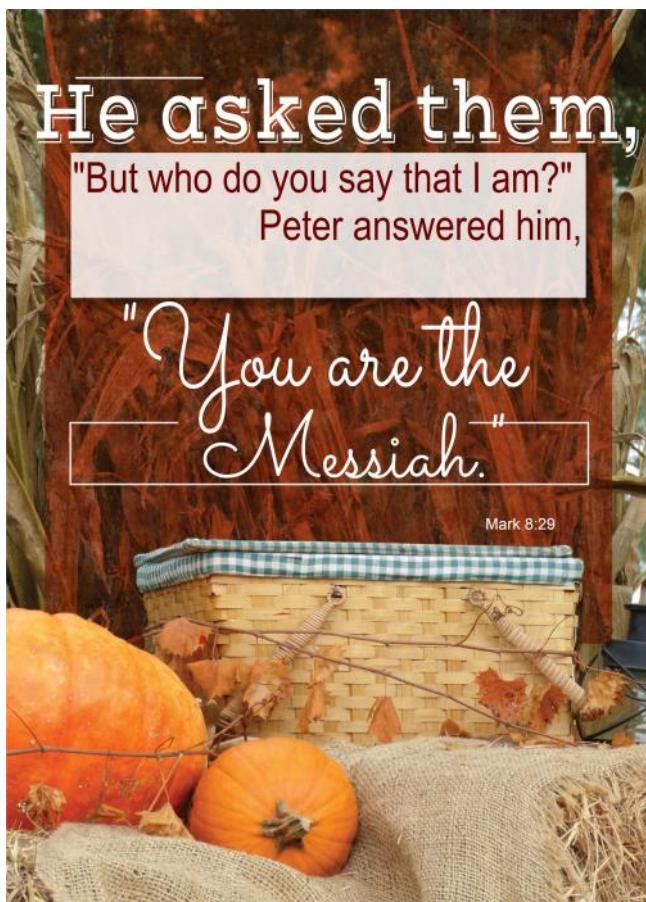


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# ***WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN***

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

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***First Lutheran  
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***Tiffin, Ohio***

***September 15, 2024  
“The 17th Sunday  
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## ***PRELUDE***

***CRUCIFER***

*Prelude on Lift High the Cross*

***DAVID M. CHERWIEN***

*Please stand.*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen!**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty:  
you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring,  
you are the fire of rebirth

C: **Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.**  
**Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.**

L: Your waters are below us, around us,  
above us: our life is born in you.

C: **You are the fountain of resurrection.**

P: Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

C: **Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament.**

P: Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG

# 660

## LIFT HIGH THE CROSS



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Christians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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## ***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!

## ***THE OPENING LITANY***

L: As a people, as a group, as a community of faith:

C: **We gather in this place.**

L: To listen.

C: **To speak.**

L: To worship.

C: **To pray.**

L: To be with God. Because we know:

C: **It is out of God's love, that we live!**

## ***THE HYMN OF PRAISE***



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



ALL: 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.

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.  
 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.

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

P: Let us pray, O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## ***A READING FROM ISAIAH***

**50:4-9A**

R: A reading from Isaiah the 50<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## ***READING FROM JAMES***

**3:1-12**

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

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among

our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

## ***THE GOSPEL INTRODUCTION***



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



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

# THE GOSPEL

# MARK 8:27-38

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.



