

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Communion Sunday

"Love Is a Verb"

July 3, 2022

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts

J. Wayne Kerr

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: In his love, God took on human flesh.

People: Jesus is fully God and fully human.

Liturgist: The Incarnation makes it possible for us to see God face to face.

People: Jesus shows us love in action.

All: Let us worship the God who loves.

*HYMN

Jesus! the Name High over All

No. 193

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Loving God, we worship you today, praying that through your son, Jesus, we will be capable of love, obedience and faithfulness. Without Jesus, we will be overcome by sin and hopelessness. Jesus is the spotless "Lamb of God" and the sacrifice for our sin. All praise to you who sent Jesus so that we may live. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the People of God.*

People: Thanks be to God.

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER

+Pastoral Prayer

+Sung Response

He Is Lord

No. 177

SPECIAL MUSIC

America the Beautiful
Taryn Blydenburgh, Vocal Solo

Katherine Bates/Samuel Ward

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:1-4, 26b-27, 35, 38

MESSAGE

"Love Is a Verb"

Reverend Janet Sadel

*HYMN

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

No. 182

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

+Confession and Pardon

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory

Meditation on America

Janet Linker

*Congregational Response:

Take Our Bread

Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts, we love you.

Take our lives, O Father, we are yours, we are yours.

+HOLY COMMUNION

A Service of Word and Table II

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+Great Thanksgiving (page 13)

+The Lord's Prayer

The elements are distributed by the ushers so that we might receive communion in the pew.

Please hold the elements until instructed to receive, that we might commune together as one table.

(Gluten free wafers are available - please let an usher know if you are in need of one.)

+Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us to grow in love and obedience, that we may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you forever. We now offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory. Amen.

*HYMN

This Is My Song

No. 437

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us not take his love lightly, nor take it for granted. This morning we have received this sacrament.

People: **We go forth to live love as a verb and go out into the world, living for him. Amen.**

*RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE Fanfare and Postlude on *God of Our Fathers* J. Wayne Kerr

* - All Standing...A position of adoration and praise

+ - All Kneeling or Sitting...A position of humility and petition

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.
Liturgist: Pastor Lisa Flory

Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd

We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry

2022 Mission Support

International

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Lebanon County

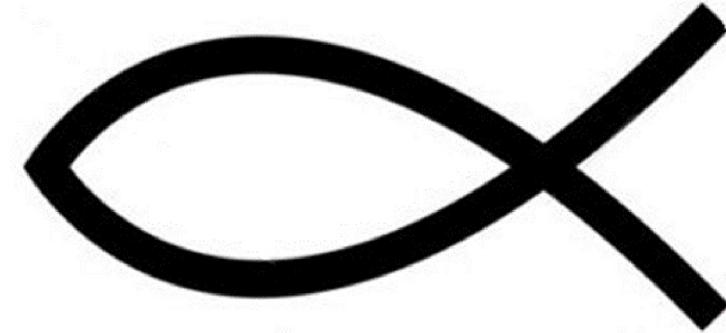
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Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM), Lebanon Rescue Mission, Support
Connections of Lebanon County(SCLC), Good Shepherd Care and Compassion Fund.



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
Celebration of Faith

Symbols of the Christian Faith



I C H T H U S

"Ichthus" is the Greek word for fish. It also serves as an acronym for:
"Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior."
Early Christians, fearful of persecution, identified themselves to one another with this secret symbol from the late second century.

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11:00 A.M.

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Sermon Outline: July 3, 2022 Summer Sermon Series: Creed
Who was Conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary
"Love Is a Verb"
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 1:1-4, 26b-27, 35, 38

The word "incarnation" is Latin for: in the flesh. This is the word we use to describe Jesus: God taking on human flesh.

What Jesus did is love in action, because love is a verb.

God took on flesh and became Jesus. He is fully God and fully human. This is one of the mysteries of our faith - and it is also a key doctrine of our faith.

I believe in Jesus ... who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. The only way that he could be conceive then, was of the Holy Spirit.

This gets to the central core of our faith. Had Jesus been born of Joseph, he would not have been able to save us from our sin.

It was necessary for Jesus to be the spotless "Lamb of God" without sin in order to be the perfect sacrifice for our sin. This means that not only did he need to live a life without sin - a perfect life - but he also had to be born without sin. Jesus is conceived by the Holy Spirit, and therefore he does not have Adam's sin.

Jesus lived a fully human life, and he lived it in love and obedience to the Father. And then Jesus set us free from the bonds of sin and death by dying for us on the cross.

Jesus asks us to do more than feel love for him, he asks us to do things, because love is a verb.

Key scriptures: Galatians 4:4; Romans 3:23; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22 & 45; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3; John 14:9

SUNDAY

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

MONDAY

Office Closed



TUESDAY

11-1—Free Noon Meal @ LCCM
7:00—Board of Trustees (Hall)

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

5:00—Contemporary Design Team
5:30—Traditional Design Team
6:00—CR Step Study

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal
10:00—Private [pavilion]
11:00—Safe Sanctuary Training [LB Hall]

SUNDAY

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
4: 00 - Private Hall, yth rm, Gthrng Area
6:00—Middle School Youth Night