

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**    *How Firm a Foundation*    HAYES

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. Amen.*

*Let us confess our sin to God.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**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. Amen.*


**HYMN**    ACS 1097 (pg 11)    *Ten Thousand Reasons*    TEN THOUSAND REASONS

## **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.*

# HYMN OF PRAISE


*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;




praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!




1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has




freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God. *Refrain*



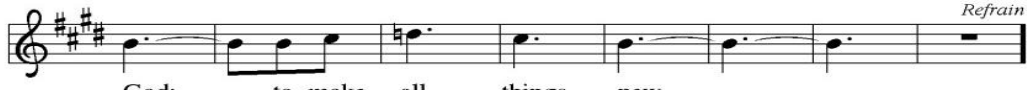
2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** *Let us pray together. Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20: 7-13

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

<sup>7</sup> O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup> But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore, my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup> O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## PSALM 69: 7-10, 16-18

<sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup> **I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup> **I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.**

<sup>16</sup> Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.

<sup>17</sup> **Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

<sup>18</sup> Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Jon and Elyse Hartman

*Red Sea Road*

HOLCOMB

## SECOND READING: Romans 6: 1b-11

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.*

## GOSPEL: Matthew 10: 24-39

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

<sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

**SERMON**    *Pastor Christian Dittmar*

**HYMN**    #796    *How Firm a Foundation*    FOUNDATION

## APOSTLES' CREED

*With voices united, let us confess our faith*

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.

## THE PRAYERS

*Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.*

*...God of grace, hear our prayer.*

*Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

**OFFERING** *Basse et Dessus de Trompette* CLÉRAMBAULT

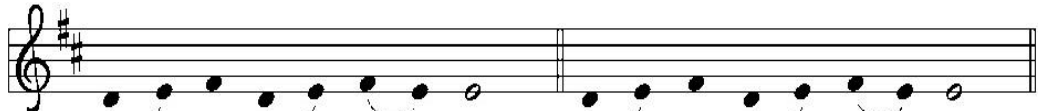
**OFFERTORY** TFF 98 *Open Our Eyes* OPEN OUR EYES

Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch him,  
And say that we love him.  
Open our ears Lord  
And help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Let us pray. 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.*

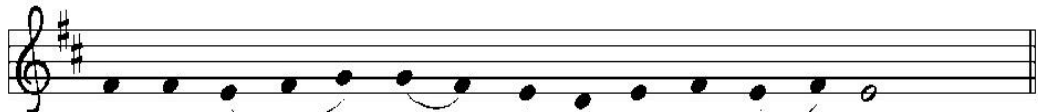
## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

*It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## SANCTUS [HOLY, HOLY, HOL Y]



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*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

*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 COMMUNION

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

## AGNUS DEI [LAMB OF GOD]

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God,                      you take a - way the sin of                      the  
you break the chains of ha - tred                      and  
you are the way of jus - tice                      and  
you are the way of mer - cy                      and

*Congregation:*



world:                      have mer - cy on us,                      mer - cy on us,  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

**Final Stanza**

*Congregation or Assistant:*



mer - cy                      on                      us.                      Lamb of God,                      you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sins of                      the world:                      grant                      us peace,



grant                      us peace,                      grant                      us                      peace.

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

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Let us pray. 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.*

## **BLESSING**

*Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. Amen.*

**SENDING HYMN** #810 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* MUNICH

## **DISMISSAL**

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE** *Ach Gott und Herr* BACH

# 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

*Refrain*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,

O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;  
 2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your  
 3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the

. . . it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may  
 name . . . is . . . great, and your heart is kind. For all . . . your  
 end . . . draws near, and my time has come; . . . still, my

pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be  
 good-ness, I will keep . . . on . . . sing-ing— ten thou-sand  
 soul will sing your praise un - end-ing— ten thou-sand

*Refrain*  
 sing - ing when the eve - ning comes,  
 rea - sons for my heart to find.  
 years and then for - ev - er - more!

TLC PRESENTS

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is for kids ages 3 years old (by July 13th) through 5th Grade.

**JULY 13-17 FROM  
9:00AM-12:00PM**

SUPPORTED BY FINDLAY AREA ELCA CHURCHES

**Christmas in July: A journey to Bethlehem**

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**Summer Sunday Worship 9:30**

*Hear Our Prayer*

**Welcome to First Lutheran Church.**

During our services of Holy Communion, we follow Jesus' teachings that all people are welcome to his table. This meal of faith, hope, and love is meant for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Feel free to come forward and receive the bread, or wheat-free and gluten-free wafer, along with a small cup of wine or grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign of your preference

**WE ASK EVERYONE** to complete the "Footprints" and list if you are communing or have a prayer request. You may write your prayer request(s) on the back. Please check YES for the name to be included in the bulletin or NO if you want the name to be known only to the prayer teams. We strive for confidentiality, so be sure you have the person's permission, or use only the first name. There are activity bags for our young worshippers. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING** are given to the glory of God by Todd & Cindy Thompson in loving memory of our fathers William Weldy and Robert Thompson, and to honor all the fathers on this Father's Day.

**A CARD WRITING MINISTRY** has been set up on a table outside the Narthex! The Social Ministry Committee encourages everyone to write a note to an At-Home member, to a member having a birthday, or just to someone you haven't seen in a while! Addresses for At-Home members and a list of monthly birthdays is available on the table. If you put the card in the basket available, the mailing will be handled by the office!

**OPEN POSITION:** The position of Building Manager is available. Duties include opening and closing the church building, and the keep up and maintenance of the building. If interested, please contact Pastor Tucker or Casey Cox.

**THE 2026 FLOWER CHART** is up in the hallway, across from the church office. There is a full year of Sundays that need flowers to brighten not only the altar, but also either your home or the home of a shut-in. Please consider this ministry as a way to share God's love for His people.

**SEVERE STORMS, HURRICANES, AND NATURAL DISASTERS** across the United States have left many without power and/or without homes. With your support our church stands ready to walk with our neighbors as they rebuild. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response ensure that survivors don't have to face the road to recovery alone. Through these disasters and others across the United States and around the world, Lutheran Disaster Response accompanies communities for as long as the recovery process takes. Together we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need. There are Lutheran Disaster Response envelopes in the narthex or you may mark your gift Lutheran Disaster Response.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Don't forget about Vacation Bible School! This will be a combined effort between the Findlay area Lutheran Churches. If you would be interested in volunteering, you can contact Julie Buck at 419-306-2186 or jabuck67@hotmail.com

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: *Christmas in July – A Journey to Bethlehem!***  
**July 13-17, 2026 9am – 12pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Findlay**

Youth in Preschool–5th grade (at least 3 years old) will experience the story of Jesus' birth through engaging stories, crafts, and games in a fun and meaningful way. VBS will take place from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM. This year, we're combining our programs, TLC Preschool will join our church youth, along with friends from St. John's Lutheran, First Lutheran, and First Presbyterian making it a wonderful opportunity to build friendships. Invite a friend to join! Contact Nicole at youth@trinityfindlay.org for more information.

**HELP IS NEEDED** on Tuesday afternoons between 4:15 & 5:15 to pick up the donation from Riehm Farms. During the summer, the drop off is weekly instead of biweekly, and volunteers are needed! There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. Remember, the box can be used by the volunteer or donated. Thank you!! Any questions, contact Carolyn Bryant, 567-232-0160.