P: <sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

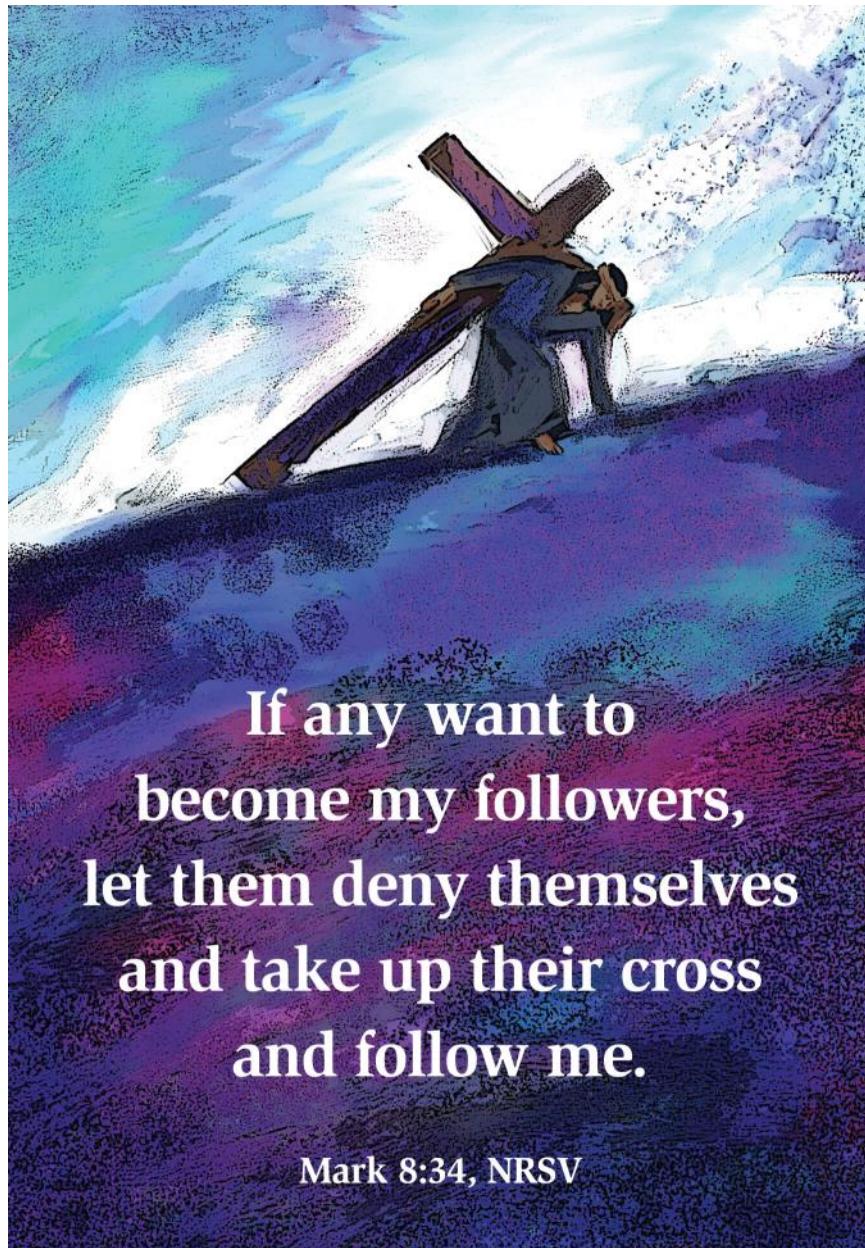
P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## **REFLECTION**

*Rev. Clayton J. Bailey*



*Please stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 667  
**TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID**



1. "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,  
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight  
3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
4. Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;  
per - vade your soul with vain a - laim;  
not let your fool - ish heart re - bel;  
nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,  
his strength shall bear your spi - it up,  
for you the Lord en - dured the cross  
for those who hum - bly bea the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.  
to save your soul from death and hell.  
one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814-1877, alt.  
Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

# **THE PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM**

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism.

**C: By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.**

This morning Kason Gibson Stephens has been presented for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

**I: We do.**

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
Bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
Teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten  
Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that your child may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

**I: We do.**

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Kason in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**I: We do.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support Kason and pray for him in his new life with Christ?

C: **We do.**

## ***THE CONFESSION OF FAITH***

P: Together with all the people of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## **THE BAPTISM**

P: Kason Gibson Stephens , I baptize you  
... in the name of the Father,  
... and of the Son,  
... and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Kason with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Kason, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let you light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.  
Together, let us welcome to newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.**

