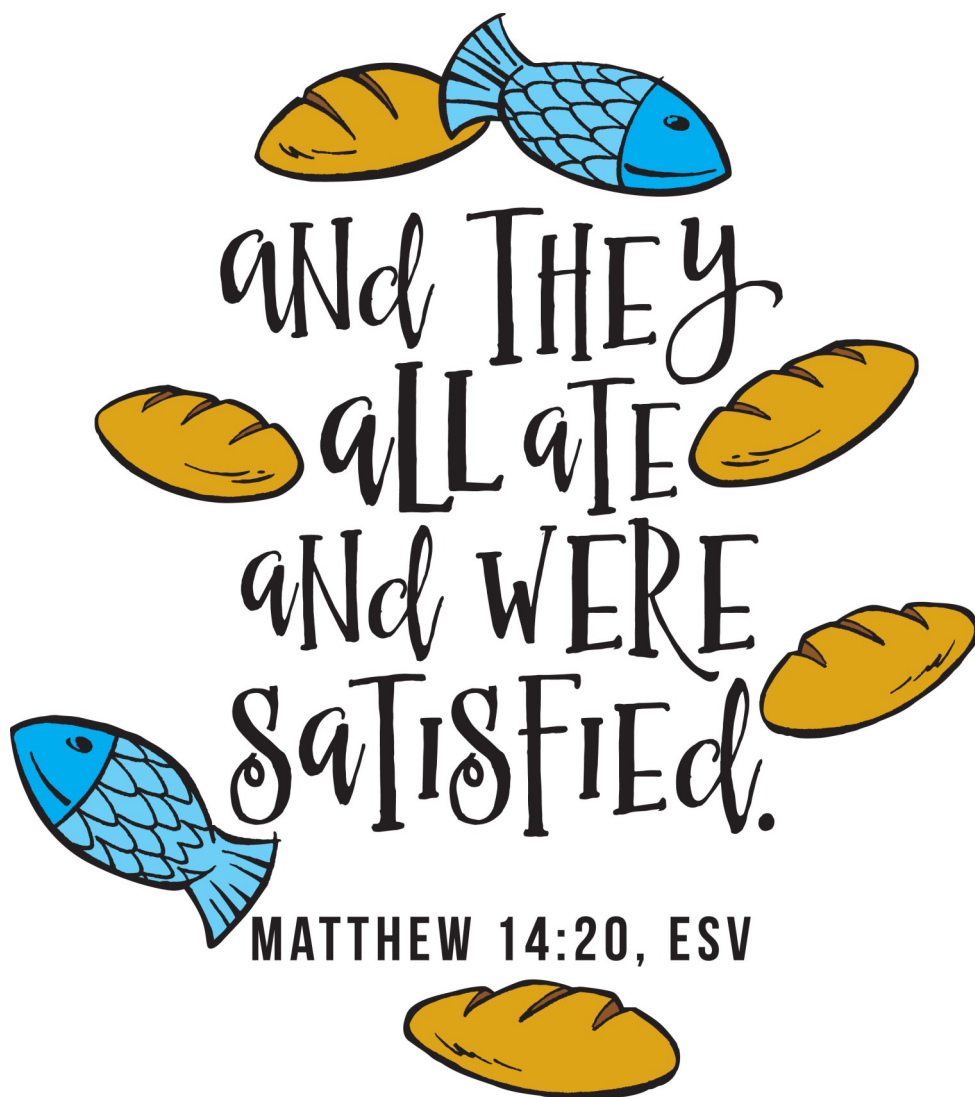


St. Luke's Lutheran Church

"Saved by Grace. Reaching out in Faith."

Sunday, August 2, 2026

10:15 AM



MATTHEW 14:20, ESV

Welcome to Worship

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

Welcome to St. Luke's. Whether you are visiting the Lima area or looking for a church home, we hope you find St. Luke's Lutheran Church to be a people who reflect the joy and peace and love we have in Christ. More than that, we hope you hear, with us, the good news of Jesus Christ crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins.

Blue Welcome Cards help us welcome visitors, inform us of changes in your contact information, and let us know your prayer concerns. Welcome Cards may be placed in the offering plate stationed on a table for drop-off before or after service.

Holy Communion All who are baptized and believe that with the bread and wine we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and salvation are encouraged to come to the Lord's Supper. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Rest Rooms are on the main floor at the south end of the office hallway.

Ushers and other members are here to help you if you need assistance.

Please stand, if able, for parts of the service marked †

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Ferko

The organ chimes call us to worship.

INTRODUCTION

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS †

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
Father, Son and † Holy Spirit ,
whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection. The congregation may kneel or sit.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

PEACE ☩

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.

