



THE
LORD...

is my refuge and my fortress

- Psalm 91:2

First Evangelical and Reformed Church

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Sunday School – 9:00 am
Worship Service – 10:15 am

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www.firstchurchoflima.com

May 17, 2026

PRELUDE: “O How He Loves You and Me” Kurt Kaiser

*Jesus to Calv’ry did go, His love for mankind to show;
What He did there brought hope from despair;
O how He loves you; O how He loves me; O how He loves you and me!*

WELCOME

HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful” Praise Book #15-17

HYMN: “Jesus Messiah” Praise Book #87

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” Patricia Lou Harris

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:43-48

SERMON: “Testing the Spirits—Love & Hate” Rev. John Hyter

HYMN: “How Can I Say Thanks” Hymnal #23

BENEDICTION: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Hymnal #209
(First verse.)

POSTLUDE: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Steven Scott

Serving You This Week:

Guest Pastor:

Rev. John Hyter

Organist

Charles Cheuvront

Secretary

Pat Grossi



Prayer Concerns: Scarlet Rettig, Tom and Sarah Moneer, Betty Carr, Mike Lautzenheiser, Missionary James Reynolds, Tom Clutter, Connie Ryan, Rob Hyter, Tiffany Smith, Shelia Coon, Christian, Don Snook, Mike Butler, Tessa Money, Remy Hefner, Marisha Collier, Kameyan Campos, Charles (Jill's Dad), Karen, Anna, Don, Ruth Ann Russell, Lucas and Emma, Carole Cheuvront, Connie Ryan, Paul and Melissa Busick and their prison ministry, the family of Carla Bailey, family of Tom Clutter, Randall Allen, Jr., Grant Lewis.

Life Situations: Please pray for healing for the above-mentioned individuals. Pray for wisdom, godliness and safety for our country's leaders, law enforcement and armed forces. Pray for a quick end to the current conflict in Iran.

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
(Romans 12:12)*

Shut-In of the Week: Sarah Moneer is our shut-in of the week. Please take time to send her a card and pray for her. Her address is Springview Manor, 883 W. Spring Street, Room #310, Lima, Ohio, 45805.

Trivia: After his resurrection, what did Jesus say his followers would be able to drink? (Mark 16:17,18)

- a) Juice b) Milk c) Water d) Poison

Pondering: "The church exists for the glory of God, not for the entertainment of men."

Charles Spurgeon, 1834-1892

ANNOUNCEMENTS



For May, **CUP** (Churches United Pantry) is asking for deodorant. If you can help with a donation, it would be much appreciated. You can place your donations on the shelf near the elevator marked **CUP**. Thank you.

Ladies Aid – Please remember to save your Chief’s receipts, “Our Family” bar codes and house brand products. The Ladies get a percentage of the total amount of the receipts turned in. This can help fund future projects. Thanks for your help.

Graduate Recognition is Sunday, June 7, 2026, during the worship service. We are proud of our graduates! Please feel free to invite family and friends.



Our next **Gathering Meal** is June 7, 2026, following the worship service downstairs in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to share and join us for good food and fellowship. All are invited.

**LIMA
RESCUE
MISSION**

If you would like to be involved in this ministry, please visit their website at limamission.org. They have a list of needs which I don’t have room to list here. But, when you go to the grocery store, you can pick up a few of these items if you want to help. You can also give money or help serve meals. The number for the meal ministry is 567-242-5601 or email cferguson@limamission.org.



The **June/July/August** issue of “*Our Daily Bread*” devotional is here. You can pick up your copy on the table in the entry.