



**Community of Christ Lutheran Church**  
*Third Sunday after Pentecost,*  
*June 14, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.*  
*Pastor Stephen C. Bond*



**THE GATHERING**

**Welcome**

Pastor Stephen Bond

**Musical Prelude**

Matthew Flick, Organist

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee "

**ELW 836**

**Greeting**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **C And also with you.**



## **Prayer of the Day**

**P** God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## **Childrens Sermon**

Anthem

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Choir

## **THE READINGS**

### **The First Reading Exodus 19:2-8a**

<sup>2</sup> [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup> ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

<sup>7</sup> So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup> The people all answered as one, “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

**L** The Word of the Lord **C** **Thanks be to God!**

### **The Second Reading Romans 5:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

**L** The Word of the Lord **C** **Thanks be to God!**

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

## The Holy Gospel Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

**P** The Holy Gospel according.... **C** Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

<sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [<sup>9</sup> Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or

village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

<sup>16</sup> “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup> Sibling will betray sibling to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

**P** The Gospel of the Lord! **C Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon**

*“How We Change the World”*

*Pastor Steve Bond*

**Hymn**

“Lord Speak to Us That We May Speak ”

**ELW 676**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

**C 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.**

**WE DEDICATE OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER**

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

*A brief silence.*

**AM** God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this coming week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**AM** God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**AM** God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain those who advocate for peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**AM** God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries **Larry Battles, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O’Konski, Luke Holtz, Ron Hetherwick, Jake Cope, Virginia Dillon, Staci, Greg Urbanski, Matt Jurrus, Tom Druschel, Phyllis Sturgeon, Jeff Bucher, Pastor Ray Gottschling, Baby Elliot, Maurice Atkinson, Rich Rison, Eric Dickey & Sarah Magoun, Judy Mock, Mike, Betty, Lori, Phillip, Cory, Damian, Megan & Kyle Morris, Chuck, Molly Wachtmann...** and all others whom we remember in silence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**AM** God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**AM** God of faith, we give thanks for the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

### **THE MEAL**

*We practice open communion, which means all baptized believers are welcome to receive the Sacrament. However, if you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate by crossing your arms. Grape juice is available in the inner ring of glasses for those desiring it and gluten-free wafers if needed. Ushers will dismiss you by row.*

### **Sharing of the Peace**

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you all! **C** **And also with you!**

*Share an expression of peace with your neighbor please.*

**Our Tithes and Offerings** *Bring your gifts to the Altar, or you may offer gifts in the tray located in the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.*

**Offertory** Amanda Worthington & Brian Jones, Duet, Denise Eikum, piano

### Offering Prayer

**AM** 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.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

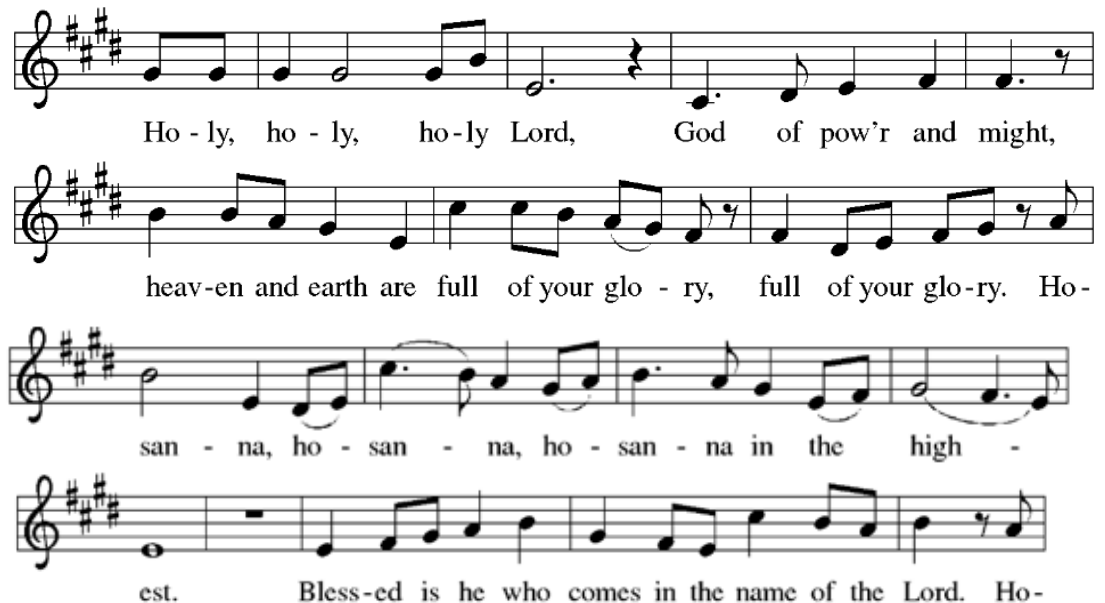
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

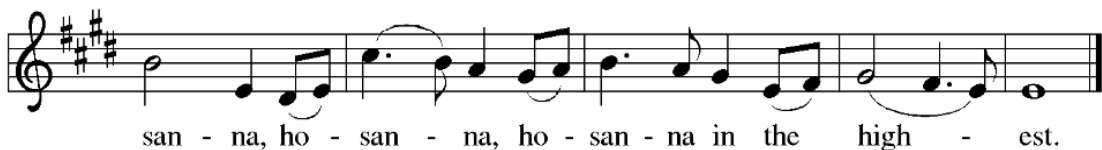
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### \*\*Eucharistic Prayer Continues



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



### The Words of Institution

*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. Jesus said, 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. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me.*

### The Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray... **C** 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.