*Please be seated.*

## ***OFFERING & MEDITATION***

**SHOWALTER**

**JASON D. PAYNE**

*Festive Jubilation*

*IV. Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

*Please stand.*

## ***THE PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION***

**L:** Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

## ***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING***

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts

**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

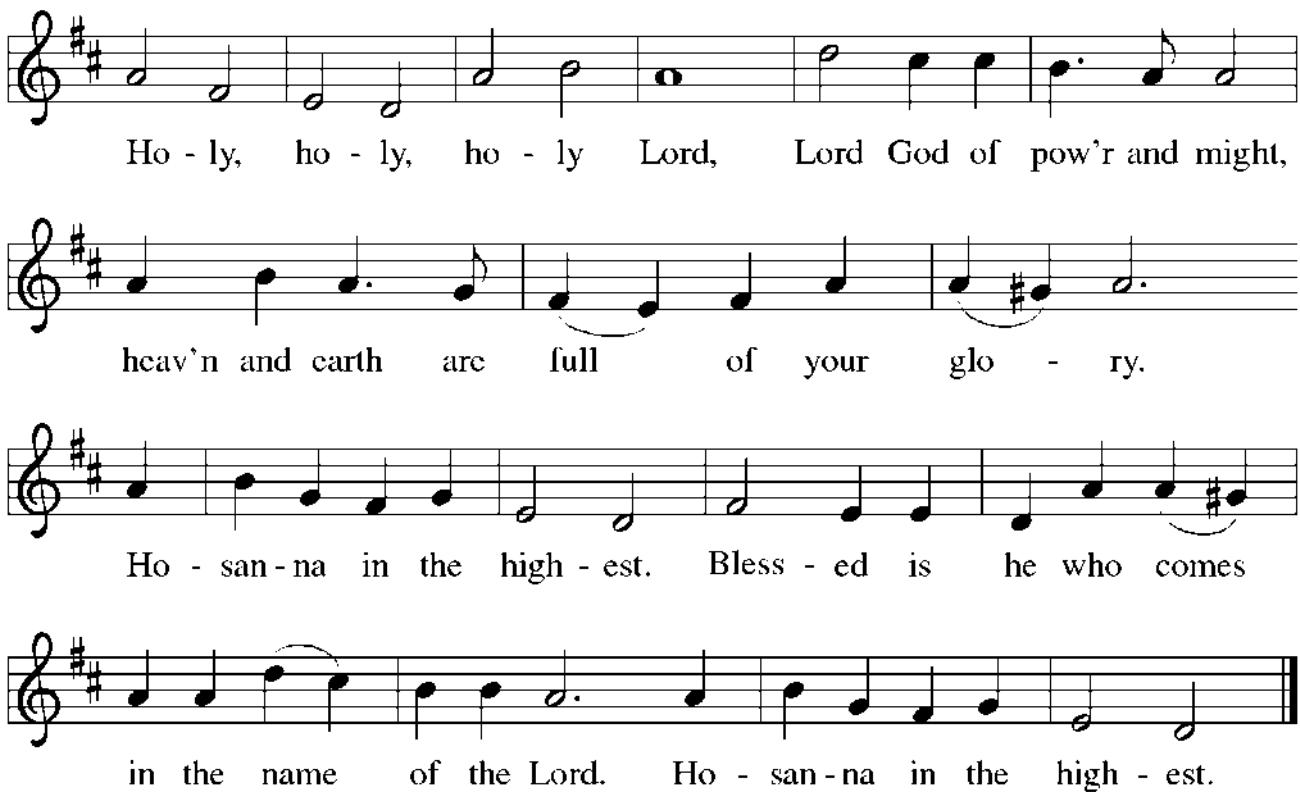
**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**C:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

## ***THE PROPER PREFACE***

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# *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.

## *THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER*

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In your mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have the gift of eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this Holy Supper.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## ***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.**

