

**W**elcome to **W**orship

**St. Luke's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church**



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

*June 21, 2026*



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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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### **To the Glory of God**

**June** Altar Candles, Bulletins, & Newsletters: *Renée & Ed Vanaman*

### **Food Pantry Needs**

The **June** requests are pastas, pasta sauces, and soups.

### **Feed the Children**

For **June** we are asking you to bring Macaroni 'N Cheese cups.

# **Happy Fathers' Day!**

# Order of Worship

Sunday, June 21, 2026

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 listen."

### 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 #812

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

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### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **ALL: Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Leader: Compassionate God,

**ALL: 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.**

## \*KYRIE



1, 3 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
2 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

## \*CONFESSION RESPONSE

Leader: 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.

**ALL: Amen.**

## \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

GLORY TO GOD



*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in 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 for your glo-ry.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in 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.



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



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Please join me in prayer, Lord God,

**ALL: teach us to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

LUKE 1:46-55

Reader: And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.

Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, <sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; <sup>50</sup>indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup>He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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

## PSALM READING

*(responsively)*

PSALM 77 :1-15, 20

Reader: I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

**ALL: In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.**

Reader: I think of God, and I moan; I meditate, and my spirit faints.

**ALL: You keep my eyelids from closing; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.**

Reader: I consider the days of old and remember the years of long ago.

**ALL: I commune with my heart in the night; I meditate and search my spirit:**

Reader: “Will the Lord spurn forever and never again be favorable?”

**ALL: Has his steadfast love ceased forever? Are his promises at an end for all time?**

Reader: Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?”

**ALL: And I say, “It is my grief that the right hand of the Most High has changed.”**

Reader: I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.

**ALL: I will meditate on all your work and muse on your mighty deeds.**

Reader: Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

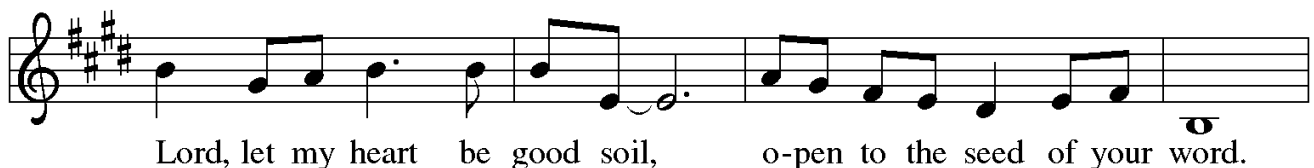
**ALL: You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.**

Reader: With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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

## \*ACCLAMATION OF THE WORD

LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL





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.

## \*OLD TESTAMENT READING

RUTH 4:1-22

Leader: No sooner had Boaz gone up to the gate and sat down there than the next-of-kin of whom Boaz had spoken came passing by. So Boaz said, “Come over; sit down here.” And he went over and sat down. <sup>2</sup>Then Boaz took ten men of the elders of the town and said, “Sit down here,” so they sat down. <sup>3</sup>He then said to the next-of-kin, “Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our kinsman Elimelech. <sup>4</sup>So I thought I would tell you of it and say: Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not, tell me, so that I may know; for there is no one prior to you to redeem it, and I come after you.” So he said, “I will redeem it.” <sup>5</sup>Then Boaz said, “The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man’s name on his inheritance.” <sup>6</sup>At this, the next-of-kin said, “I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.”

<sup>7</sup>Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging to confirm a transaction: the one took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner of attesting in Israel. <sup>8</sup>So when the next-of-kin said to Boaz, “Acquire it for yourself,” he took off his sandal. <sup>9</sup>Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses today that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. <sup>10</sup>I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man’s name on his inheritance, in

order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses.” <sup>11</sup> Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, “We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; <sup>12</sup> and, through the children that the Lord will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.”

<sup>13</sup> So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. <sup>14</sup> Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel! <sup>15</sup> He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” <sup>16</sup> Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse. <sup>17</sup> The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

<sup>18</sup> Now these are the descendants of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron, <sup>19</sup> Hezron of Ram, Ram of Amminadab, <sup>20</sup> Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of Salmon, <sup>21</sup> Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed, <sup>22</sup> Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of David.

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

## **THE MESSAGE**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY #339**

CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING

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### **\*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: Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

Prayer Leader: Merciful God, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

We pray for Ned, Lorraine, Pat, Rut, Ruth, Steve, Lisa, Bertha, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, John, JoLynn, Emily, Carl, Jim, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Barb, Charles, Dan, Heather, Granger, Owen, Mike, Diana, Sean, Judy, Christina, Mike, Riley, Dennis, Anita, Nickie, Eli, Mr. Doherty, Ron, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Michael, Cindy, John, Sue, Carol, David, Betty, LuAnn, Colene, Teri, Eric, Lisa, Kris, Don, Ashley, Brandt, Mary, Pat, Gordon, Vicki, Josh, Linda, and Ellery.

Prayer leader: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **\*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 #188

### CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray, Almighty God,

**ALL: receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you now and forever. 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 of God. **ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



## \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

### DISTRIBUTION

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Please join with me in prayer,

**ALL: 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. Amen.**

## \*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313

O LORD NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

(VERSE 1)



1 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: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**\*The Amen**



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

**\*SENDING HYMN #658**

O JESUS, JOY OF LIVING HEARTS

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**\*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.*

**HAPPY FATHERS' DAY!**  
**HAVE A BLESSED DAY!**

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## Some of my favorite Hymns

During the months of July and August we will be incorporating some of YOUR favorite hymns into our worship services. You will find a piece of colored paper in this bulletin. Please use it to jot down your favorite hymns and place it in the offering plates or hand it to Paul after worship. Seasonal hymns are welcome.