### Communion Hymns

“Lamb of God”

Musical notation for the 'Lamb of God' hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "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, Lamb of God." The lyrics are written below the corresponding staves of music.

“I Love To Tell the Story”  
“Let Us Break Bread Together ”

ELW 661  
ELW 471

### **Post Communion Blessing**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**AM** 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.**

### **THE SENDING**

*Milestones & Announcements: Farewell and God Speed, Eric!*

Amanda Worthington & Brian Jones, Duet, Denise Eikum, piano

#### **The Blessing**

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

#### **Sending Hymn**

“Go, My Children With My Blessing”

ELW 543

#### **Dismissal**

**AM** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

**AM** And next week, **C Bring a friend!**

**Postlude** (please be seated)

Matthew Flick, Piano

## *“Making Jesus Known”*

**You're Invited!** Join us for worship this Summer every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.—either in person or via Facebook Live. We’d love to see you there, and don’t forget to bring a friend! Interested in becoming a member? Just fill out your information in the friendship pads or call the church office at 419-877-0607. We’d be honored to welcome you into our church family!

### **Summer Adult Forum - “Journey through the Old Testament” Starting June 21**

We’ll have several Sundays early in June with other special events coming up, but starting on June 21, we invite you to join us for our summer Adult Forum series, “Journey through the Old Testament.” Over these weeks, we’ll have the chance to take an overview of the books and stories of the Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament, in

the hopes of becoming more familiar with these books, understanding how to read them and the times and cultures they were first written in, and how they continue to speak to us as followers of Jesus today. Join us in the Bible study room on Sundays, starting June 21 at 10:15 for this series!

**Thursday Bible Study Opens Up the Book of Acts** Join us for our current series in our Thursday afternoon Bible Study, as we take a deep dive into the New Testament book of Acts to learn the story of the early church and how the band of rag-tag fishermen and tax collectors from Galilee grew into a movement that reached outward to the very heart of the Roman Empire and became a “found family” of Jewish and Gentile people, rich and poor, enslaved and free, women and men, and lived through the growing pains of that outreach to change the world. Join us weekly on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Bible Study/Council Room as we work through the book of Acts and let it spark our own ways of living out our faith and sharing the good news of Jesus in the world around us. Remember, too, that we’ll continue to share video catch-up sessions on our social media (see the church Facebook page) each week, so that you can know what we’ll be looking at each week in case you miss a week, want to join in, or to share with a friend!

### **A New Round of Spiritual Practices Coming Weekly This Summer!**

In the summer of 2025, we offered the chance to explore a variety of *spiritual practice* activities of different kinds that can deepen and enrich our faith and discipleship. Some of these are historic and long-standing in the sweep of church history, like the prayer labyrinth and the Daily Examen of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Others are more recent developments, like the musical style of sung prayer refrains from Taizé, France. And some were just plain fun and new angles on connecting faith with play and imagination, like LEGO building and improv. We hope you had the chance to participate in some of these events last summer. Still, we are even more hopeful that you’ll join us for a new round of Spiritual Practices this coming summer, as we gather weekly, once again for a series of ten **Wednesday** evenings from 6:30 p.m. -7:45 p.m. This summer, we are planning to introduce a variety of new practices, welcome some new faces and guest presenters, and dig deeper into several practices we could only scratch the surface of in 2025. Look for more details and a full slate of our scheduled practices in the brochures on the table in the gathering space and sign up at the kiosk!

**Summer Reading Club Returns Beginning June 10!** On Wednesdays this summer through August 12, we’ll welcome kids of all ages from 9:30-10:00 a.m. every week for stories, songs, fun, and friends. Bring a friend or neighbor, and we’ll gather in the church library (the long classroom where our youngest Sunday School class meets on

Sunday mornings). But wait, there's more! You will also be able to find our bookshelf in the Gathering Space all summer, with a new collection of kid-friends' books as well as some of our favorites from last year, that you can borrow, read, and return. We're inviting you to read ten books over the course of the summer for a special prize at the end of the summer! And if you are an adult who might be free on a Wednesday morning this summer and you would like to volunteer to be a guest reader of one of our stories, please reach out to Pastor Steve or Bryce and let us know—we'd be glad to welcome you to be a special guest on one or more of our Wednesday story times! See you this summer around a good book!