GATHERING HYMN ☩

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

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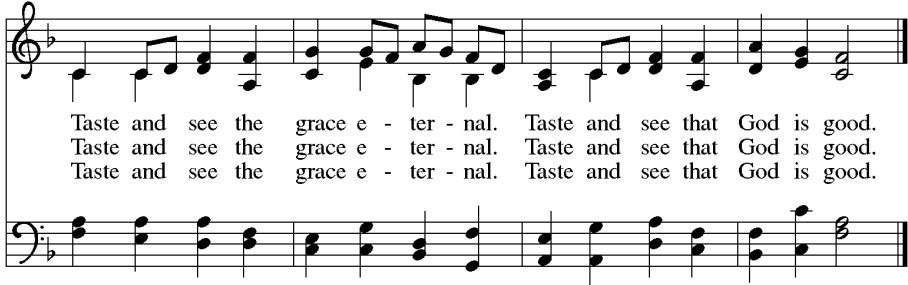
The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with three different verses provided. The first verse is for Soprano, the second for Alto, and the third for Tenor/Bass. The score consists of two staves, with the first staff containing the melody and the second staff containing the bass line. The lyrics are: 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread. 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest. 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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.

KYRIE ¶



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the
 u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you
 this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,
 let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY ¶

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Megan Mulcahy

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
 and you who have no money,



come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
 because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Made for More”

Jeremy Laukhuf, piano & Maddy Laukhuf, solo

SECOND READING:

Romans 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ††





HOLY GOSPEL: ¶ **Matthew 14:13-21**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Don Pletcher

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

#658

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

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 CHURCH $\sharp\flat$

Response after each petition: Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

Voluntary

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Jeremy Laukhuf, piano & Maddy Laukhuf, solo

OFERTORY HYMN $\sharp\flat$

“Step by Step”

w&p #132

O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise
 you. O God, you are my God, and
 I will ev - er praise you. I will seek you in the morn-
 - ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways, and
 step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol-low you all of my
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days, and I will fol-low you all of my days, and

step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

OFFERTORY PRAYER ¶

Loving God,
 we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
 Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
 so that all creation can taste your abundance.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING ¶

DIALOGUE ¶

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.

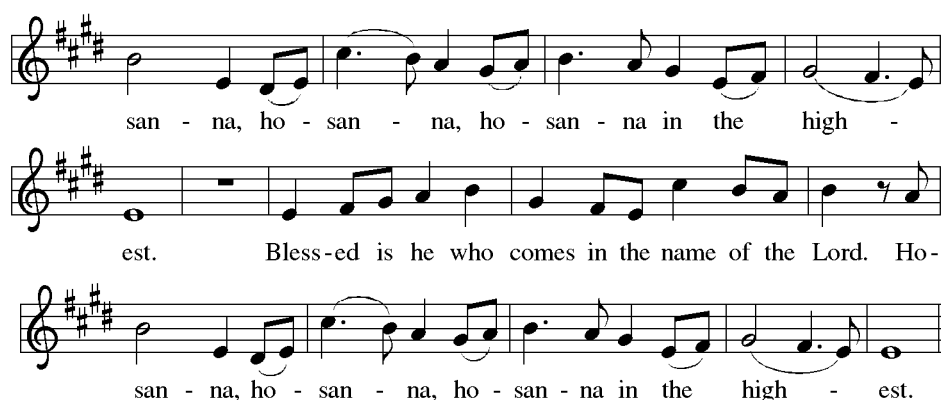
PROPER PREFACE ¶

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ¶

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

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho- →



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE $\frac{1}{1}$

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
 that all those who believe in him should not perish,
 but have 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 his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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 $\frac{1}{1}$

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**



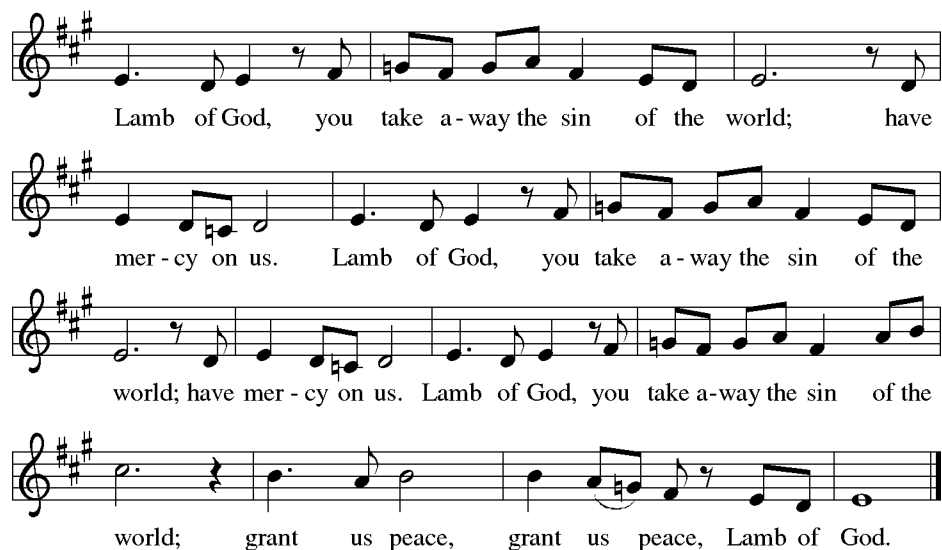
Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER ¶

