

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



6 November 2022
All Saints' Sunday
10:30 am

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Luther Memorial is Christ's church that brings its ministry to northwest Pennsylvania within the context of its Lutheran heritage.

As a church that ministers to the community, it seeks to be an inclusive congregation providing a welcoming environment for all to worship, learn, and enhance both personal spiritual growth and fellowship.

GATHERING – "The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God."

PRELUDE – "Land of Rest"

"Behold a Host Arrayed in White"

"For All the Saints"

arr. David Lasky

arr. Charles Ore

arr. Charles Ore, Michael Burkhardt, Benjamin Culli

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lutheran Book of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

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,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P Most merciful God,
C we confess that we have sinned against you
 and our neighbors.
 We have ignored voices
 that call for your justice.
 We have neglected actions
 that witness to your righteousness.
 We have spoken and acted
 in ways that disrupt your beloved community.
 We truly repent of things we have done
 and left undone.
 For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
 Restore our troubled spirits,
 so that we may live in newness,
 follow the way of the Spirit,
 and build up the body of Christ.
 Amen.

P Rejoice and be glad!
 God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
 and restores us to life through the death
 and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
 in the name of the Father,
 and of the † Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 422

For All the Saints

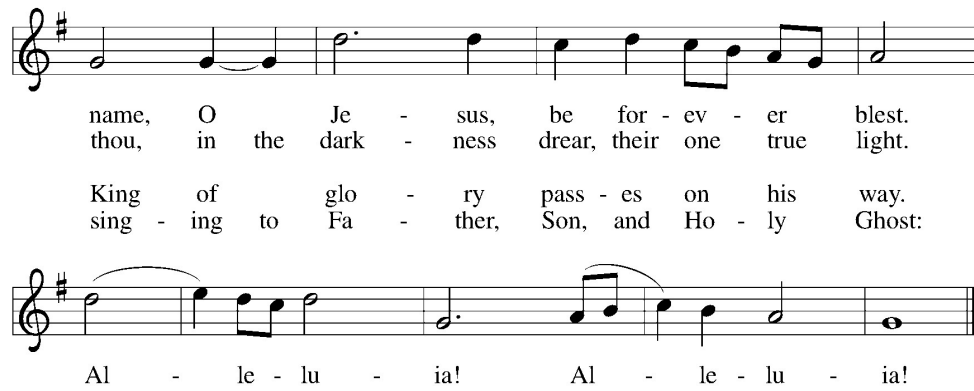


all 1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
all 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
all 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
all 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . .

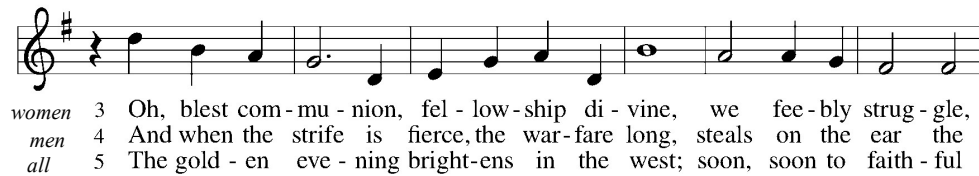




name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



women 3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle,
 men 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the ear the
 all 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
 ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the