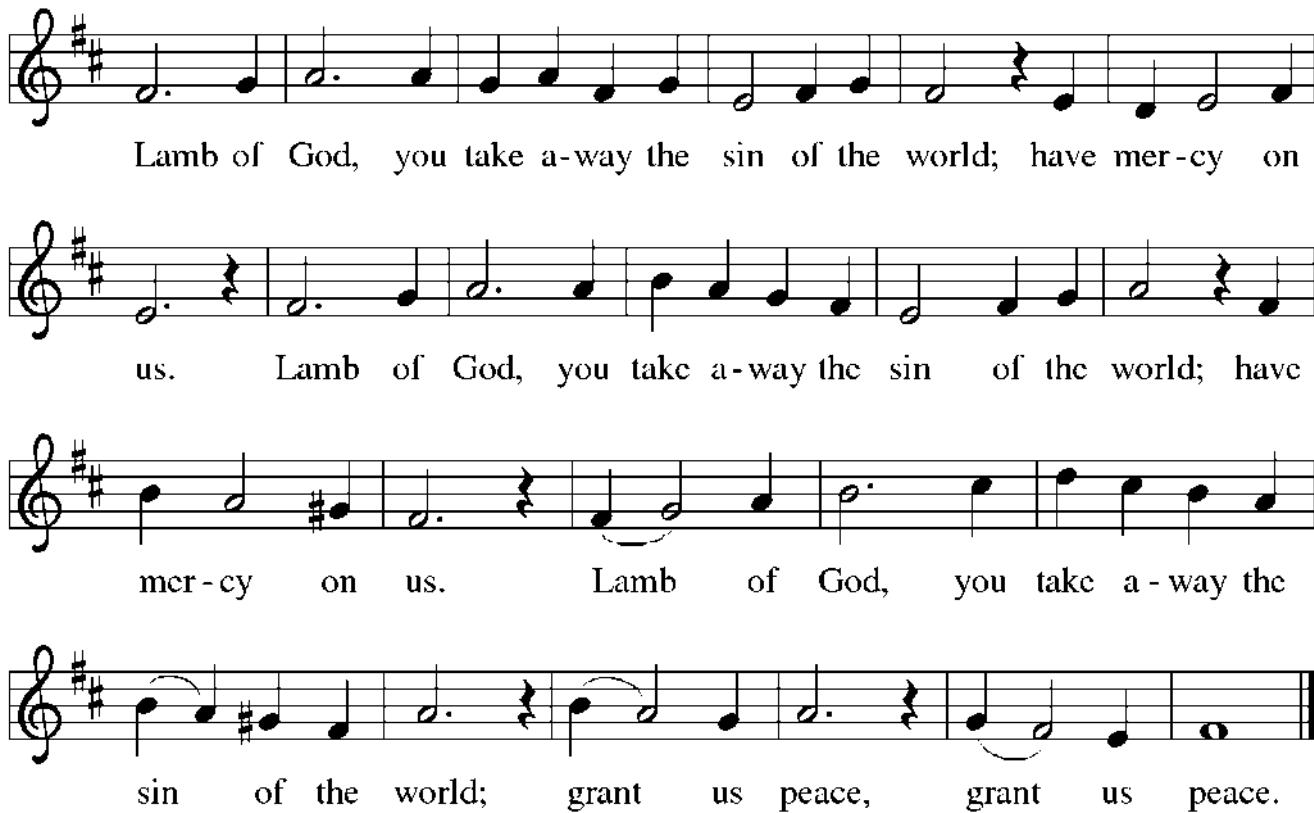
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## ***INVITATION TO COMMUNION***

P: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat, and live!

## ***AGNUS DEI***



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.

## ***DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION***

*Communion is distributed in two manners at First Lutheran.*

- *You may commune in your pews. Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex Doors. Pastor will share a blessing and all communing in place will commune together.*
- *You may come forward, where you will receive the bread from pastor and a small cup of wine from the worship assistant. Cups can be disposed of in a basket located by our projector.*

*All are welcome to the Table of the Lord.*

# COMMUNION HYMN

# 468

## AROUND YOU, O LORD JESUS



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still  
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.  
we will be true and nev - er—in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my  
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your  
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"  
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.  
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

*Please stand.*

## ***THE TABLE BLESSING***

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

## ***THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION***

L: Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another.

C: **Amen.**

## ***THE BLESSING***

P: God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C:



# SENDING SONG

# 774

## WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

# SENDING

L: Go in peace!  
P: Follow Jesus!  
C: **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*David M. German*

*Festive Trumpet Tune*

### Today's Worship Leaders

**Cantor:** Elijah Shiley  
**Facebook Camera:** Wendy Bailey  
**Reader:** Jamie Lodermeier-Fay  
**Worship Assistant:** Shelley Ross  
**Host:** Judy Kimmel  
**Slide Show Operator:** Andrew Bailey

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May your generosity in volunteering time and talents come back to you in an abundance of blessings.

# This Week's Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	September 15
10:00 am	Worship on The 17th Sunday of Pentecost
<b>Monday</b>	September 16
1:30 pm	Bookworms
<b>Wednesday</b>	September 18
5:30 pm	Council
<b>Next Sunday</b>	September 22
10:00 am	Worship on The 18th Sunday of Pentecost
11:00 am	Farewell to The Bailey's

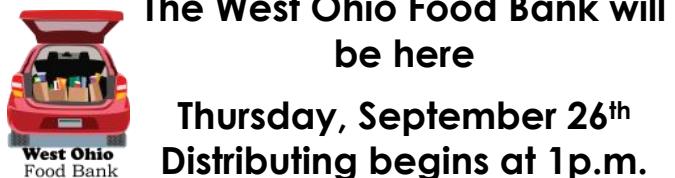
## Rally Day "Blessing of the Backpacks"

**September 15th at 9 :00 A.M.**



You're invited to join us for a light breakfast and fellowship as we learn about what the church offers and how we can all get involved. Information will be available about upcoming classes, Bible studies, music ministry, various groups and volunteer opportunities. It's going to be a fun morning as we also kick-off the school year with "Blessing of the Backpacks" during the 10:00 A.M. Service.