Heaven has come near.
 Come, share in the feast!

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD

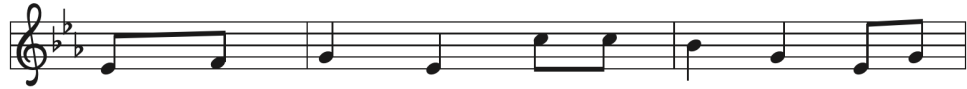


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

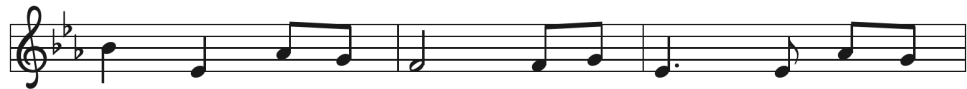
THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Communion is served today from the communion rail. Approach from the center aisle and fill spaces from the back, under the Christ window, kneeling as you are able. Receive in your hand the host (bread) from the pastor. Take an empty glass from the first tray, then receive the wine from the communion server. (The pre-filled glasses are grape juice.) Place your used glass in the second tray. Return via the side aisles following the blessing from the pastor.

COMMUNION HYMNS *“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”* ACS #793



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



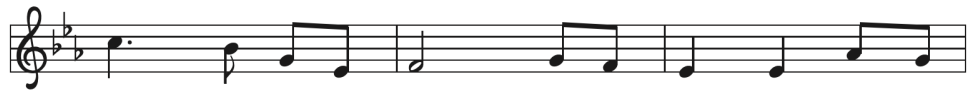
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: “I am with you; do not fear!”
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

“Come, Let Us Eat”

#491

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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 come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
 in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
 rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
 in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING †

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

Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER †

Compassionate God,
 through the gifts of bread and wine
 our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
 Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
 may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION †

One God,
Father, Son, and † Holy Spirit,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN †

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

#535

Refrain— sung twice each time

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

End

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn. It is written for a two-part setting (Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass) in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The time signature is 4/4. The score consists of six systems of music. The first system is the refrain, which is to be sung twice. The lyrics are 'Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.' The second system is another instance of the refrain. The third system is the end of the refrain. The fourth system is the first stanza of the hymn, with two verses. The lyrics are '1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread, 2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,'. The fifth system is the second stanza, with the lyrics 'I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger. strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.' The sixth system is the end of the hymn. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and lyrics.

DISMISSAL †

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

Silent prayer with chimes.

POSTLUDE

“Strong Son of God, Immortal Love”

Hokanson

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Today, SUNDAY 8/2	NEXT SUNDAY 8/9
Worship Leader	Pastor Don Pletcher	Pastor Don Pletcher
Organist	Sandy Miller	Sandy Miller
Acolyte	Julianna Lewis	Zoey Kennedy
Children's Message	Megan Mulcahy	Noisy Offering
Lector	Ian Steinke	Rachael Lewis
Communion Servers	Lois Kennedy, Jane Williams	Sandy Gray, Nancy Rudolph
Ushers	Ian & Gus Steinke	Mike Gray, Dick McCarty
Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild



Aug. 9	David Reedy
Aug. 16	open
Aug. 23	open
Aug. 30	Dave Reedy & Linda Pelger
Sept. 6	open

Daily Devotions

Each day, Monday through Saturday, Pastors Beth and Dave publish brief devotions based on the Sunday texts. You may also access them on the St. Luke's website:

www.stlukeslima.org

Altar Guild Request

We are in need of 1# coffee cans or cans of similar size. The cans are used to transport the altar flowers to homes or to the hospital or nursing homes. If you take flowers home with you, we ask that you bring the cans back if possible. Thank you!



St. Luke's will be holding Third Thursdays at the church August 20th at 5:15pm .

We will be hosting a family craft activity with refreshments.
We hope to see you there!