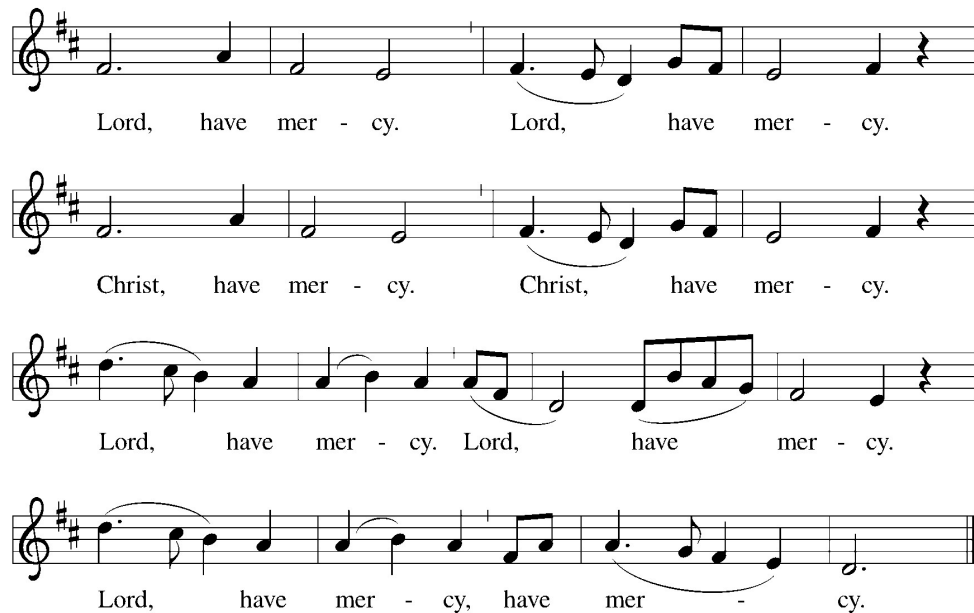
thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 strong.
 blest.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
 Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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GREETING

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

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,

glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

☩ Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.



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

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel’s vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God’s people.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

☞ The word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 149 (*Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.*)



- ¹Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song,
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- ²Let Israel rejoice in his maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- ³Let them praise his Name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- ⁴For the Lord takes pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with victory.
- ⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them be joyful on their beds. **R**
- ⁶Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand,
- ⁷to wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
- ⁸to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron,
- ⁹to inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah! **R**

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

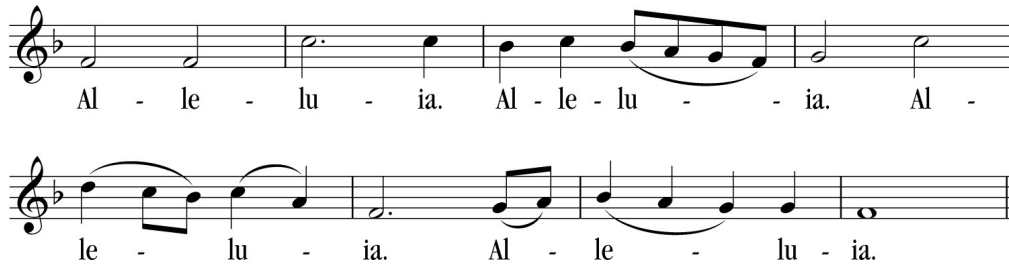
☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain: *(Sung once by the choir, repeated by the congregation and repeated after the verse.)*



*They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
(Revelation 7:15)*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Moran

Please stand as you are able.

The author and composer of this hymn wrote it near the end of the Civil War, during a hot summer when he was bodily exhausted. The "words began to construct themselves:" as he wondered why so many hymns spoke of the "river of death".

The questions appear in the text, the answer in the refrain. "The music came with the hymn," he said.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 423

Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

NICENE CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.



For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,***

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

A Lord of every time, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gathered to yourself. Comfort us as we grieve those who have died in the past year

KEVIN KRAUT

ROBERT PETERSON

PASTOR ALBERT GESLER

PASTOR ROY WASHILL

JOAN PRYLINSKI

SHIRLEY YOUNGBERG

ROSE HILL

MILDRED NODES

BARB HOLCOMB

RICHARD LECHNER

JEAN JOYCE

RICHARD THORN

BOB WEISMAN

JIM BROWN

JEAN HEDDERICK

ROSANNA STRAUSBAUGH

DON TATAR

DOROTHY RESPECKI

DOROTHY OVERBERG

JEFFREY BENSON

BOB SADOWSKI

MARILYN SCHULTZ

JIMMY FISHER

Keep us in loving communion with them until we are gathered into the company of all the saints around your throne. Give family and friends of these your saints comfort and peace on this day, and may they find hope in the promise of the resurrection.

