding Kairos Prison Ministry. This is a non-denominational community gathering! Come join us and enjoy the fellowship Registration Not required

Sermon Notes

Write 3 teachings or ideas you heard in today's sermon:

1. 2.

3.

Something I might do to put this sermon into practice.

Write a brief prayer relating to the sermon.



Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

<u>WE GIVE THANKS</u>: for the leadership of Pastor Susan Kronbach. Thanks be to God!

MEMBERS: Sue & Dave Ebersole, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler,

Bertha Carter, Barb Williams.

<u>FAMILY AND FRIENDS</u>: Kristen, Jennifer Dochod, Tony Matthes, Ron Stewart, Chase, Bob, Emelyn, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

MILITARY: for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

<u>COMPANION CHURCH</u>: Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS: all ministries of the ELCA (<u>E</u>vangelical <u>L</u>utheran <u>C</u>hurch in <u>A</u>merica), our presiding <u>Bishop Elizabeth Eaton</u>, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (<u>Northwestern O</u>hio <u>Synod</u>), <u>Bishop Daniel Beaudoin</u>, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

THE WORLD: for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.

Speaking Truth to Power

Few of us want to hear a hard truth, and perhaps fewer of us want to be the ones called to deliver one. Today's texts remind us that bearing God's word is risky business. King Jereboam exiles the prophet Amos for calling him to account. Herod delivers John the baptizer's head on a platter to his wife, Herodias, to fulfill a promise he never should have made. Speaking truth to power can cost us our lives.

Yet this is exactly what God calls us to do. God's prophets are ordinary people called to deliver an extraordinary message. Listen to the praise Paul heaps on the Ephesians, naming them as God's blessed, God's chosen, and God's adopted children (Eph. 1:3-5). It is the kind of pep talk coaches give their players just before sending them back into the game against a seemingly unbeatable team. Like Amos, who freely confesses his humble background and unlikely credentials, we are sent from worship each week to proclaim God's in-breaking reign to all the powers that profess to rule this world.



Still, beneath the apparent victory of power over truth, there is a hidden story bursting through the seams of this tale. Yes, John the Baptist dies, but the integrity of his witness outshines all of Herod's corrupt court intrigues. Herod himself was drawn to John's preaching, and in the end it is Herod's character that seems most tragic.

Like Herod, we are each challenged to really listen to the challenging voice of God in our day and age, and to turn away from the lures and temptations

that attempt to seduce us away from fidelity to God. Through us, God speaks words of peace, love, and faithfulness that challenge the world's violence, hatred, and treachery.

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