**The C.U.P. food item August is:
Canned Vegetables**

As always we are glad to have any personal hygiene item you would like to contribute. Used grocery bags are very much appreciated. If you have reusable bags that you wish to get out of your home, we will take them too.

Thank you St. Luke's for your continued prayers, financial support, and your gifts of bags, food, and hygiene items for the ministry of CUP. Our hungry neighbors are very appreciative of the food and hygiene items we provide.



Adult Bible Study will resume Sunday, September 13th on Rally Day at 9:00 am.
Hope to see you there.

OUR DAILY BREAD
125 South Central 419-224-2086

Our Daily Bread serves hundreds of thousands of trays of food every year!

**The soup kitchen tray line needs six (6) volunteers from
St. Luke's to serve food on the 4th Friday of
every month from 11 am -1 pm.**

Reaching out in faith, St. Luke's helps with volunteers on the fourth Friday each month, 11 am – 1 pm. This month, our service date is **August 24, 2026** You may volunteer to serve by contacting Linda Mann at 419-303-9793.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MONTH

Join us for Worship weekly in the **SANCTUARY** at 10:15 am.

10th Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 2 ~ Pastor Don Pletcher, presiding:
Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

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"NUMBERS" from July 26, 2026"

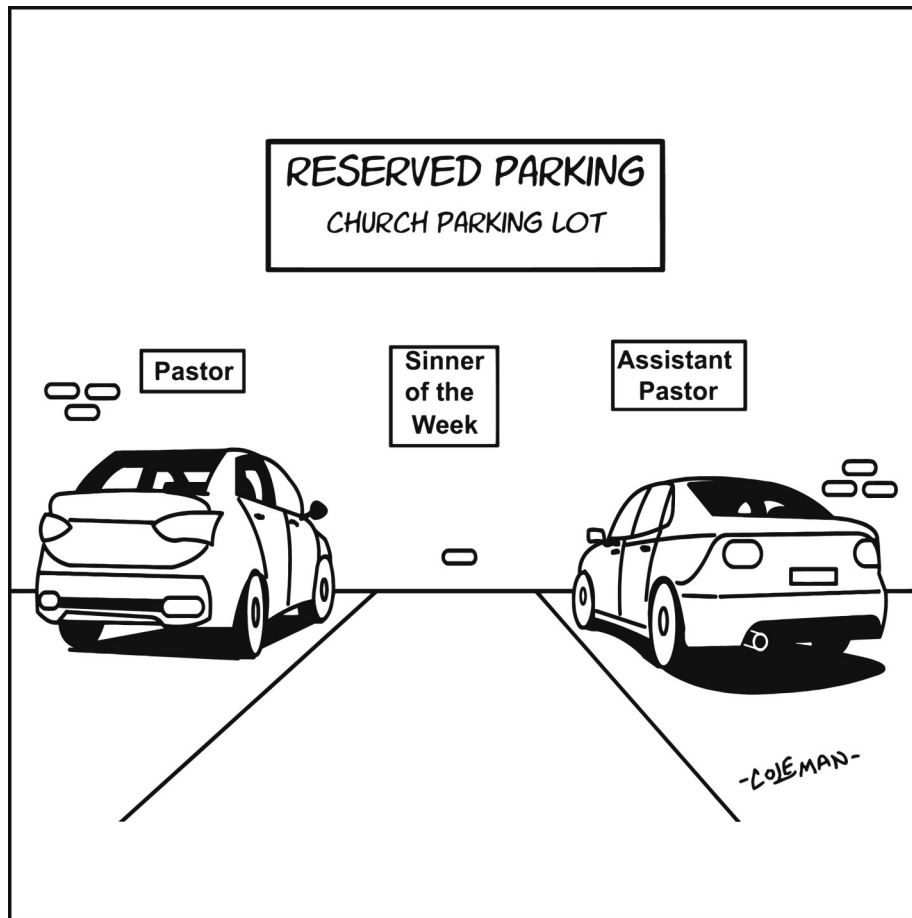
Attendance: 58

Giving: \$1,531.00 given to the glory of God for the work of the Gospel of
Jesus Christ in Lima and beyond.



The flowers in the chancel this morning were given by
Lois Kennedy in celebration of Zak Kennedy and Kiefer Shultz's birthdays

The church office will be closed Tuesday, August 4th - Tuesday, August 11th.
I will return all calls and emails when I come back on August 12th. Thanks!



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK		
Sun, 8/9	10:15 am	Liturgy of Holy Communion

Scripture readings for 8/9/2026

1 Kings 19:9-18
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Meadows of Marion - Dorothy
Lockhaven - Barb

Pat, Ida, Madison, Judy, Norman, Natalia,
Dean, Mark, Mick, Andrew, Timothy,
Susan, Florian, Elizabeth, Glen

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