

Luke 11:1 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 27, 2025

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 8

All are welcome...and we do mean ALL. No matter who you are, what you look like, where you are from, or who you love. We are all children of God and loved by God. And just as God loves all of us, we are called to love one another as well.

Welcome & Announcements – Visitors are asked to fill out a "Welcome" card from the pew racks and give it to the Assisting Minister during the prelude.

Prayers – You may add to the prayers today by filling out an ivory prayer card found in the pew racks. Prayer cards are collected during the prelude.

Prelude

This is my Father's World

- arr. Sheppard

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

The congregation responds by reading the words in **bold** print.

*Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Please kneel as you are able.

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

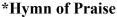
You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty ELW 533

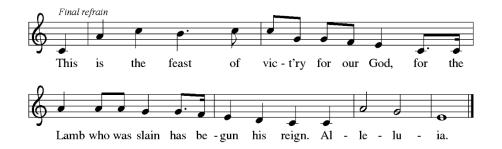
*Greeting

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.







*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Musical Offering
This is my Father's World

Ruth Patrick – Piano - Shehi

First Lesson – Genesis 18:20-32

The First Lesson is from the 18th chapter of Genesis.

²⁰ Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will

not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm - Psalm 138

Responsive Reading

¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³ When I called, you answered me;

you increased my strength within me.

⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ You will make good your purpose for me;

O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Lesson - Colossians 2:6-19

The Second Lesson is from the 2nd chapter of Colossians.

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the

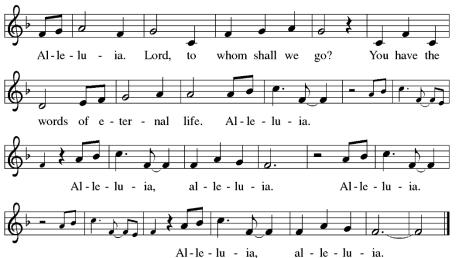
head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel – Luke 11:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

- ³ Give us each day our daily bread.
- ⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Fraise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Rob Eller

*Hymn of the Day:

Day by Day

ELW 790

*Apostles' Creed

With the whole church 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,

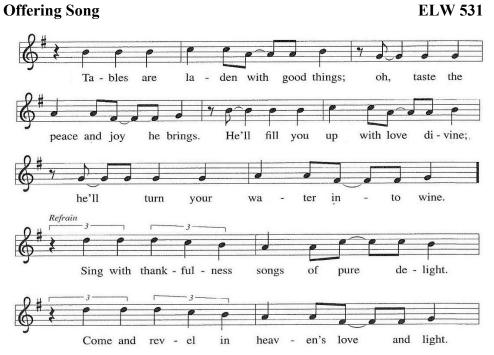
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

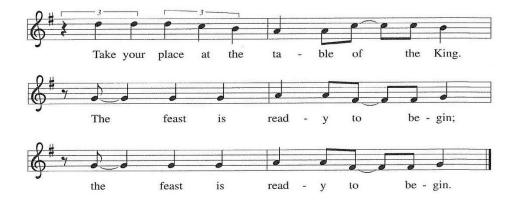
Prayers of the People (please sit)

After each prayer, please offer the words: God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Thank you for placing your offering in the **Offering Box** before the service began

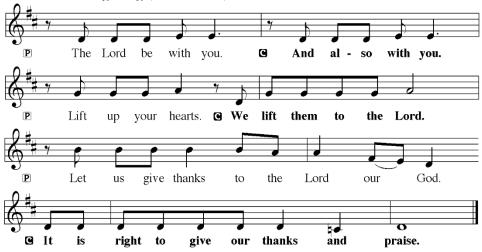




Offertory Prayer (please sit)

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand)

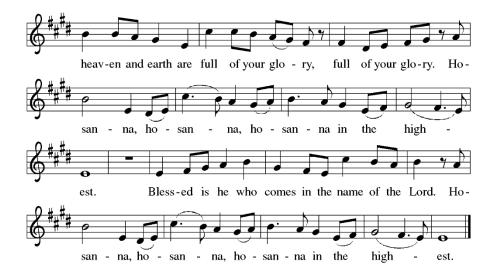


It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . .

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus (Please Stand)





*Eucharistic prayer (Please Stand)

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 (Please Stand)

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,

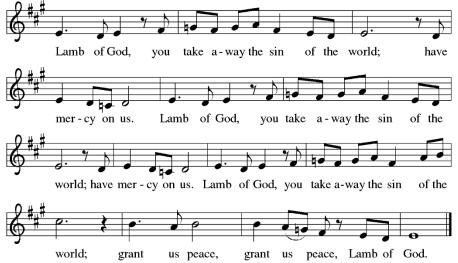
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

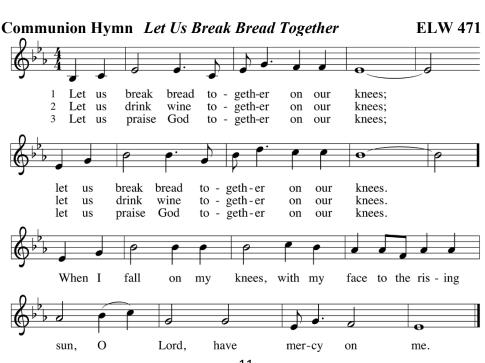
*Invitation to Communion (Please Stand)

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Thanks be to God.