C Amen.

THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

A United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

A Holy One, your church rests on the faithful who came before us. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders the will to carry the church forward and discern your will for the future. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.



A Holy One, the earth is yours and all that dwells within it. Care for places ravaged by natural disasters, especially Florida, Puerto Rico, Cuba and the American West. Quell raging fires and halt destruction caused by flooding. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Holy One, you raise up leaders to guide your people. Kindle in them a passion to care for others, a desire to seek the common good, and the courage to love their enemies. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Holy One, you bless those who are poor, hungry, and reviled. Provide food, housing, and security to all who are vulnerable or in crisis. May those who have more than enough give generously. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Holy One, hold us in community with one another. Nurture a spirit of abundant hospitality and intentional inclusion among us, welcoming the gifts of adults and children. Inspire creative visions for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A We ask your blessing for our country as we approach Election Day. May your guidance, wisdom and love enter into our hearts, and may you heal this nation by putting bitterness and fear aside. We give you thanks for our nation and the freedoms you have given us. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A You guide us in all times of our lives. In this time of pastoral transition at Luther Memorial Church, strengthen all congregational members, leaders, and the Call Committee to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Holy One, we remember in thanksgiving all those who have died, especially Sylvia Johnson and Bob Young. Wipe away our tears and comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

You are invited to greet those around you in your pew with a word or a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

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

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

“Jesus said, truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”

Luke 21: 3-4

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

arr. Kevin McChesney

Please stand as you are able.



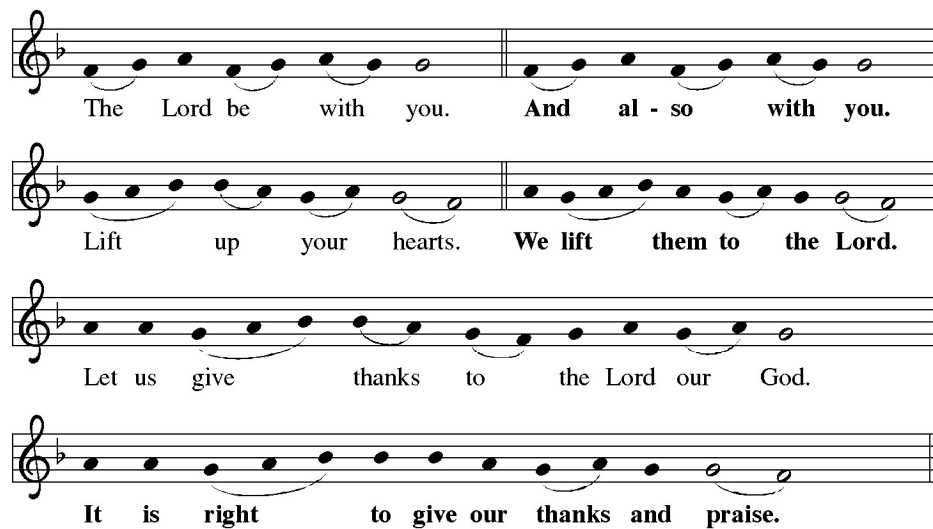
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Blessed are you, Maker of all things.
 As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,
 now gather our gifts,
 nourish us with this sacrament,
 and send us to those who hunger and thirst,
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

G Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are 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-san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy are you, O God of all the ages,
all that is, is yours.
Past, present, and future,
your word brings life beyond human understanding.

Healing the sick, embracing the poor, breathing life into the dead:
you sent your Son who called to us from a cross,
that the worst of our fears would be removed.

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.
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.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
renew our communion with all your saints.
Make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.



