



Lutheran Church of the Covenant
Maple Heights, OH

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Communion will be distributed by the Pastor and Assistants.
You may stay in your vehicle or setup a chair anywhere you like.
Speakers will be set up front by the worship leaders so that everyone can hear and participate from their respective spots.
We encourage you to participate throughout the worship by speaking the **bold** print and singing along with the hymns!
You will not be asked to stand during the worship, so feel free to remain seated throughout.
An offering basket is placed up-front by the podium.

Our Worship Leaders & Staff

Presiding Minister	Rev. Andrea McDonough
Organist	Gerry Mass
Lector	Bert Zahn
Reader	Marei Zahn
Parish Administrator	Jennifer Lasher-Dobush
Custodian	Vince Besednjak

Dismissal
Go forth to share the light of God’s compassion with all the world, for God has given us the inheritance of the saints. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Praying Together

... for those who are homebound, ill, hospitalized or recuperating:
Gayle Agg, Nora Beach, Joan Clarke, Chuck Dickey, Olive Evanofski, Bill Flick, Barbara Fossa, Ken Frajter, Donna Franz, Barb Gaglione, Michelle Garnett, Rosa Garnett, Jane Gradert, Linda Johnson, Dorrie Kearns, Dylan King, Elaine Knerem, Nel Lanese, Barbara Mingee, Phyllis Nemeth, Dick Ptak, Madeline Ptak, Arlene Stoltz, Barb Toth, Maud Wright, Wilma Dancy, Bill Helmick, Nancy Helmick, Robert Lambrecht, Laura Mele, Judy Morgan, Kris Sandor, Lois Williams, Eugene Winfrey, the Copeland/Lane Family.

Last Week
General Fund receipts for week ending 6/29/2025:\$ 2137.00
General Fund receipts for week ending 7/6/2025:\$ 1417.00

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean Rusher:
Memorials were given by: **Altar Guild , Gwen Susanek**

of the gospel. And may the Holy Spirit guide you in wisdom and understanding, so that the world can flower with the love of God.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* WOV #730



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

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Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune
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9:00 a.m. July 6th, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

The God who demands justice from us is the God who pours out mercy upon us. Trusting in that gracious love, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

God of Mercy:

We confess that we have failed to live as your beloved sons and daughters. We have set our minds on the things of this world, and we have neglected the inheritance of love you bestow upon your saints. We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business; we have harbored uncharitable thoughts toward our enemies and friends; we have avoided difficult responsibilities to our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our selfish ways and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ is merciful to all who turn to him in repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

Gathering Song: *God Is Here* WOV# 719

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn

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.

Post-Communion Prayer

Creator God, we give you thanks for all that we remember as we have shared this meal: your birth, your life, your death and resurrection. We give you thanks for the eternal presence of your Spirit with us. May this meal we have shared renew and inspire us to join more joyfully with you as you work for peace and justice in the world.
Amen.

Blessing

May God fill you with the knowledge of God's will. May Jesus Christ, who has rescued you, give you constant faith to speak the true word

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: O Sing to God Above ELW # 555

1 Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de a - le - grí - a,
2 Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de a - la - ban - za
1 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of joy - ful greet-ing,
2 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of praise and bless-ing,
un cán - ti - co de a - mor al na - cer el nue - vo dí - a.
que ex - pre - se nues - tro a - mor, nues - tra fe y nues - tra es - pe - ran - za.
a song of grate - ful love in the new day's light re - peat - ing:
a song of grate - ful love, hope and faith our hearts ex - press - ing:
El hi - zo el cie - lo, el mar, el sol y las es - tre - llas
En to - da la crea - ción pre - go - na su gran - de - za,
you made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splen - dor;
cre - a - tion lifts its voice to tell your might and glo - ry,
y vio en e - llos bon - dad, pues sus o - bras e - ran be - llas.
a - sí nues - tro can - tar va a nun - cian - do su be - lle - za.
de - light shone in your eye— all your works were filled with won - der.
and we, too, will re - joice to pro - claim the sav - ing sto - ry.
Refrain / Estribillo
¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya! Can - te - mos al Se -
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Oh, sing to God a -
ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu -
bove: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu -
ya! Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!
ia! Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!
Last time
Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!
Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, as you are gracious to us, give to your church the grace to serve you with courage, that our lives may be a witness to your compassion and our actions a testimony to your mercy. Though Jesus Christ our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. **Amen.**

Children's Moment

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, it is good, and it is joyful
to give thanks to you, God of mystery and miracle.