## Faith of Our Fathers



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

## Christ, the Life of All the Living



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
2 You have suf-fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
3 Then, for all that bought my par-don, for the sor-rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf-f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
for you chose to be tor-ment-ed that my doom should be pre-vent - ed.  
thank you for the groan-ing, sigh-ing, for the bleed-ing and the dy - ing,



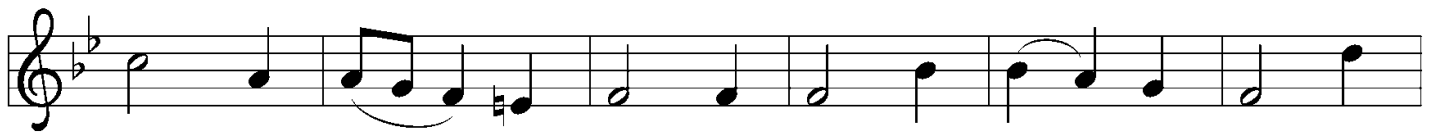
Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

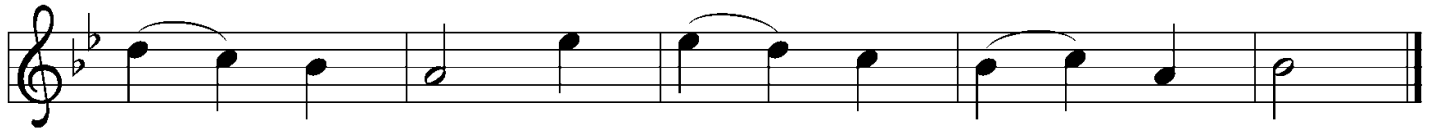
## O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.  
 Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815



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

**WE GIVE THANKS:** for fathers. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Ron Bean, Ned Slaughterbeck, Lorraine Ferguson, Pat Wheeler, Rut Heilman, Ruth McKee, Steve Pritts, Lisa Claybaugh, Bertha Carter, Eloise Matthes, Rose Marie Hosley, Mike Wheeler, John Stewart, JoLynn Stewart, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Kolton Williams, Cheryl Kruse, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Barb Williams.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Charles Edens, Dan Lammers, Dennis Bauer, Heather Wymer, Granger, Owen, Diana, Sean Mills, Judy Sowards, Christina Webb, Mike, Riley Guy, Anita Roberts, Nickie Whitman, Eli Swartz, Mr. Doherty, Ron Stewart, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

**GRIEVING:** for the family and friends of Mike Thompson, who passed away on June 7. Mike was Dani Beltz's uncle.

**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.

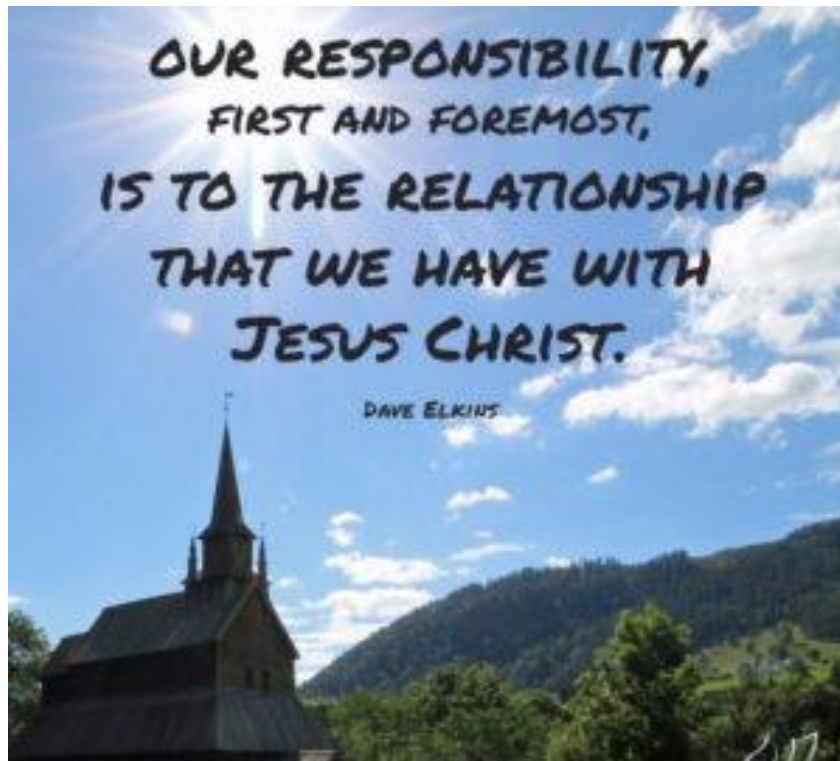
**COMPANION CHURCH:** Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**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.

**THE WORLD:** for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another.

# God Comes First

God is, the theologians say, transcendent—beyond us, always exceeding our easy grasp. Recognizing God’s awesome transcendence brings a reevaluation of other values. The God of vertigo-inspiring infinitude is also the God who knows the hairs of our head. Trusting this God, fear is defanged and faith becomes a sort of courage. We live in faithful relationship to the hair-counting God as we joyfully “acknowledge” the one who acknowledges us. And as we do so, reveling in the intimacy of God’s loving regard for us, other relationships, even familial ones, take on a different cast. God comes first, we realize, not only in priority, but ontologically, “in the beginning” (John 1:1). Before the God who is at once gracious and transcendent, we “lose” our lives and discover the true life in following the way of Jesus the crucified Son.



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