

First Lutheran Church Tiffin, Ohio

SAY TO THOSE WHO ARE OF
A FEARFUL HEART,
"BE STRONG, DO NOT FEAR!
HERE IS YOUR GOD. HE WILL
COME WITH VENGEANCE,
WITH TERRIBLE
RECOMPENSE. HE WILL
COME AND SAVE YOU."

ISAIAH 35:4

September 8, 2024
The 16th Sunday of Pentecost

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

PRELUDER

EARTH AND ALL STARS

Karol Osterland

Earth and All Stars!

Please stand.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: As the seasons change around us, we give thanks that:

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!**

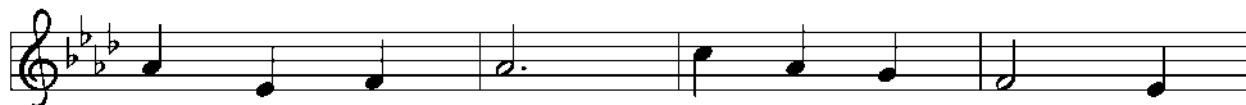
L: We are called:

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

GATHERING SONG

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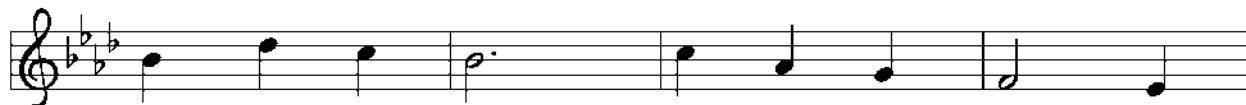
EARTH AND ALL STARS!



All 1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 Men 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
 Cantor 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 Women 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test - tubes!
 All 5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
 Ath - letic and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



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 Sing to the Lord a new song!



Refrain
 All God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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!

A LITANY FOR PENTECOST

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord:

C: **A people holy to the Lord our God.**

P: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart, talk about them to your children.

C: **Talk about them when you are at home, when you are away, when you lie down, and when you rise.**

P: For one does not live by bread alone,

C: **But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Cantor will sing the verses.

The Congregation is invited to sing the refrain.



Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

C: Amen.

A READING FROM ISAIAH

35:4-7A

R: A reading from Isaiah the 35th chapter.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM JAMES 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

R: A reading from James the 2nd chapter.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over

you?⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

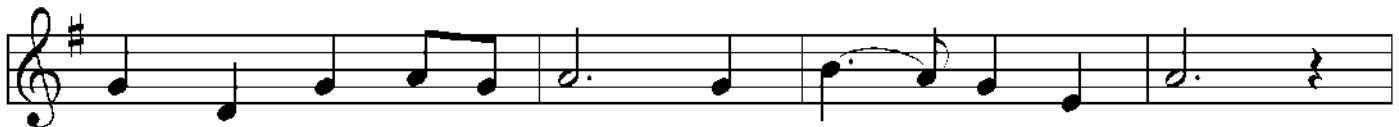
R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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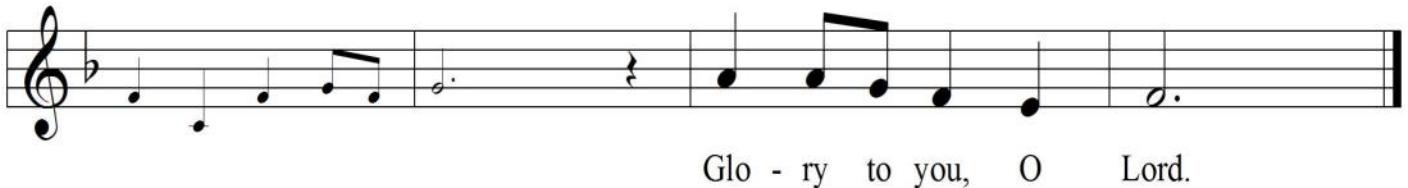
Word of life, Je-sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je-sus Christ, all praise to you!

HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 7:24-37

P: This is the Gospel according to St. Mark the 7th Chapter



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!



Please be seated.

TODAY'S REFLECTION

Rev. Clayton J. Bailey

They were astounded beyond measure, saying,



“He has done **EVERYTHING** well;
he even makes the deaf to **HEAR**
and the mute to **SPEAK**.”

Mark 7:37, NRSV

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #519

OPEN YOUR EARS, O FAITHFUL PEOPLE



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le-lu-jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



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Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930. English version

Music: YTSRAEL V'ORAITA, Hasidic tune

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

- L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation.
- C: **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**
- L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C: **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.**

- L: Build yourselves up on our most holy faith;
- C: **Pray in the Holy Spirit.**
- L: Keep yourselves in the love of God;
- C: **Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
- C: **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

THE CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another:

A time of silence and reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: **Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

P: May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice! Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace! May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

You are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with those around you as you feel comfortable.