**Youth Car Wash!** On June 20, from 9:00–11:30 a.m., youth from the Anthony Wayne area will gather in our parking lot for a car wash fundraiser. Youth are invited to come help and stay afterward for pizza and fellowship. If you have a car, we'd love you to stop by and have it cleaned while supporting our youth! **For all youth participating, please sign up on SignUp Genius! Thank you!**

**Salem Lutheran Church!** On Sunday, June 28, 2026, donations of household goods and hygiene products will be accepted in the library before or after church. These donations will be taken to Salem Lutheran's Free Store on Tuesday, June 30, 2026. Thank you in advance for your donations. The Vistula community is appreciative of items that are donated. Thank you to Don and Josie for transporting!

Also, during the month of July and through the first week in August, we will be accepting donations for Salem Lutheran of feminine hygiene products: tampons, sanitary pads, and urinary incontinence products. These items are dispensed with wise stewardship of a limited resource. Donations may be placed in the Salem Lutheran basket under the table in the hallway. Thank you so much! Your generosity can make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families in the Vistula community. Thank you for your support.

**The Ladies will gather for lunch** on Friday, June 26, at 11:30 a.m. This month, we'll be meeting at Urban Pine Winery, 3415 Briarfield Blvd. Maumee, 43537. Please sign up at the kiosk so we can make reservations. All ladies are invited—feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Becky King at 419-349-7319.

**Average Joe Car Show** Break out the Turtle-Wax, the Outreach Committee is organizing the inaugural Community of Christ Average Joe's Car Show! Do you have a sweet ride or maybe it just looks GREAT from 10 feet away – either way, we'd LOVE for you to show it off to the community here in our parking lot on Saturday,

August 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. Food will be available for a free-will offering to support our youth's trip to the National Youth Gathering next year. Come out and purchase a lucky 50/50 ticket to help support our friends down at Salem. You may be asking yourself how can I get involved in this fun experience? The answer is simple – just reach out to a member of the Outreach Committee or look for the sign up sheet on the kiosk so we can ensure we have enough space. We look forward to seeing you – and your ride! Thank you – The Outreach Committee – Cammie Abraham, Dave Braun, Shelly Hayes, Tammy & Greg Myers, Cindy Smigelski, Kari Swagler, and Pastor Steve.

**Are you a Thrivent member?** If so, did you know you can help support our various committees and their projects by applying for a Thrivent Action Grant? Throughout the year, our committees often need funding to support activities, events, and special projects. Thrivent members are eligible to apply for Action Grants up to twice each year, and these grants can make a meaningful difference in helping our ministries and programs succeed. If you would be willing to support our committees by applying for one or two grants, please call or email Michelle in the office. She would be happy to gather your contact information and talk with you about how the process works. Thank you for considering this opportunity to support our church community!

**Fellowship Meet-Up** Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. The Wheelhouse (at Oak Openings) is managed by Earnest Brew Works. Come join us for drinks, food, and fellowship. There will be a wood-fired pizza truck, or you can bring your own food. There are bike trails nearby. Fellowship Committee: Susan Nofzinger, Chad Ackerman, Rory Hartbarger, Pam Davis

**Meet Matthew Flick!** Matthew has been playing piano since he was in kindergarten. Over his years of being a musician, he's become a jazz pianist, studio engineer, producer, and writer. He has recently released a studio album, which involved many local artists. As a recent graduate of Toledo School for the Arts, he has worked heavily in the Toledo music scene. Matthew will be attending the University of Toledo in the Fall and will continue to compose, produce, and perform. He is so grateful for your support and for being a part of today's celebration.



<i>Event</i>	<i>Day and Time</i>
Youth Group @ COC	Today, Sunday, June 14, 6:30 p.m.
Christian Education	Monday, June 15, 6:30 p.m.
Quilt Ministry	Tuesday, June 16, 10:00 a.m.
Book Club	Tuesday, June 16, 1:00 p.m.
Outreach	Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.
Kids Summer Reading Program	Wednesday, June 17, 9:30 a.m.
Spiritual Practices	Wednesday, June 17, 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study	Thursday, June 18, 1:00 p.m.
Car Wash	Saturday, June 20, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



**Sunday mornings, @ 9:00 a.m.  
both in person and Facebook Live**

**Church Office Hours  
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
(Monday through Friday)**

**Please note.....**  
Hours may vary with  
vacations.  
Please call ahead ☺



**Altar Flowers given by Chris & Natalie Rilling in  
celebration of their 59<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary ❤️**

**Godspeed and Farewell, Eric!** With grateful hearts, the Community of Christ family extends our deepest thanks to Eric for nine and a half years of faithful service as our Music Director. Through his many musical gifts and talents, he has enriched our worship, inspired our congregation, and shared the love of Christ in countless ways.

Eric, your dedication, creativity, and passion for music have been a true blessing to our church family. The beautiful music you brought to our services and special celebrations has touched our hearts and strengthened our faith.

We pray that God will guide your healing path and bless you abundantly. Though we will greatly miss your presence, your friendship, and your music, we send you forth with love and gratitude. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. You will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Godspeed, Eric. We love you, and you will be dearly missed.

*"May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you."* — Numbers 6:24-25