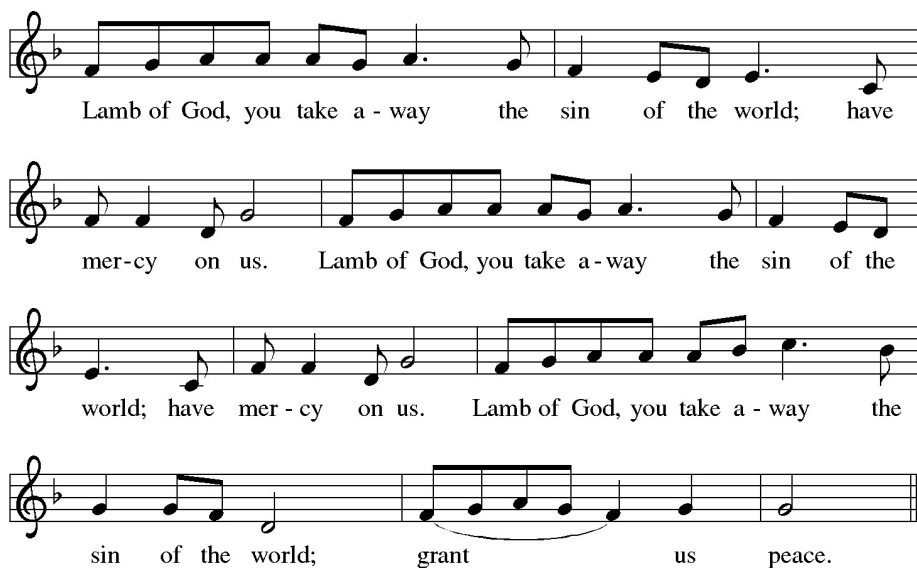
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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*

AGNUS DEI



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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ spreads a table before you.
Gather here with all the saints.

C **Amen.**

P Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

The congregation is seated.

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

O Jesus, our great high priest, be present with us as you were present with your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread. Lutheran Book of Worship

COMMUNION

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.

Forming 2 lines, please come forward by the center aisle and maintain appropriate physical distancing.

Receive the bread from the pastor then proceed to the assisting minister who will be holding a tray of cups with wine, and also cups with grape juice.

Take a cup and then return to your seat.

Gluten-free wafers are on the stand in front of the baptismal font.

If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.

The father of this author was a parish priest and both of his brothers were vicars. He studied theology at the University of Copenhagen, appointed rector of Holstebro in 1721 and became deacon in 1729. He went on to become Bishop at Aalborg in 1737 and Bishop of the Diocese of Ribe in 1741 where he remained. He began publishing hymns in 1732.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 425

Behold the Host Arrayed in White



1 Be - hold the host ar - rayed in white like thou - sand snow - clad
 2 On earth their work was not thought wise, but see them now in
 3 O bless - ed saints, now take your rest; a thou - sand times shall



moun - tains bright, that stands with palms and sings its psalms be -
 heav - en's eyes; be - fore God's throne of pre - cious stone they
 you be blest for keep - ing faith firm un - to death and



fore the throne of light! These are the saints who
 shout their vic - t'ry cries. On earth they wept through
 scorn - ing world - ly trust. For now you live at



kept God's word; they are the hon - ored of the Lord. He
 bit - ter years; now God has wiped a - way their tears, trans -
 home with God and har - vest seeds once cast a - broad in



is their prince who drowned their sins, so they were cleansed, re -
 formed their strife to heav'n - ly life, and freed them from their
 tears and sighs. See with new eyes the pat - tern in the



stored. They now serve God both day and night; they
 fears. For now they have the best at last; they
 seed. The myr - iad an - gels raise their song. O

 sing their songs in end - less light. Their an - thems ring when
 keep their sweet e - ter - nal feast. At God's right hand our
 saints, sing with that hap - py throng; lift up one voice; let

 they all sing with an - gels shin - ing bright.
 Lord com-mands; he is both host and guest.
 heav'n re - joice in our re - deem - er's song!

