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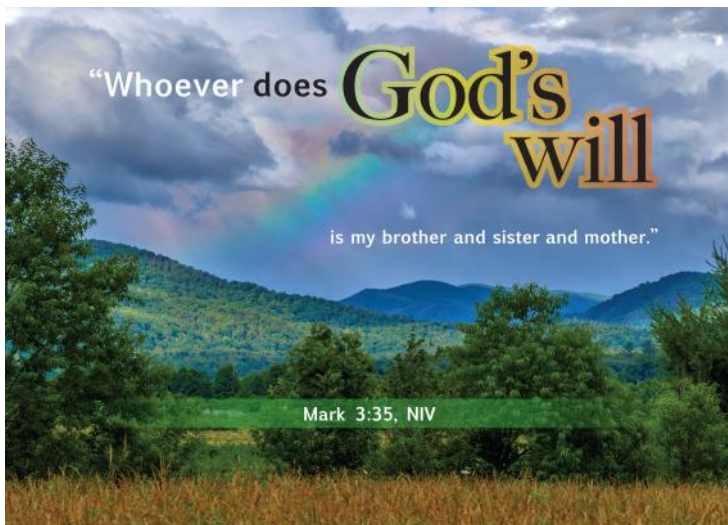
# *WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN*

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*A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.*

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**First Lutheran Church**

**Tiffin, Ohio**

**June 9, 2024**

**"The 3rd Sunday after  
Pentecost"**

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## ***PRELUDE***

*VILLE DU HAURE*

*Michael Burkhardt*

*Three Hymn Improvisations for Organ*

*III. When Peace Like a River*

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*Please stand.*

## ***THE OPENING***



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

# ***THE CONFESSION***

L: As a community of faith, we celebrate:

**C: God is among us!**

L: Together we are called:

**C: To go out!**

L: We are called:

**C: To care for all!**

L: We are called:

**C: To proclaim the gospel!**

L: We are called:

**C: To forgive and reconcile!**

L: We are called:

**C: To trust God for all that we need!**

P: As a people of faith, we have forgotten our calling. We have forgotten to care for our neighbor. We have failed to proclaim the gospel. We seek forgiveness, and we long to fully trust God for everything. Knowing our brokenness, we turn to God with a repentant heart.

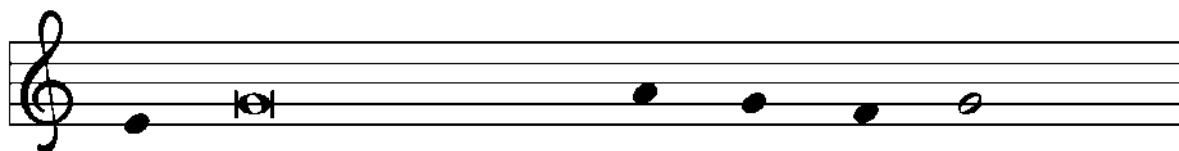
*A time of silence and reflection.*

P: Most Merciful God,

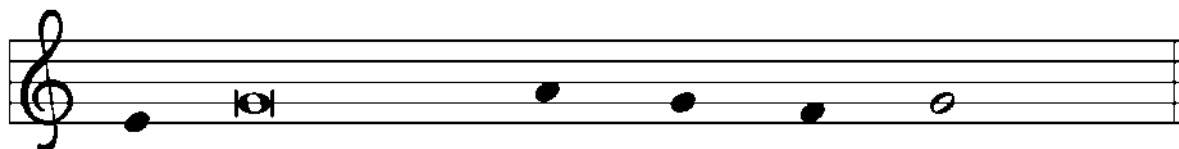
**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**C: Amen.**

*Final response:*



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

## ***THE GREETING***

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

**C:** **And also with you!**

## ***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

**P:** Let us pray. All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## ***BELLS OF PRAISE***

BRIDEGROOM

*Jane McFadden*

*Like the Murmur of a Dove's Song*

*Jayce Porter, Oboe*

## ***A READING FROM GENESIS***

**3:8-15**

R: A reading from Genesis the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup>The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.” <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

R: The Word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## ***A READING FROM 2 CORINTHIANS***

