

**Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled  
You believe in God  
Believe also in Me.**

John 14:1

**May 3, 2026**

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*Our Mission: Created, saved and strengthened through God's grace,  
we give, share, love and care for all people.*



# Gathering

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*Please stand as able*

### Confession and forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

### Hymn

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

ELW 848

### 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.**

## Canticle of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Prayer of the Day

*Response: Amen.*

## Word

*Please be seated*

### First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with

a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if able at the introduction*

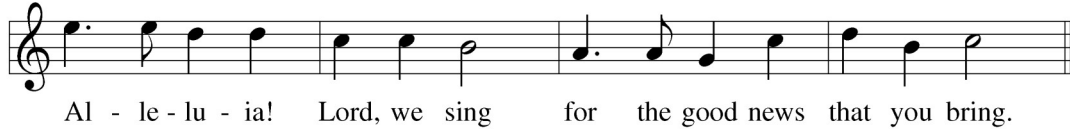
## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing Word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



## Gospel

John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated through the Offering*

## Homily

# Response to the Word

Hymn of the Day

You Are the Way

ELW 758

## **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 Intercession**

*Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection ...Merciful God, receive our prayer  
....through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.*

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
*Greet those near you.*

## **Offering**

*Please stand as able through the Holy, Holy*

### Offering Response



We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

### Offering Prayer

## Meal

### 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.**

**Preface** *join their unending hymn...*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please be seated*

### Thanksgiving at the Table

### Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of new life. **Receive the risen Lord.**

### Lamb of God

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### Communion

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

*(All take the wafer located in the bottom of the chalice)*

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*(All drink from the top of the chalice)*

## Prayer after Communion

Response: *Amen*

# Sending

## Blessing

Response: *Amen.*

## Hymn

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW 774

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude

### Worship Assistants

#### Homilist

*Lei Fahrner*

#### Lector

*Gale Nagel*

#### Greeter

*Chuck Pressler*

#### Ushers

*Linda Burgess/Rod Swartz*

#### Main Camera/Production

*Carl & Anne Fahrner*

#### Organist/Pianist

*Pat Hoffman/Linda Miller*



*Today's altar flowers are given by Francesca Indorf to the glory of God and in memory of my sister, Cathy Melissa, today on her birthday, and in memory of my sister-in-law, Allison Gloria, for her birthday on May 28th.*

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Muffins for Mom Is Back!!**

**Sunday, May 10th after the Service**



**Join us to celebrate mom or just celebrate fellowship. All are welcome!!!**



**Wednesday, May 20th Trip to Glamorgan Castle**


**Private Tour will begin at 10:30am**

**Cost: \$10**

**Lunch at Grinders in Alliance after the tour**

**We will tour four floors, sorry, there are no elevators**

**Sign up in the Gathering Space!**

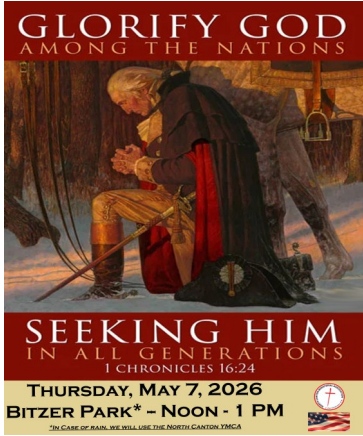


**May Concern of the Month**

**Monetary Donations for Beacon Charitable Pharmacy**

During May, GSLC will be accepting monetary donations for Beacon Charitable Pharmacy. Beacon is Northeast Ohio's ONLY charitable pharmacy. The pharmacy helps those at, to 300% below, the Federal Poverty Level afford life saving medications that they otherwise could not afford.

**NCMA National Day of Prayer Celebration**



**GLORIFY GOD AMONG THE NATIONS**

**SEEKING HIM IN ALL GENERATIONS**  
1 CHRONICLES 16:24

**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026**  
**BITZER PARK\* - NOON - 1 PM**

\*IN CASE OF RAIN, WE WILL USE THE NORTH CANTON YMCA

***Please turn mobile phones off or put them in the vibrate mode.***

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Worship


Assistants

THANK YOU  
TO OUR  
VOLUNTEERS

Date	Usher	Lector	Greeter	Flower Wrapper	Pew Racks	Opening
5/3	Linda Burgess/Rod Swartz	Gale Nagel	Chuck Pressler	Lei Fahrner	Pat Long	Miller
5/10	Lorelei & Rod Lopick	Nancy Miller	Jan Carlson	Jill & Bill Toy	Pat Long	Burgess
5/17	Kathy & Dave Schmidt	Cindy Leasure	Donna Jakmides	Kathy Schmidt	Pat Long	Robinson
5/24	Nancy & TJ Miller	Neil Carlson	Linda Burgess	Kathy Schmidt	Pat Long	Davenport
5/31	Karen & Chuck Pressler	TJ Miller	Lee Deem	Linda Lautenschlager	Pat Long	Hoffman
6/7	Jan & Neil Carlson	Anne Fahrner	Annick Schrader	Linda Lautenschlager	Gloria Kohl	Miller
6/14	Linda & Don Neil	Pat Hoffman	Gloria Kohl	Gay Rankin	Gloria Kohl	Burgess
6/21	Linda & Gary Miller	Rod Swartz	Bill Toy	Gay Rankin	Gloria Kohl	Robinson
6/28	Jill & Bill Toy	Judy Flading	Neil Carlson	Karen Pressler	Gloria Kohl	Davenport
7/5	Cindy & Howard Leasure	Jen Lowry	Connie H/Linda L	Karen Pressler	Linda Neal	Miller
7/12	Annick Schrader/Judy Flading	Shirley Dobry	Don Neal	Jill & Bill Toy	Linda Neal	Burgess
7/19	Judy & Wil Baum	Pat Long	Pat Hoffman	Jill & Bill Toy	Linda Neal	Robinson
7/26	Kathy & Dave Schmidt	Gary Miller	Judy Baum	Kathy Schmidt	Linda Neal	Davenport

# May 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Quilting 10a	2
3 Lei Worship 9:15a	4	5 Dominoes 7p	6 AA7p	7 Yoga 10a	8 Crafts & Conversations 10a	9
10 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a Muffins for Mom	11	12 Dominoes 7p	13 AA7p Council 7p	14 Yoga 10a	15 Quilting 10a	16
17 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a	18	19 Dominoes 7p	20 AA7p Tour of Glamorgan Castle	21 Yoga 10a	22 Crafts & Conversations 10a	23
24 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a	25 	26 Dominoes 7p	27 AA7p	28 Yoga 10a	29	30
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