

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



25 JUNE 2017
The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah knew the frustration of having his words rejected. Jesus declares that his words may not bring peace, but division. In baptism we are buried with Christ that we may walk in newness of life. As we take stands for the sake of justice and lose our lives for the sake of others, we need not be afraid. The hairs of our head are counted. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.

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Academy Administrator

Holy Communion • Setting II • 10:30

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



[P] Since we are justified by faith,
 we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
 God’s love has been poured into our hearts
 through the Holy Spirit.
 In the mercy of almighty God,
 Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
 and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

[C] Amen.

*It seems odd now to think of singing this text to the tune of “O Come, All Ye Faithful”,
 but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of cultural bias against the
 shape-note music in which the original tune was written. The vigor of the original tune
 seems especially right for the final line’s reference to Hebrews 13:5.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

LBW 507

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 “When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;
 my sov - ’reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I’ll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.”
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, early American

GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

[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.



KYRIE Luke 17:13

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.

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

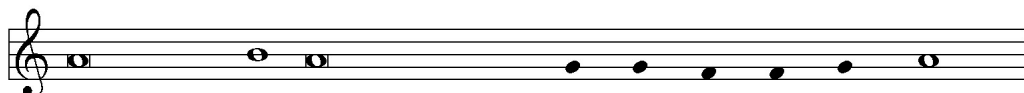
[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mer - cy.





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

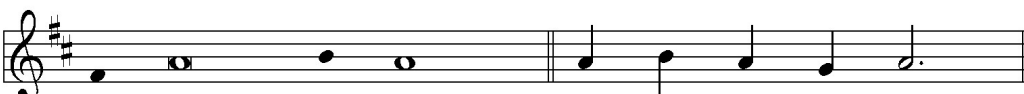


let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*



P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

P Let us pray,

G Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

WORD – “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.”

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, “Violence and destruction!”
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.



⁹If I say, “I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,”
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering:
“Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”

All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
“Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him.”

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

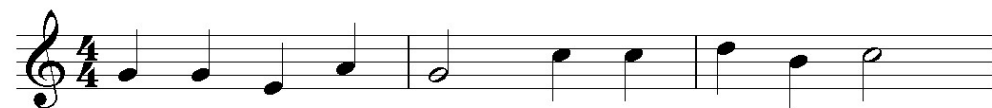
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Refrain: *(Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.)*



An - swer me, O Lord, for your love is kind.

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

⁸I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother’s children.

⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.



¹⁰I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach. **R**

[¹¹I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.

¹²Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.

¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O Lord:
“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

¹⁴Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.] **R**

¹⁶Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.

¹⁷Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

¹⁸Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

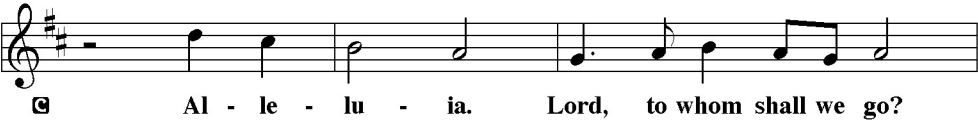
⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L The word of the Lord.

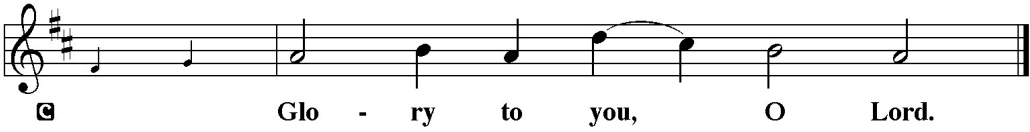
G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.



GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall on the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

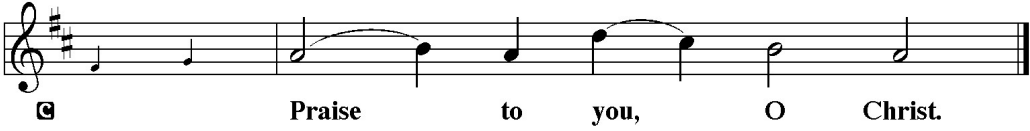
³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P The Gospel of the Lord



Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Coleman

Please stand as you are able.

This text is from the pen of a Scottish Presbyterian pastor whose principal engagements have been in youth work and liturgy. The tune is traditionally Scottish, linked with other (secular) texts.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 798

Will You Come and Follow Me
The Summons



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.


Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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APOSTLES' CREED


**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again 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.**


THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*


- A** Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.
A brief silence.
- A** God of grace, we give you thanks for renewing the church in every age (*especially through Philipp Melancthon and the witness of the Augsburg Confession*). Bless missionaries who boldly proclaim your mercy throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,
- G** hear our prayer.
- A** Generous God, you love the sparrows and shower your whole creation with abundance. Guide our stewardship by your wisdom so that all life flourishes as you intend. Lord, in your mercy,
- G** hear our prayer.


