

## **Last Week**

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**Lutheran Church of the Covenant**  
**Maple Heights, OH**

***Fourth 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
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Dismissal

The harvest truly is great.  
**There is a need for peace in the world.**  
The harvest truly is great.  
**People are sick and in need of solace.**  
The harvest truly is great.  
**Humanity needs to hear that the kingdom of God has come.**  
God calls us to go and labor in the harvest.  
Don't hesitate! Don't be weary!  
Jesus has promised that he will give us  
the power needed to do God's will.  
**Let us go rejoicing! Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Praying Together

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

Blessing

May the God who heals, accompany you with hope so that you may face life’s uncertainties. May the teacher, Jesus Christ, send you out as disciples certain of his words and power. And may the Holy Spirit fill you with an unceasing desire to do good wherever you are. Blessed are the ones who go in the name of the Lord! **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn: *Oh, Sing to the Lord* WOV # 795**



1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.  
3 Oh, shout to our God, and give us the Spir - it.  
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.  
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. July 6th, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

When we walk from darkness into the light we can see ourselves as we really are. We see the spots of sin more clearly, and we realize that we need God’s healing and redemption. Come and confess your sins to God, and wade into the river of the Healer’s mercy.

**God, you have caught us in our sinful behavior. We come to you with the hope of your restoration. We walk with our heads held high, without noticing others and their burdens. We are even blinded to our own! We keep our mouths silenced when we are full of stories to share about the good things that you have done for us. We even keep our actions silenced as we become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world that we do nothing to overcome them. Fill us with your peace and with your mercy. Free us from the destruction of sin and restore us to a life lived in you. Amen.**

Peace is what you receive from God when you know that your sins are forgiven. Peace is what you have when you know that the destruction of sin cannot harm you, because you are not alone in your journey of life. Therefore, peace, my sisters and brothers! In Jesus we have received forgiveness, and we have been restored!  
**Thanks be to God!**

# Gathering Song: Lord You Give the Great Commission

WOV# 756



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap -  
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise,  
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:



*Refrain*  
With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.


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## Greeting


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

# \*Invitation to Communion

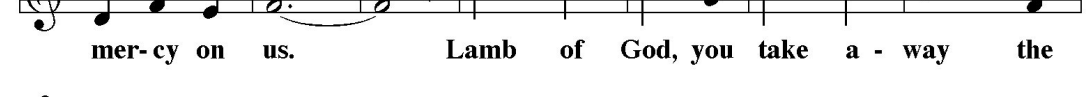
## Communion Hymn



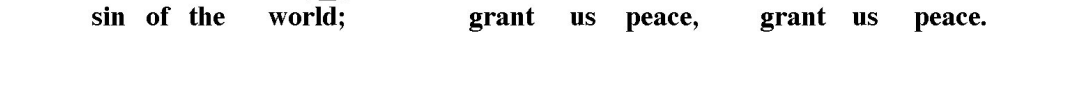
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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 resurrec-  
tion. 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.**

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

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.

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 - le - 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

O God, you send us out into the world as your disciples. Allow the church to be a healing presence, a place and a people that live out the essence of your kingdom, here and now; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. **Amen.**

## Children's Moment

### First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;  
rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—  
<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast,  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the LORD:  
I will extend prosperity to her like a river  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream,  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm  
and bounced on her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

## 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

## 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.

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Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune  
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## Offering Prayer

Merciful God, In your love, you have given us the strength to stand up and continue on our journey. In your wisdom, you have taken a chance on us, by allowing us to be part of your holy plans and your message. Help us to use the gifts you have given us with mercy, love, and wisdom, so that we can continue to honor the trust you have put on us. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass,  
and it shall be known that the power of the LORD is with his serv-  
ants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

## Psalm: Psalm 66:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, <sup>1</sup> all you lands;  
be joyful, <sup>1</sup> all the earth.  
<sup>2</sup> **Sing the glory <sup>1</sup> of God's name;**  
**sing the glory <sup>1</sup> of God's praise.**  
<sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome <sup>1</sup> are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies <sup>1</sup> cringe before you.  
<sup>4</sup> **All the earth bows <sup>1</sup> down before you,**  
**sings to you, sings <sup>1</sup> out your name."**  
<sup>5</sup> Come now and see the <sup>1</sup> works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds <sup>1</sup> toward all people.  
<sup>6</sup> **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the**  
**wa- <sup>1</sup> ter on foot,**  
**and there we re- <sup>1</sup> joiced in God.**  
<sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- <sup>1</sup> ver the nations;  
let no rebels ex- <sup>1</sup> alt themselves.  
<sup>8</sup> **Bless our <sup>1</sup> God, you peoples;**  
**let the sound of <sup>1</sup> praise be heard.**  
<sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us a- <sup>1</sup> mong the living  
and has not allowed our <sup>1</sup> feet to slip.

## Second Reading: Galatians 6 [1-6], 7-16

[<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow

news. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain. Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for  
the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Cen-  
ter the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the  
example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good

this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of  
God.

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

## \*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on  
ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself in-  
tended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the la-  
borers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out la-

borers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

<sup>16</sup> "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup> He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *Here I Am Lord*      WOV # 752



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,      I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,      I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,      I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin      my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them.      They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them.      My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,      I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone,      give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide      till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them?      Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them.      Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them.      Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord.      Is it I, Lord?      I have heard you  
call-ing in the night.      I will go, Lord,      if you  
lead me.      I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte  
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