Please be seated.

A KIND REMINDER

As we prepare to take our offering, would you be kind enough to fill out the blue Fellowship card located in the pew rack? Once completed you can place it in the offering plate. This is a great way to let us know you are here, and to share any prayer concerns with us.

OFFERING & ORGAN MEDITATION

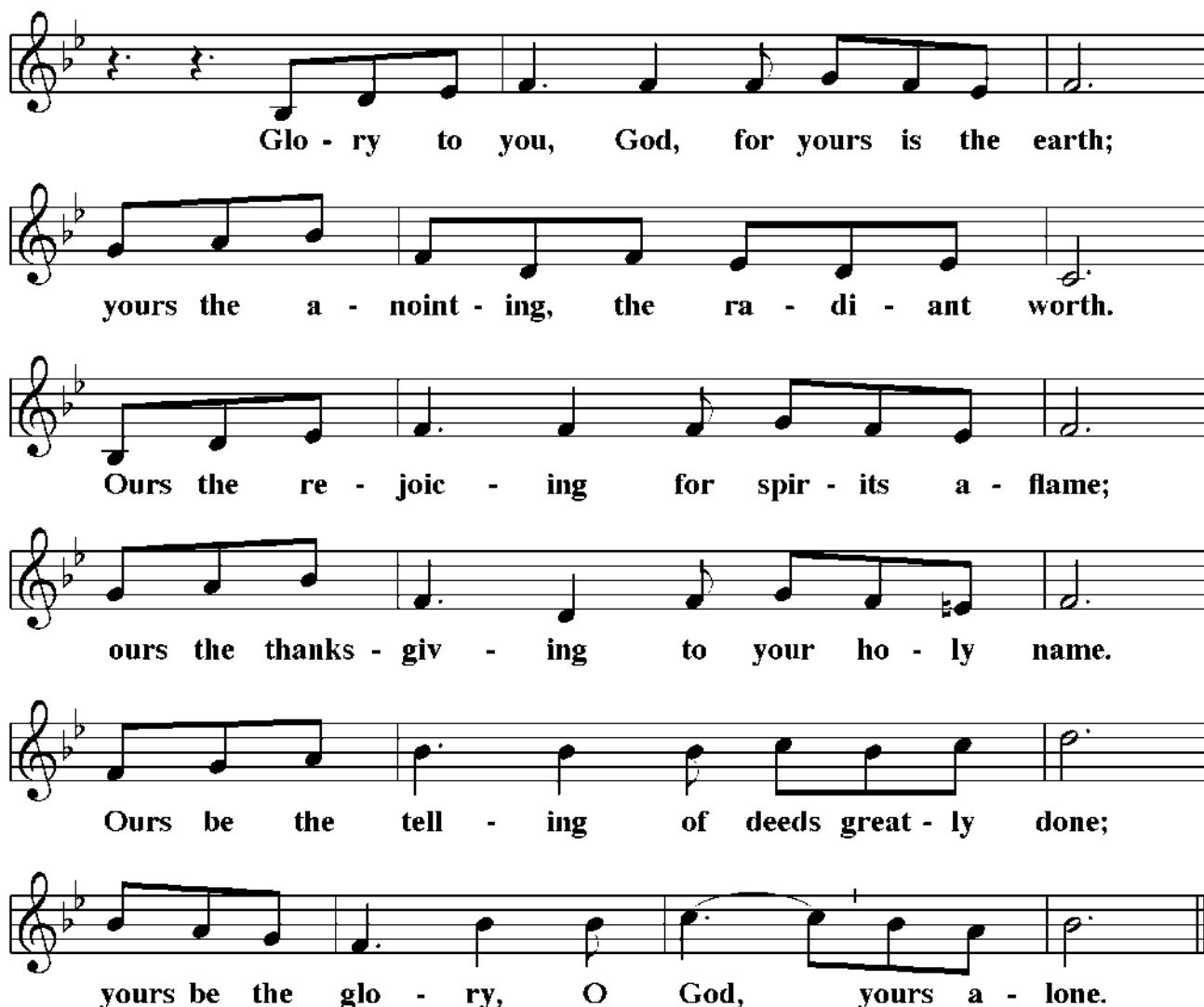
Richard Peek

Aria

Please stand.

OFFERING SONG

GLORY TO YOU, GOD



The musical score consists of five staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a staff. The music features eighth and sixteenth note patterns, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are as follows:

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

THE PRAYERS

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

P: May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

C: Amen.