**4:13-5:1**

R: A reading from 2 Corinthians the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we peak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his

presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. <sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

## ***THE GOSPEL***

## ***MARK 3:20-35***

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

C:

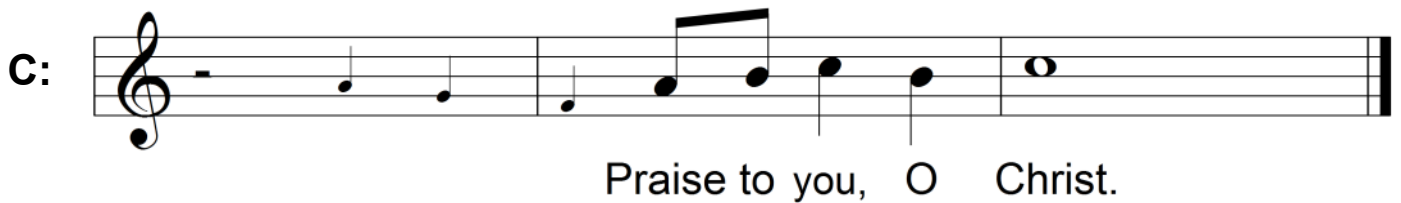


Glo - ry to you, O — Lord.

P: [Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.” <sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” <sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”



P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!



*Please be seated.*

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

**# 785**

### ***WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL***



- 1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
- 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
- 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
- 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

# TODAY'S REFLECTION

Rev. Clayton J. Bailey



"And if a house is  
divided against itself,  
that house will not be  
able to stand."

MARK 3:25, NIV

Please stand.

## THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

# 552

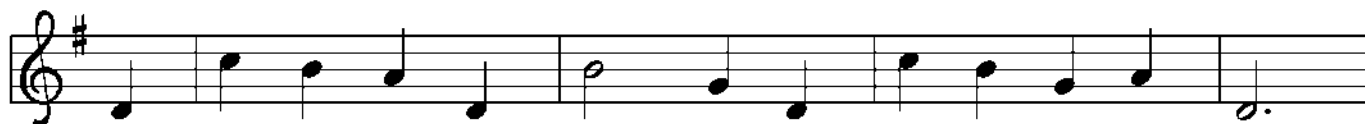
### BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL



1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free,  
2 Now from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has come,  
3 On all by death im - pris - oned the sun be - gins to rise,



who vis - its and re - deems us, and grants us lib - er - ty.  
a Sav - ior who will lead us to our e - ter - nal home.  
the dawn-ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes,



The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of free-dom and re - lease;  
Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,  
to guide the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace;



God shall ful - fill the prom - ise to bring our peo - ple peace.  
the proph - et of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.  
oh, bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

Text: Michael Perry, 1942–1996, based on Luke 1:68–79

Music: MERLE'S TUNE, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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# ***NICENE CREED***

**P:** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C:** **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

# MEDITATION & OFFERING

ARIA

Richard Peek

## OFFERING HYMN

# 768

### LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way:  
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
to be my aid help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
I am blind when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
I am put - ting all my trust in thee.  
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*You are invited to kneel, or remain seated as you are able.*

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

L: Let us pray.

L: Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new. Especially we thank you:

For the sustaining goodness of your creation...

For the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness...

For the gifts of relationship with others...

For the communion of faith in your church...

L: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray:

For those who govern nations of the world...

For the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare...

For all who work for peace and international harmony...

For all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction...

For the church of Jesus Christ in every land...

L: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity, In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# ***LORD'S PRAYER***

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

**C: 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 BLESSING***



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, free to serve your neighbor. May God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you, that you may be a blessing to others.



