

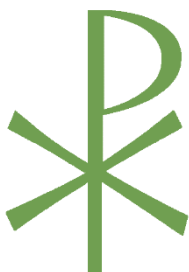
Welcome to Worship

# St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church



215 North Second Street, North Baltimore, Ohio 45872-1105

*October 12, 2025*



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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*  
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Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Tiffany Mika*  
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## To the Glory of God

October: *Nancy & Jim Wymer*  
October Bulletins: *Nancy & Jim Wymer*  
October Newsletters: *Nancy & Jim Wymer*

## Gods Work Our Hands Service Project

We are asking for monetary donations to purchase can openers for the food pantry. Often times people cannot receive canned goods as they do not have a can opener. Please us the pink envelopes in the pews for these donations. Thank you.

## The North Baltimore Food Pantry

The requested donations for **OCTOBER** are canned fruits, veggies, and soups. Please give joyously and generously so that no one goes without. Thank you.

# Order of Worship

Sunday, October 12, 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.*

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## 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

Leader: 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 #824

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**ALL: Amen.**

Leader: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Please take a moment for silent confession.*

Leader: Gracious God,

**ALL: our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too**

**harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, and the strength to walk behind you. Amen.**

Leader: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**ALL: Amen.**

## **\* KYRIE**

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

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

Leader: 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.**

Leader: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

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

## **\* CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

THIS IS THE FEAST

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.



## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**ALL:** Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## PSALM READING

*(responsively)*

PSALM 34:1-22

Reader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**ALL: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Reader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

**ALL: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Reader: Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**ALL: This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord and was saved from every trouble.**

Reader: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

**ALL: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.**

Reader: O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

**ALL: The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

Reader: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**ALL: Which of you desires life and covets many days to enjoy good?**

Reader: Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

**ALL: Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.**

Reader: The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

**ALL: The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

Reader: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and rescues them from all their troubles.

**ALL: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Reader: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.

**ALL: He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.**

Reader: Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**ALL: The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## **\*GOSPEL READING**

JOHN 20:21-23

Reader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of John chapter 20. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Reader: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Reader: The gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT**

1 SAMUEL 3:1-21

Leader: Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup> the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup> Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup> On that day I will



fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup> Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup> Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup> But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup> Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup> As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. <sup>21</sup> The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

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

## **THE MESSAGE**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY #511**

THY STRONG WORD

### **\*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**

Prayer Leader: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Leader: God of grace, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

We pray for Steve, Karen, Lisa, Bertha, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, Nancy, John, Becky, JoLynn, Emily, Carl, Jim, Rick, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Barb, Christina, Mike, Dennis, Anita, Amy, Nickie, Eli, Riley, Mr. Doherty, Ron, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Michael, Cindy, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Eric, Lisa, Don, Ashley, Mary, Pat, Gordon, Ellery, Ari, and Josh.

## **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: 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**

Leader: We offer prayers of confession and thanksgiving. We sing praises with grateful hearts and voices. We listen for the Word of God to guide us along our journey. Let us give our tithes and offerings to continue our service to the Lord through the ministry and mission of this congregation.

## **OFFERTORY**

## \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #186

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

**ALL: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

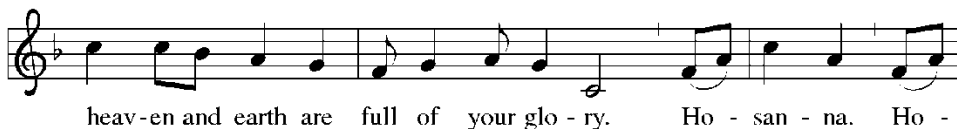
Leader: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL: it is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: 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**

Leader: 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**

Leader: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and be satisfied.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Please join with me in prayer.

**ALL: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## \*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313

O LORD NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

(VERSE 1)



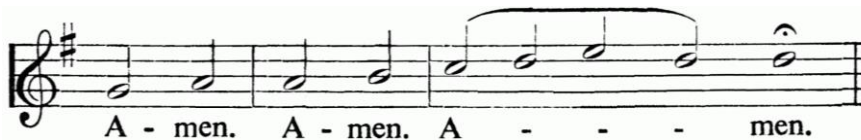
I O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill.  
the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

## \*BLESSING

Leader: Live without fear. Your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you like a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

## \*The Amen



A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

## \*SENDING HYMN #856

HOW GREAT THOU ART

## \*DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

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**WE GIVE THANKS:** for Paul and for Pastor Ken for their leadership and their gifts of time and talents for us. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Steve Pritts, Karen Krauss, Lisa Claybaugh, Bertha Carter, Eloise Matthes, Rose Marie Hosley, Mike Wheeler, Nancy Wymer, John Stewart, JoLynn Stewart, 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, Barb Williams.

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**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.

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

**COMPANION CHURCH:** Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**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.



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Speak, for your servant is listening."

—1 Samuel 3:10

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Filling in the gaps. A thought to consider as you read: **You will read passages this week that ask for obedience. Think of ways you could become more open to God's word.***

|           |                   |                              |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Sunday    | 1 Samuel 3:1-21   | God Calls Samuel             |
| Monday    | 1 Samuel 7: 3-17  | Samuel's Role in Israel      |
| Tuesday   | 1 Samuel 8: 1-22  | Israel Demands a King        |
| Wednesday | 1 Samuel 10:17-27 | Saul Is Named King of Israel |
| Thursday  | 1 Samuel 12: 1-25 | Samuel's Farewell            |
| Friday    | 1 Samuel 13:1-15  | Saul's Unlawful Sacrifice    |
| Saturday  | 1 Samuel 15:1-35  | Saul Is Rejected as King     |
| Sunday    | 1 Samuel 16:1-13  | God Chooses David            |
|           | Psalms 51:10-14   |                              |

*If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. **Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!***

## SERVICE CHALLENGE

*SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.*

God called Samuel to speak God's word to the people. Who can you call this week to show your care and support?

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