When there was only darkness,
you made light.
When we cried out to you from captivity,
you claimed us as your own.
When we forgot our love for you,
you did not forget us,
sending your prophets to turn us around and
renewing your promises
with a bow in the sky,
the parting of the sea,
your own Son.
And so we praise you,
tuning our voices to the angels' songs,
joining all those who sing on earth and in heaven:

Sanctus (next page)

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you**

Music Interlude: *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

WOV #759



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Offering Prayer

Receive these gifts, O God. May our lives be an offering that is pleas - ing to you, good gifts that come from the knowledge of life in Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

- ¹ To [|] you, O LORD,
I lift [|] up my soul.
- ² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be [|] put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph [|] over me.**
- ³ Let none who look to you be [|] put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame [|] who are treacherous.
- ⁴ **Show me your [|] ways, O LORD,
and teach [|] me your paths.**
- ⁵ Lead me in your [|] truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all [|] the
day long.
- ⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compas - [|] sion and love,
for they are from [|] everlasting.**
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and [|] my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake
of your good - [|] ness, O LORD.
- ⁸ **You are gracious and up - [|] right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners [|] in your way.**
- ⁹ You lead the low - [|] ly in justice
and teach the low - [|] ly your way.
- ¹⁰ **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast [|] love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your [|] testimonies.**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

hear our prayer.

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing (*especially*). Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

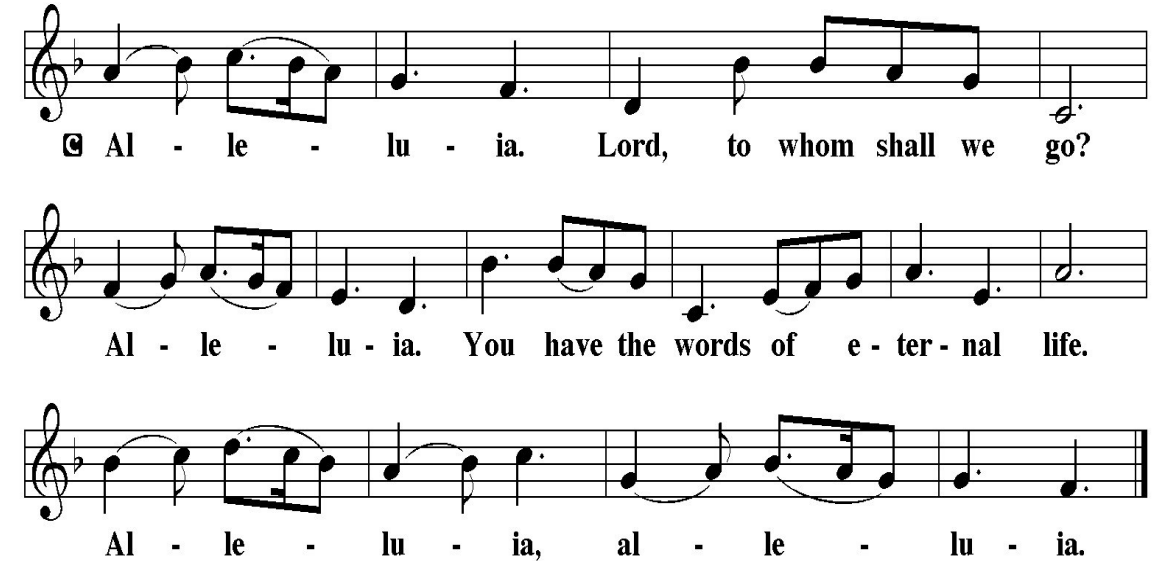
Prayers of the People

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace,

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you O Lord.**

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my

neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

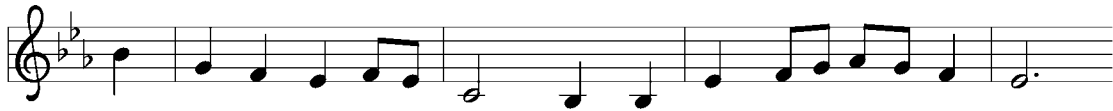
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *We Are All One in Mission* WOV # 755



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune
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