



Lutheran Church of the Master

Bedford, OH

Lutheran Church of the Covenant

Maple Heights, OH

Pentecost Sunday

The Lutheran Church of the Master and the Lutheran Church of the Covenant welcome you to worship! Here are a few notes to make you feel more at home as we praise the God of new life together!

All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. The usher will invite you to the front. If you would prefer a blessing, simply let the pastor know.

The offering basket is located at the rear of the sanctuary. Please make sure that your envelope/check is labeled for your church—there are extra envelopes if needed.

We encourage you to participate throughout worship by speaking the **bold** print and singing along with the hymns! An asterisk * indicates where you are invited to stand as you are able and comfortable.

There is a service project and potluck lunch in the hall after the service (the hall is located downstairs and an accessible ramp is located through the stage door in the back of the parking lot). All are welcome!

A children's table is located at the back of the sanctuary, where you'll find some books and activities to help children feel more at home in worship.

Praying Together

... for those who are homebound, ill, hospitalized or recuperating:

Church of the Covenant: Gayle Agg, Nora Beach, Joan Clarke, Bruce Constant, 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, Jean Rusher, 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.

Church of the Master: Ken Detman, Harvey Biederman, John Diczhazy, Kevin Youngblood, Barb Diczhazy, Barbara Youngblood, Willie Youngblood, Bill Zehe, Janice Werstak, Corinne Slifka, Sue Martin, Vicki Salvi, Philip Meyfarth, Sally Meyfarth, John Sardinak, Rosanne Macik, Antoine Bishop, Bruce Crum, Latresia Alexander, Linda Johnson.

Joint Worship Service

9:00 a.m. June 8, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession & Forgiveness

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

You send forth your spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.


We are steadfastly protected by Christ, and by the touch of his grace we are raised into sure trust of salvation. In the strong assurance of pardon, let us confess our sin.

Holy God, without your power, we are lost.


We have done the things we would avoid, and what you desire, we have not done. By your purifying fire transform our lives; guide us into honesty and compassion, so that filled with your peace, our dreams and visions may be one with yours; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. By the power in whom we live and move and have our being, I pronounce to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins, through the ☩ holy Trinity, one God, whose mercy is everlasting. **Amen.**


***Gathering Song: *Holy Spirit Root of Life* ELW# 399**



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621
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***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.**

***Dismissal**

Now go in peace. Love the commandments, keep them, honor them, do right by your neighbors, and listen to the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please join us for a service project and a potluck, a time of fellowship in the hall after worship. An accessible ramp to the hall is located in the rear of the church.

Serving in Worship with You Today:

Readers: Paula Hohenstein, Judy Detman

Lector: Allan Treichel

Communion Assistant: Dale Mihocik

Greeters: Charlotte Zaranka, Barb Gaglione

Usher: Vince Besednjak

Musician: Gerry Mass

Pastor: Rev. Andrea McDonough

Sending Hymn: *The Spirit Sends us Forth to Serve*

ELW # 551



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820
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*Hymn of Praise *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* ELW #414



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900
Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

*Prayer of the Day

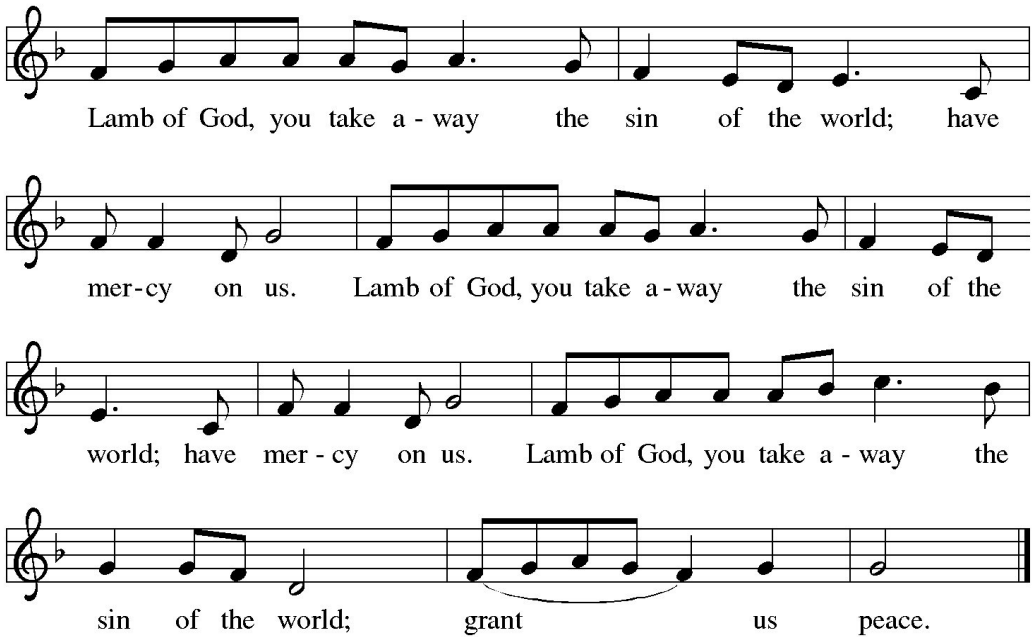
Holy God, who comes to us in breath, visits us from the throne of heaven, and sets us aflame with amazement and joy, you open our paths to new visions and guide our feet deeper into your wisdom. Give us faith to trust your presence, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children’s Moment