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.
 Music: DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK, Norwegian folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. Edvard H. Grieg, 1843–1907
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Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- We give you thanks, most gracious God,
 that you have fed us with the bread of heaven
 and given us a foretaste of Paradise.
 Enliven us to be your body in the world
 and to serve those who are in need;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

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

BLESSING

- The God of peace,
 who creates all things and calls them good,
 who makes us alive in Jesus,
 and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,
 ☩ bless you now and forever.
 Amen.

Care Ministers please come forward to the altar during the singing of the Sending Hymn.

This hymn is taken from a twenty-six stanza poem of uncertain origin but sometimes ascribed to Augustine. The anonymous hexatonic melody is thought to be a variant of some old folk air, probably of Scottish or Northern English origin.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 628

Jerusalem, My Happy Home



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
Thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.
Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional

SENDING OF COMMUNION CARE MINISTERS

- P** Compassionate God,
as Jesus called disciples to follow him,
bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament
with those who are sick and homebound.
May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers,
that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ,
all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Land of Rest"

arr. Raymond H. Haan

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor Brian Moran
GREETERS – John Bartlett, Natalie Montero
ACOLYTES – Kara Partusch, Jeana Williams
ASSISTING MINISTER – Pam Masiroff
LECTOR – Eric Hedlund
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Ann Flick, Elaine Kern
USHERS – Mary Daniels, Eric Hedlund, Carl Moore, Amy Scott
ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Dorothy Youngman.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Young, who would have been 86 on November 5, by his family.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Sylvia Johnson by her daughters and families.

Welcome to our Visitors!

We extend a warm welcome to those who are visiting with us today. Your presence with us is a blessing! If you have any questions about our congregation or its ministries, please call the church office at 814-454-0106. We are glad to help you in any way we can. Please worship with us again soon!

Our Prayer Lists are ever-changing and we do a daily check on all those listed. Please remember to contact Linda Graffius at 454-0106, ext. 229 or lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org if you have someone to be removed or added to the prayer list.

Worship

The Prelude brings us together for the beginning of our worship service each Sunday morning. Our worship time together concludes when the Postlude is complete. We ask that the chancel area remain unoccupied during these times of music as live video streaming continues through the entire worship service. Thank you.

ReCharge contemporary service will be held Sunday, November 13. All are welcome to join us at 4:00pm for a delicious Thanksgiving Feast along with some fun games. Our worship service will begin at 5:00pm.

Stewardship

The worship service in a Lutheran Church always includes an opportunity to respond to God's love and gifts with a thank offering. It is through this worshipful response to God that the church receives the resources needed to carry out ministry. On Christ the King Sunday, November 20, we will be asked to make a commitment of the amount each of us intends to offer in the coming year. Our hope is that you will see this as an opportunity to count your blessings and respond with a generous promise of thanksgiving and support for the mission of Luther Memorial Church.

Christian Education

Children's Church will have a different schedule beginning Sunday, November 13. Prek - Kdg., 1st - 3rd grade and 4th - 6th grade will all meet on the second Sunday of the month from 9:30 – 10:15am. Our youth in grades 7 - 12 will continue to gather on the third Sunday of the month; the time will be determined.

Teachers and helpers are needed for our Children's Church classes. This will only be the second Sunday of each month. If you are able to help monthly or on a rotating basis it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the church office with any questions. Thank you.

Music Ministry

After two years of reduced musical activities at Luther Memorial, we hope to celebrate a more normal Advent and Christmas season this year. Certainly, music plays a central role in Advent and Christmas worship as well as the St. Lucia festivities. We are in need of more singers and handbell ringers to return to pre-COVID ensemble strength and programming.

We continue to use masks while ringing and singing together and everyone is very conscientious about testing and isolation upon any evidence of viral symptoms.