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God of peace, change the hearts of leaders who go to war. Enlighten their minds with your holy imagination, opening new paths to peace and renewed life. Lord, in your mercy,
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hear our prayer.
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Compassionate God, you tell us not to fear, but we do. Give courage to everyone who faces oppression and bigotry, hunger and homelessness. Bring healing and hope to all your people, especially those we love and those we name before you now..... Lord, in your mercy,
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hear our prayer.
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God of community, thank you for the gift of Luther Memorial Church. Bless all who are new here. Teach us how to welcome one another. Unite us as we proclaim your love. Shine through our common life. Lord, in your mercy,
- 


hear our prayer.
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We give thanks for all who have been baptized into Christ Jesus and now rest in the fullness of Christ’s resurrection, especially Adele Bole. Lord, in your mercy,
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hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR JESSICA COPFER

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All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust into your care through Christ our Lord.
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Amen.
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The peace of the Lord be with you always.
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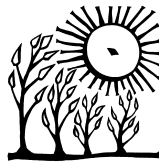
And also with you.
- Romans 16:16*

Please be seated.

MEAL – “God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.”

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED *Psalm 116:12*

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:
So God blessed them, and God said to humankind, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves up the earth.” Genesis 1: 28



ANTHEM – "Lead Gently, Lord"

Paul Laurence Dunbar / Clif Cason

Lead gently, Lord, and slow, for oh, my steps are weak,
And ever as I go, some soothing sentence speak;

That I may turn my face through doubt's obscurity
Toward thine abiding-place, even though I cannot see.


For lo, the way is dark; through mist and cloud I grope,
Save for that fitful spark, the little flame of hope.


Lead gently, Lord, and slow, for fear that I may fall;
I know not where to go unless I hear thy call.


My fainting soul doth yearn for thy green hills afar;
So let thy mercy burn - my greater, guiding star!

Please stand as you are able.


OFFERTORY




What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben - e-fits to me?




I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the




name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the



pres-ence of all his peo-ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,



in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.


OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Merciful God,
you open wide your hand
and satisfy the need of every living thing.
You have set this feast before us.
Open our hands to receive it.
Open our hearts to embrace it.
Open our lives to live it.
We pray this through Christ our Lord.
- G Amen.


GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

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. *Matthew 6:9*


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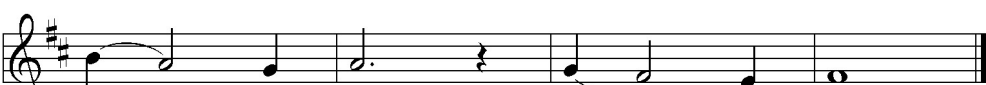
C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come, let us eat, for now the feast is offered.
We receive this meal with hearts of thanksgiving.
C Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.


Please come forward by the center aisle. The distribution of the elements is by the method of intinction (dipping). Receive the bread and dip it into the chalice (cup). Wine is in the metal chalice. Grape juice, for those who prefer it, is in the earthenware chalice. Return to your place by the side aisle.

COMMUNION *John 1:29*


This hymn text's author worked for years as a dental secretary in Detroit, but she is also the author of two hymn collections. The tune was composed by a prolific German who set all the author's hymns to music.

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION LBW 476


Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit-tle flock; have no fear, lit-tle
2 Have good cheer, lit-tle flock; have good cheer, lit-tle
3 Praise the Lord high a-bove; praise the Lord high a-
4 Thank-ful hearts raise to God; thank-ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa-ther has cho-sen to
flock, for the Fa-ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up-
God, for he stays close be-side you, in



give you the king-dom; have no fear, lit-tle flock!
his love for-ev-er; have good cheer, lit-tle flock!
lift and re-store you; praise the Lord high a-bove!
all things works with you; thank-ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1: Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2–4
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930

Text for this hymn is the work of one of Sweden’s best-loved hymn writers, who wrote over 650 hymns.

LBW 474

Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav’n-ly Fa-ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne’er for - sak - eth;



nest-ling bird or star in heav - en such a ref - uge ne’er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

BLESSING

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- ☑ Amen.

This hymn text was written by a native of Bohemia who was forced to move to Germany with his family in the 17th century, where he became a distinguished poet. Little is known about the composer of the tune except that he was cantor and school teacher at Potsdam in 1750.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

LBW 487

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,



through a world that would de-ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.



On-ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, pil-grims here, our home a - bove,



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Fa-ther's bid-ding,



Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bid; I shall fol - low where you guide.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681
Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- ☐ Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for your reign of justice,
may we thirst for your way of peace,
for you are Lord forevermore.
- ☑ Amen.

SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”

BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26

- ☐ May God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
- ☑ Amen.

DISMISSAL Luke 7:50

- ☐ Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
- ☑ Thanks be to God.

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