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

¹⁻² At one time, the whole Earth spoke the same language. It so happened that as they moved out of the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled down.
³ They said to one another, “Come, let’s make bricks and fire them well.” They used brick for stone and tar for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, “Come, let’s build ourselves a city and a tower that reaches Heaven. Let’s make ourselves famous so we won’t be scattered here and there across the Earth.”
⁵ GOD came down to look over the city and the tower those people had built.
⁶⁻⁹ GOD took one look and said, “One people, one language; why, this is only a first step. No telling what they’ll come up with next—they’ll stop at nothing! Come, we’ll go down and garble their speech so they won’t understand each other.” Then GOD scattered them from there all over the world. And they had to quit building the city. That’s how it came to be called Babel, because there GOD turned their language into “babble.” From there GOD scattered them all over the world.

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



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.

*Post-Communion Prayer

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

*Blessing

Now may the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, guide you in the ways of God and fill you ☩ with the peace that only Christ can give. **Amen.**

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.**

***Invitation to Communion**

Communion Distribution

The usher will invite you forward for communion. Receive the wafer from the pastor, then move toward your side to receive the wine from the assistant. If you'd like communion brought to your seat, please let the usher know.

Communion Hymn (next page)

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34 35b

²⁴ How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷ **All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³² You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴ May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b} **Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospel: John 14:8-17, 25-27

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Lord our God, how great are your works.
You created the world and all that is in it,
but we rebelled against your sovereign love,
seeking to storm the gates of heaven,
trying to make a name for ourselves in the world.

Yet by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
you have given us your own name
and have made us your own people.

Now send forth your life-giving Spirit
to renew and re-create us.
Save us, Lord! We call upon your name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n 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.



1 We praise you, O God, our re-deem-er, cre-a-tor;
3 With voices u-nit-ed our prais-es we of-fer
in grate-ful de-vo-tion our trib-ute we bring,
and glad-ly our songs of thanks-giv-ing we raise.
We lay it be-fore you; we kneel and a-dore you;
With you, Lord, be-side us, your strong arm will guide us.
we bless your ho-ly name; glad prais-es we sing.
To you, our great re-deem-er, for-ev-er be praise!

*Offering Prayer

Make us thankful every day, O God, for the gifts that alight upon us from your bounty. Guide us to use these offerings to your glory for the health of your people and this creation. **Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving

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

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

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

⁸ Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees the Spirit nor knows the Spirit You know the Spirit because the Spirit abides with you, and the Spirit will be in you.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

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

Pentecost Hymn *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW # 400



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Give comfort to all people who are refugees from war and famine, those who are lonely and frightened, ill, imprisoned, homeless, or without work, and those who face death today. We pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud . . .
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

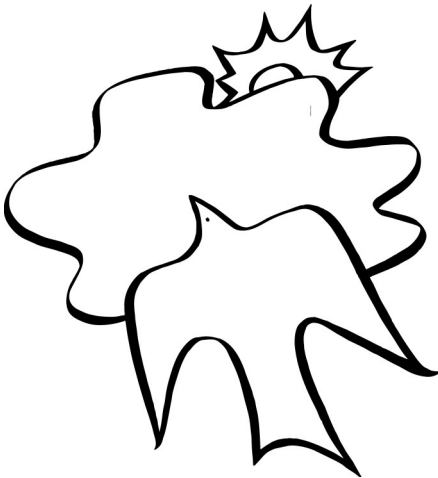
Knowing it is your Holy Spirit who has flowed through your witness - es of ages past, we give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us. With them, and with confidence that you hear our prayers, we commend all for whom we lift our voices, trusting that you give more than we need. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

Please share the peace in the way you feel most comfortable— hand - shake, high - five, fist - bump, etc.

***The Offertory Hymn: *We Praise You O God* ELW #870**

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Prayers of the People

With joy for the gift of the Holy Spirit, together let us pray for the well-being of the church, the world, and all in need.

Lord, we thank you for the wonder that erupted on the day of Pentecost, for the birth of the church, for the gifts of amazement and challenge, and for all the witnesses whose lives have been altered by your power alive in our world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the many peoples of this earth whose visions differ, whose languages offer special insights, whose ways of worship and compassion feed our own, we thank you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth itself, through whose creatures we see your love and in whose winds we remember the coming of the Spirit, we thank you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make us grateful for the confounding experiences the Holy Spirit's presence creates in our lives, for the marvel of new visions, for the wisdom in prophetic words, and for the prayers of your great high priest. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make us hungry to protect the health and nurturance of all people; let your fire burn in the leaders of the nations, in governors and mayors, on city councils and school boards; guard the lives of peacemakers, soldiers, philosophers, and artists. Pool the skills and passion of all your people for the sake of our delight and the nourishment of others. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pentecost Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams.
 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
 and they shall prophesy.
 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
 saved."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon



*Hymn of the Day: Spirit, Open My Heart ACS #1043

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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