Communion Song





Communion Distribution (Your choice of <u>WHITE</u> wine or <u>PURPLE</u> grape juice) The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

*Blessing

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

*Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Loving God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Benediction

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, + who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever. Amen.

*Sending Hymn:

Lord of Light

ELW 688

*Dismissal

While our worship here has ended, let us continue through our service to others. So go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lead on, O King Eternal

- arr. Smart

Today's Worship Leaders and Assistants – July 27, 2025

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Wayne York

Greeters: Dick and Myrna Hugh

Lector: Wayne York | Usher: Neil Rupe

Communion Assistants: Barb Rupe and Deb Ritenour Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Organist: John Foust

MEVO: Zack Baer

<u>Next Sunday's Worship Leaders and Assistants – August 3, 2025</u> Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Barb Rupe

Greeters: Heidi Torch and Ward Holdsworth

Lector: | Usher: Neil Rupe

Communion Assistants: Kenny Lab and Ward Holdsworth Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Organist: Diane Troendly

MEVO: Dane Smith

Weekly Announcements

<u>Communion</u>: Please fill out a communion card and hand it to the usher during communion. If you are unable to come forward, Pastor Rob will bring it back to your seat. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.

Healing Service: The Healing Service is changing! Pastor Rob will now be doing a Rite of Healing with Holy Communion every Wednesday from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Come in anytime during those 2 hours to talk and pray with Pastor Rob, receive a laying on of hands and anointing as well as communion.

<u>Upcoming Youth Events</u>: Join us all summer long for the fun! **Saturday August 9** – End of Summer Party at Tall Timbers – Details TBA **Sunday September 7** – Rally Day Start of Sunday School – 8:30am

<u>God's Work Our Hands</u>: The ELCA's annual day of service is fast approaching on September 7. More details on what service projects we will be doing this year will be coming soon.

<u>Pastoral Visits</u>: If you or anyone you know would like a visit from Pastor Rob, please call the church office or Pastor Rob to make arrangements.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday July 28

* AA Meeting – 12:00pm

Tuesday July 29

* Pastor's Group – 11:00am

Wednesday July 30

* Healing and Prayer time –

11:00am-1:00pm

* Pub Theology – 5:30pm **Thursday July 31**

Friday August 1

Saturday August 2

Sunday August 3

* Sunday worship – 9:30am



Attendance 7/20: 31

July Benevolence: T4C

(Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community)

Readings for Next Sunday

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

CHURCH COUNCIL

Neil Rupe – President Ken Lab – Treasurer Tricia Self Ward Holdsworth – VP Wayne York – Secretary Heidi Torch

Commemorations This Week

July 28 – Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians

These three composers have done much to enrich the worship life of the church. Johann Sebastian Bach drew on the Lutheran tradition of hymnody and wrote about two hundred cantatas, including at least two for each Sunday and festival day in the Lutheran calendar of his day. He has been called "the fifth evangelist" for the ways he proclaimed the gospel through his music. George Frederick Handel was not primarily a church musician, but his great work Messiah is a musical proclamation of the scriptures. Heinrich Schütz wrote choral settings of biblical texts and paid special attention to ways his composition would underscore the meaning of the words.

July 29 - Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality and refreshment they offered Jesus in their home. Following the characterization drawn by Luke, Martha represents the active life, Mary the contemplative. Mary is identified in the fourth gospel as the one who anointed Jesus before his passion and who was criticized for her act of devotion. Lazarus, Mary's and Martha's brother, was raised from the dead by Jesus as a sign of the eternal life offered to all believers. It was over Lazarus's tomb that Jesus wept for love of his friend.



Altar Flowers Are Given to the Glory of God...

In memory of Jim Fishel's birthday today by daughter and son-in-law Paula and Bob Freeland

Church Family and Friends in Need of Prayer...

Assisted Living/Nursing Home:

Kay Frantz, Larry Humbert, Peggy Immel, Jean Ridgway

Homebound:

Betty Hattery

Other Members:

Sam Bates, Kathy Beatty, Shirley Brug, Sally Dorn, Ed Fishel,
Dean Fisher, John Frank, Kay Frantz, Dorthy Glass, Diana Gray,
Dick Hugh, Charles John, Mary Jane John, Dorothy Kaufman,
Breanne Mathias, Susan Miller, Marsha Mills, Chuck Moore, Ruth Patrick,
Chris Smith, Cindy Smith, **Rob Sterling,** Marilyn Swaldo, Shirley Yoder,
Sandi Hannenkrat-Wemple

Friends and Family:

Carie Foust, Martha Massello, Pervin Norris, Martin Patrick

Names in **BOLD** listed above were prayed for at the altar last Sunday



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