P: May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believe, so that you may abound in home by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

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O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro-ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON. Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

THE SENDING

- P: Go in peace!
L: Serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

AZMON

Robert A. Hobby

Three Hymns of Praise, Set VI
Variations of Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
V. With energy

Today's Worship Leaders

Cantor:	Elijah Shiley
Facebook Camera:	Wendy Bailey
Reader:	Shelley Ross
Worship Assistant:	Shelley Ross
Host:	Janet Zirger
Slide Show Operator:	Andrew Bailey

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This Week's Calendar

Sunday September 8
10:00 am Worship on The 16th
Sunday of Pentecost

Wednesday September 11
9:00 am Piece Corp

Next Sunday September 15
9:00 am Rally Day
10:00 am Worship on The 17th
Sunday of Pentecost

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!

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.



SCHOOL KITS



The supply list for LWR is very, very specific. Perhaps as you are out and about and come across good sales on supplies you could help fill our book-bags.

Any extra supplies, or supplies that do not conform to the LWR standards will be donated locally.

We are still in need of the following items:

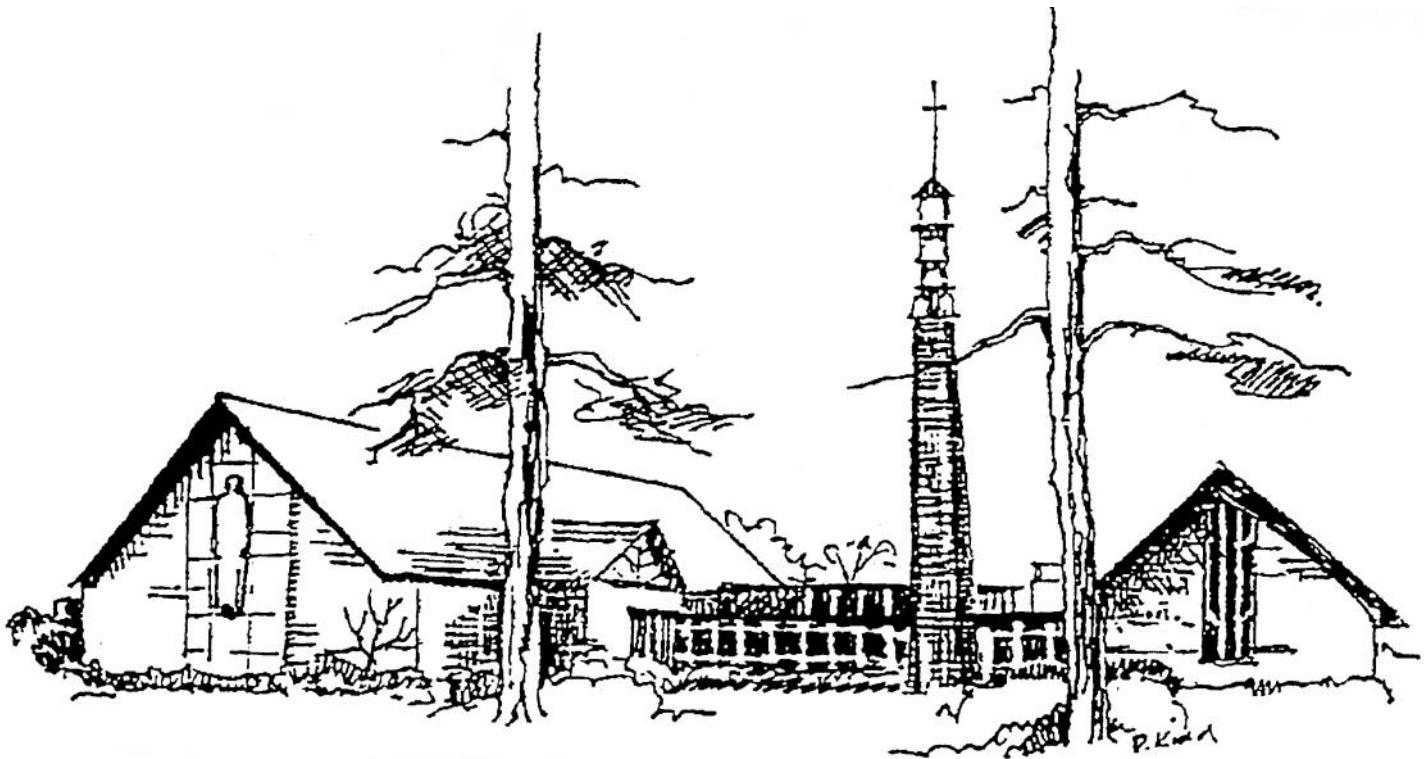
70 sheet notebooks
pencil sharpeners
30-centimeter rulers



The West Ohio Food Bank will be here

**Thursday, September 26th
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.



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.”