Invite another member and a friend to join FLC on Rally Day!



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

**Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
Distributing begins at 1p.m.**

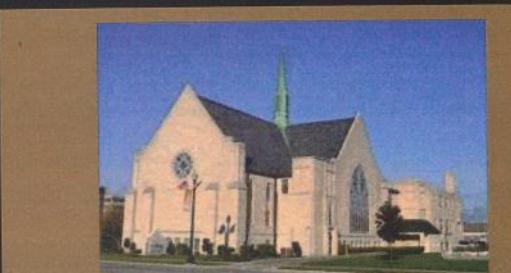
If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance please share the invitation to come and let the WOFB help fill their food pantries.

## Cookies

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



**Celebrating The "New"  
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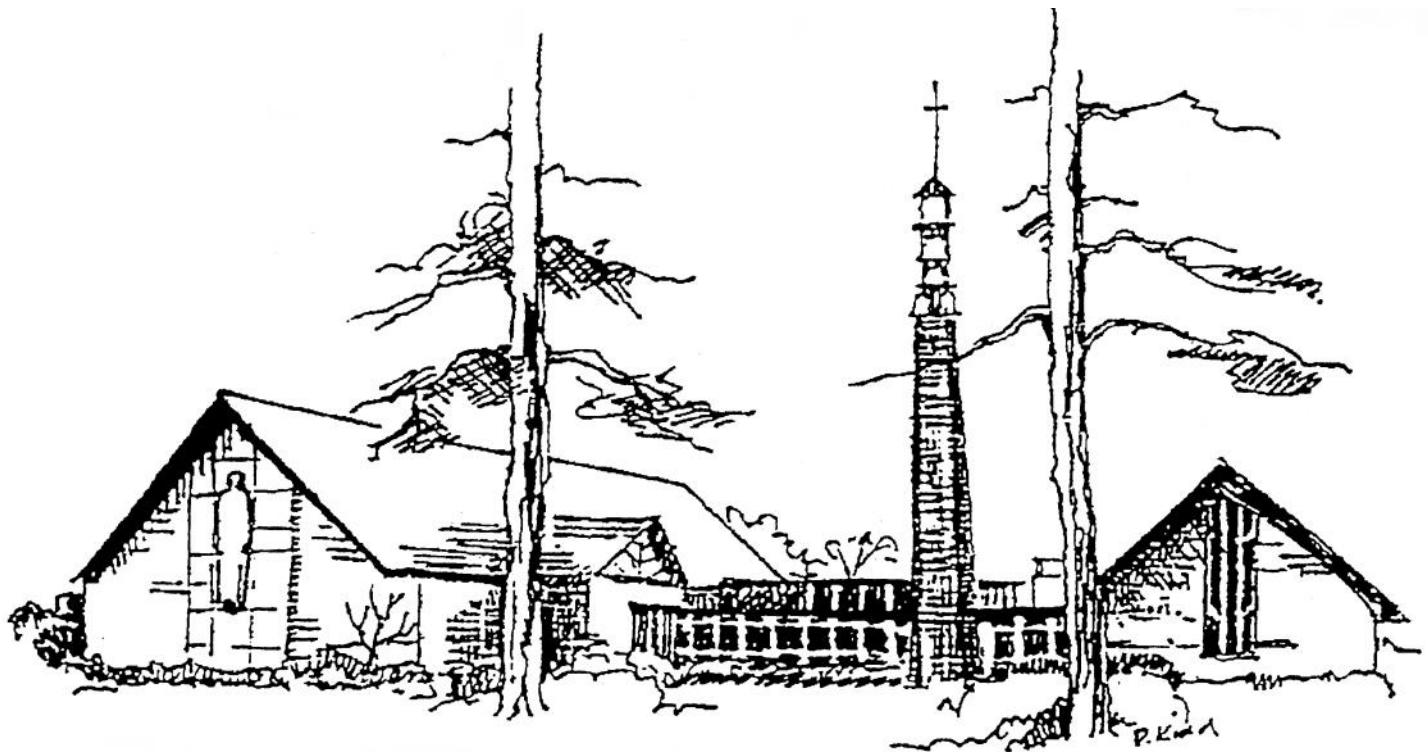


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## *Our Mission Statement*

*“God is among us!”*

*“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,  
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”*