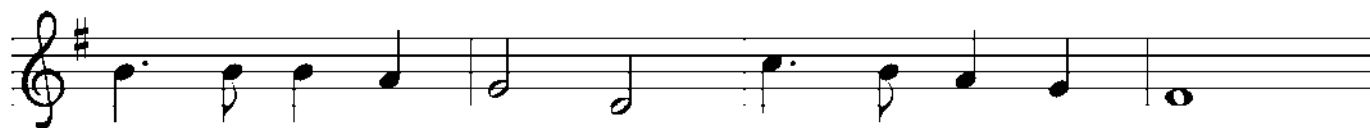
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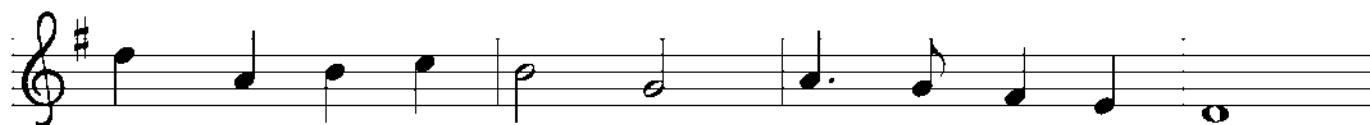
# SENDING SONG

# 537

## ON OUR WAY REJOICING



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

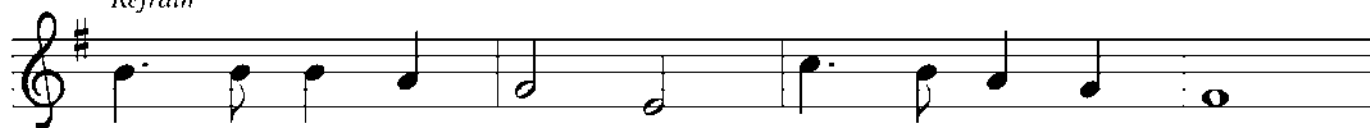


Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

# ***THE SENDING***

**P:** Go in peace!

**L:** Serve the Lord with gladness!

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

## ***POSTLUDE***

*HERMAS*

*Barbara Harbach*

*On Our Way Rejoicing*

### *Today's Worship Leaders*

*Cantor:* Jayce Porter

*Facebook Camera:* Wendy Bailey

*Host:* Judy Kimmel

*Reader:* Linda Ellinger

*Slide Show Operator:* Andrew Bailey

*Worship Assistant:* Jonathan Nominee



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## *This Week's Calendar*

- Sunday** June 9  
10:00 am Worship on The 3rd Sunday of Pentecost
- Monday** June 10  
10:30 am 2 Volunteers for the Sharing Kitchen
- Wednesday** June 12  
9:00 am Piece Corp  
4:00 pm Pre-School Board Meeting
- Thursday** June 13  
10:30 am 2 Volunteers for the Sharing Kitchen
- Next Sunday** June 16  
10:00 pm Worship on The 4th Sunday of Pentecost

## *Directory*

We are trying to update our information in order to provide a newer directory. In this month's emailed newsletter, pages were included for you to fill out. If you did not get an emailed version, the same forms can be found throughout the building. Not stopping by? Feel free to call and update your information by phone.

Phone: (419) 447-1323

## *Help Wanted*

We are in the process of looking for drivers that are willing to pick up church members and bring them to church or church activities. There are many members that would love to attend church but are unable to drive. A list will be developed and members then will be able to call the church by noon on Thursday to request a pick up.

If interested contact the  
Church office (419) 447-1323  
or Alice Smith (419) 460-5271

## *Announcements For the Week*

**The West Ohio Food Bank will be here**



**Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>  
Distributing begins at 1p.m.**

If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance please share the invitation to come and let the WOFB help fill their food pantries.

**5-6 Volunteers needed  
for the Ecumenical Sharing Kitchen  
at St. Paul's United Methodist  
Church**

**June 10<sup>th</sup> & June 13<sup>th</sup>**

2 Volunteers needed at 10:30 AM  
Remaining Volunteers at 11 AM

If you have any questions, please call Joyce Randall:

Phone: (419) 447-1743

## *Please Note*

Pastor Bailey will be out of the office this week to enjoy some time with his family. If there is a "pastoral emergency" please contact Pastor Katie Treadway at First Presbyterian Church.



Phone: (419) 447-2004

**Joint Service at Trinity UCC**

**Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> worship services will be held  
at 10:00 AM.**

**Joint**



**Worship Service**



## *Our Mission Statement*

*“God is among us!”*  
*“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,  
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