

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 12, 2026

Theme: The Stewardship of Freedom



“For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke or slavery.” Galatians 5:1

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: As we have been baptized into Christ,

People: We are clothed with Christ.

Leader: And if we belong to Christ,

People: Then we are the offspring of faith and heirs according to the promise.

Leader: Our freedom comes as life in the Spirit.

People: Therefore, we reject works based solely on our desires.

Leader: Let us live with new life of spirit and truth.

People: We will worship the Lord in full spirit. AMEN

*Hymn: #688 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

*Prayer of the Day and Confession

Holy God, there is much that tries to separate us from one another—creed and color, gender and nation, class and culture. In an age of twisted values, call us from our fragmentation to live more humanly, more genuinely, more faithfully together in the grace to which you claim us. Empower us to refrain from labeling and categorizing that harms one another and takes away the respect and acceptance we each desire. Guide us with every step of daily living, both in our attitudes and actions, our choices and our commitments, even in our moments of reflection and rest. Through Christ who goes before us, and in his name we pray, “Our Father, who art in heaven. . .(using debts and debtors). . . AMEN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Galatians 5:1-25 Christ Sets Us Free

Sermon: **“True Freedom”**

*Hymn: #36 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Compassionate God, strengthen us for the journey of faith, trusting that the gifts of possession and self that we offer bring glory to your name and sow seeds of new life. We trust that the harvest of your Spirit will bear fruit in due season as we dedicate all that we have and all that we are to you. AMEN

*Hymn: #346 “For the Healing of the Nation”

(Tune: Angels from the Realms of Glory)

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Children of God, we are loved into freedom, set loose on the world to share the gifts of the Spirit.

People: So we go, knowing there is nothing that rightfully keeps us from loving God and loving our neighbor.

Leader: Go, knowing you are beloved and that you belong, claimed always by God in every circumstance.

People: We go set free to live and serve in the power of the Holy Spirit. AMEN and AMEN!

Postlude

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Dianne Yuninger, Organist

Prayers of the Congregation

The Prayer Person this week is: **Harrison Ruhl**

Announcements

There will be a joint meeting of **Session** and the **Trustees** this Monday, July 13 at 7 p.m.

The next free **Community Meal** will be held on **Thursday, July 23** in our handicapped accessible Smith Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:30 PM. The menu will be Hamburgers/Cheese Burgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Watermelon/Cantaloupe, Onion, Tomato, Lettuce, and Desserts. The signup sheets are in the narthex for people to help make the food, serve the food, and help clean up as well as people to contribute special food items. Everyone is welcome so come and enjoy our "indoor summer picnic"!

Leacock Presbyterian Church

First met in Leacock Township in 1724, recognized by the Synod in 1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.



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