



WELCA

Thankoffering Service

Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas,
Her hands were cups of kindness,
her heart an open door

May 10, 2026

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our worship follows a traditional order inspired by scripture and rooted in ancient patterns. The full order for worship (liturgy) is found in this bulletin.

*Please stand as you are able. Spoken congregational responses are in **Bold**.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK - WELCA Judy Cassel

***GATHERING**

Let everyone who has ever felt cast aside, hurt, or lonely say,

"I am welcome here."

Let everyone who has experienced joy and beauty say,

"I am welcome here."

Let everyone who desires to find the goodness of God say,

"I am welcome here."

Come just as you are. **Jesus promises to meet us here.**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN -

A Mighty Fortress is our God Hymn #504

*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.**

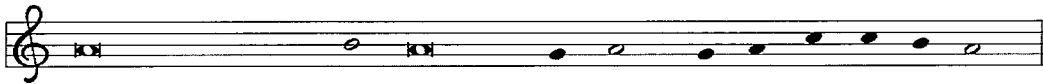
*KYRIE - Lord, have mercy page 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



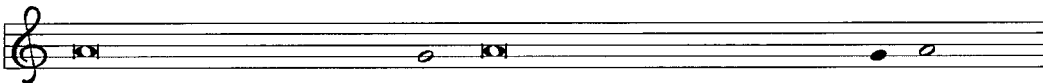
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



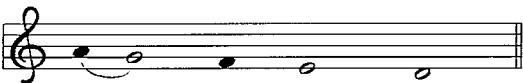
Lord, have mer - cy.



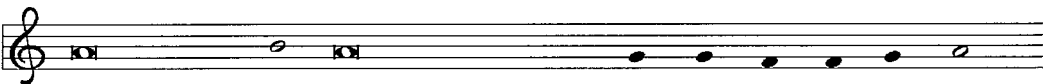
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



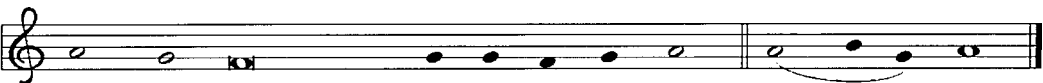
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

* HYMN OF PRAISE - This is the Feast page 149

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY Karen Weaver
 Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading - Ruth 1:7-16 Rita White
Two books of the Bible are named for women. In the book of Ruth, Ruth is an outsider from the country of Moab. She and her mother-in-law Naomi are both widowed and travel to Naomi's hometown of Bethlehem. Ruth becomes the great grandmother of David, and an ancestor of Jesus.

⁷ So Naomi set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰ They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me?...No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." ¹⁴ Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her

mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵ So Naomi said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."
¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 66:8-20(*spoken responsively*) Karen Weaver

⁸ Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³ **I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—**

¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING - Acts 9:36-43 Carole Koehler

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SENIOR CHOIR - Shout to the Lord Zschech/Hayes

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Page 151



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL - John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. *(spoken)*

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Althea Seidel

*HYMN OF THE DAY -

For all the Women Hymn 419, verses 1, 5, and 10

APOSTLES' CREED Nancy Brightbill

**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 Nancy Brightbill

Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** (After the prayer) **Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING - (*Offering plates are located in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.*)

*OFFERTORY HYMN -

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing..... Hymn #362, v5

**Mighty victor from the sky,
hell's fierce powers beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Nancy Brightbill

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

*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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS - Holy, holy, holy Page 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

You are indeed holy, Almighty and Merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for Jesus' coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

On 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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of the Holy Trinity: in our gathering; within this meal; and in the many ways you may yourself known to your people throughout the world. May all blessing, praise, and thanks be to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

*THE 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and receive the risen Lord. **Amen.**

*AGNUS DEI - (Lamb of God) Page 154



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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

After receiving Communion, please do not hesitate to come forward to the altar for a time of prayer.

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and bring you peace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, **you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

THE SENDING

*BLESSING

God has filled the hungry and thirsty with good things:

"Let us give thanks to God, for God's mercy endures forever!"

God has done wonderful works for all people:

"Let us rejoice in God's steadfast love!"

God has looked upon us with grace and favor:

"Let us remember God's mercy!"

God has put into our hearts a song of thanksgiving and freedom:

"Let us join our voices in singing our praise!"

May the God of abundance, Creator, ✠ Redeemer, and Spirit, bless you and keep you, now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN - Lift High the Cross Hymn #660

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Althea Seidel

Paul Copenhaver - Minister of Music	Heather Buffington - Pianist
Heather Buffington - Bell Choir Director	Nancy Brightbill - Lay Assistant
Rita White & Carol Koehler - Lectors	Emily Engle - Acolyte
Renee Hunter & Connie Thompson - Greeters	Jessie Green - Cantor

♿ *Elevator access to upper and lower levels is located at rear entrance of church.*

📵 *Remember to silence cell phones & other electronic device*

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY:

Sunday, May 10 - Adult Christian Education 10:15 a.m.

Monday, May 11 - Praise Ringers 6 p.m.; Psalm Ringers 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12 - Daycare Committee Meeting 6 p.m.; Senior
Choir 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13 - Social Ministry 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 14 - Archives & Artifacts Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.;
Mission Trip Meeting 6:30 p.m.

PRAYER UPDATE: We have been asked to keep Barb Atwood, Terry Clearwater, Monique Derfler, Deb Dobson, Donna, George & Susie Eckert, Dan, Dan Fox, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Jennifer, Joe & Fran, Joe Kalbach, Jim & Judi Light, Ann Mark, The May Family, Janice Peiffer, Rachel, Robert, Margaret Reese, Sam Smith, Betty Troxell, Nancy & Rick Warner, and Mary Yeagley.

PRAYER CONCERNS: If you no longer wish to be included in the prayer update list, please let the Church Office know to remove your name.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: If you no longer wish to receive envelopes or if you wish to start receiving envelopes, please let the Church Office know 717-273-8567.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

There are many ways that we, as a congregation and as individuals, give back to the Lord. Many of us share our gifts, talents, and money in order to have our many ministries flourish. Your support, in whatever ways it is shared, is always appreciated.

Scan to donate online:



Church Treasurer's Financial Summary - March 2026

	Month of March	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income	\$26,405.00	\$75,347.00	\$81,939.00
Expenses	(\$21,940.00)	(\$91,370.00)	(\$100,331.00)
Net Income	\$4,465.00	(\$-16,023.00)	(\$-18,392.00)

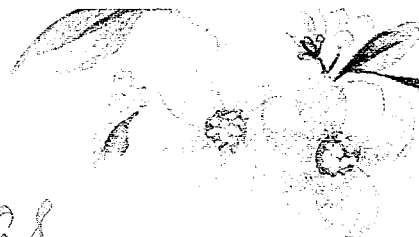
DONATIONS NEEDED: The Share & Care ministry is in need of plastic forks, canned goods, ready to eat items like granola bars, etc. Please bring your donations to The Giving Place. All donations should be placed in the bin marked SHARE & CARE. Donations placed in the red shopping cart go to LCCM. Thank you!

GOT LIDS?: Bring all of your soft plastic lids from yogurt, butter, and cottage cheese containers. These lids are approximately 5" in diameter. Other lids also work. Just bring your lid in and place them in the bin in The Giving Place.



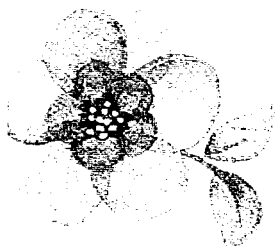
SEPTEMBER 26: Make plans to join us for BINGO! Proceeds will benefit the Pastor's Inner Mission Outreach and the Share & Care Ministry. If you are interested in helping or donating an item for the raffle, please contact the Church Office.

MAY'S SPECIAL OFFERING – WELCA: THANKOFFERING: Thankofferings are a long-standing custom among Lutheran women. The founders of Women of the ELCA decided back in 1988 that Thankofferings are to support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization. Our ongoing ministries include our many online and printed communications channels (including the website), our justice and advocacy work, training and development for elected leaders throughout the women's organization, our constant work in support of congregational and synodical women's organizations, the administration of our grants and scholarship programs, all that goes into our triennial convention (the business meeting, that is), and so much more. Please prayerfully consider making a donation. Envelopes can be found in the pews or at either Welcome Table. You can also put a note on or with your check.



*Blessings
to every mother figure.*

Your care shapes lives
and strengthens faith.





LEBANON COUNTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SHELTER VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION

Join us to learn of overnight volunteer opportunities at LCCM's Fresh Start Family Shelter!

Light snacks, information, and opportunities!

When: May 11th, 2026

Time: 4pm to 6pm - Drop In

Where: 611 Chestnut Street, Lebanon

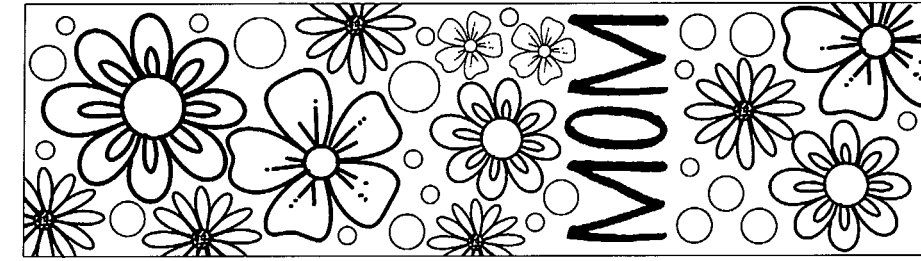


**Registration not required,
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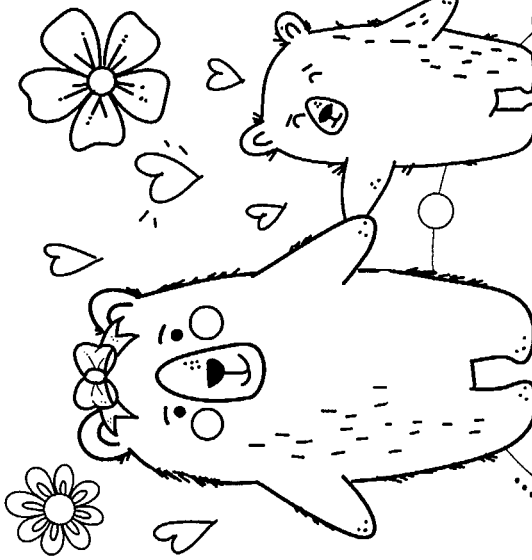
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Color and cut out the bookmark!

My mom is the best because:

MY Mummy IS THE BEST LOVE...



My mom's name is _____

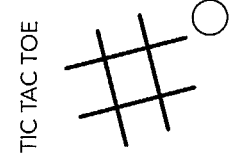
Her favorite color is _____

Her favorite food is _____

WORD SEARCH

- SPECIAL
- FUN
- MOTHER
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