Please consider joining us for the next two months to enhance our worship at Luther Memorial. No auditions are required but a short conversation with our cantor (*Walt Gaber, 814.602.2755, WaltGaber@gmail.com*) will help in our planning and provide an opportunity to ask questions and obtain more information. Ask any of our current participants about their reasons for participating and the benefits of making music together. Note that handbell rehearsal times are now Thursdays at 5:30pm and choir following immediately at 6:30pm.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-12:00pm. Join us November 8 and 22 to visit with friends, chat and enjoy our knitting and crocheting. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes and let us know if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Holiday Bingo is all set for Sunday, December 4. Doors open for this fun afternoon at 12:00 noon, and we can yell “Bingo” from 12:30-4:00pm. Join us for the great time and cash prizes. Tickets are \$20 and can be picked up from the church office, Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski.

OWLS will gather for a unique history lesson on Wednesday, November 16 as we welcome Sabina Freeman from the Fairview/Girard Historical Society. She will share the history about the B’nai B’rith Orphanage that was built in Fairview in the 1900’s. Please join us at 11:30am and bring a bag lunch. Reservations are appreciated to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Sunday, November 13.

OWLS Christmas party will be held Wednesday, December 14 in the parlor. Our celebration will be held from 11:30am – 1:30pm with caroling, games and lots of fun enjoying the holiday season. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 or Jan MacInnes by Friday, December 9.

Youth Events

Christmas Extravaganza excitement is Friday, December 2 for youth in grades 6-12. We will gather at Luther Memorial at 5:30pm for dinner followed by gift wrapping, an Advent activity, games and a movie. The event will end at 9:30pm. Please see Beth Keller, Sarah Prylinski or contact the church office if you plan to attend.

Outreach Opportunities

LYO is preparing Thanksgiving dinner bags which will be distributed to help families that need a little “lift”. Items being collected are:

- Cranberry sauce/gravy
- Stuffing mix
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Juice (in plastic bottles)
- Sweet potatoes (canned)

After the final collection date of November 12, the LYO will shop for the remainder of needed items. Donations may be dropped off in the church office or in the box near the welcome table. Thank you so much for your help with this project.

Family Christmas Dinner will be served to area neighbors on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00pm at the Bethesda Center, 18th and Walnut Street. This is the 24th year that St. Matthew’s began the tradition of serving a Christmas dinner to those in need, and we now continue to share that Christmas spirit. Monetary donations are needed to purchase hams, scalloped potatoes, green beans, beverages and paper products. Donations of cookies are also needed. A volunteer sign-up sheet is located at the welcome table as approximately 20 people are needed to assist beginning at 5:00pm that evening. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate marked “Family Christmas Dinner” or dropped off in the church office. Please feel free to contact our church office with any questions. Thank you.

“Kids for Kids” annual collection will take place through Sunday, December 4. All money collected will be used to help families at Luther Memorial and Luther Memorial Academy in need during the Christmas season. Monetary donations are appreciated and may be dropped off in the church office or placed in the offering plates marked “Kids for Kids”. Our youth, with the guidance of our youth leaders, Beth Keller and Sarah Prylinski, will shop for gifts at their Christmas Extravanza. Thank you.

Christmas is “A-comin”

St. Lucia Festival will be celebrated on Sunday, December 11 at 4:00pm. The first rehearsal for our children will be held Sunday, November 20 at 11:45am in the main church. We are excited to be celebrating this traditional Swedish program and look forward to seeing many join us. All youth and young children are encouraged to participate in this annual festival.

Hanging of the Greens will take place on the First Sunday in Advent, November 27, following services. Let the Christmas spirit bubble over and join us for the fun of decorating our church for the holidays.

Christmas Dinner will be delicious and easy when you pop a Gahr's Hamloaf in the oven. Orders will be accepted through Sunday, December 4, with pick-up following church services on Sunday, December 18. Order forms are located at the welcome table and in the church and school offices. Cost is \$5 for a 1 lb. hamloaf and \$8 for 2 lbs. Guaranteed to satisfy your tastebuds.

Safety Preparedness

Active Shooter and Stop the Bleed Training will be offered Wednesday, November 9 at 6:00pm at the Erie County Department of Public Safety Building, 2880 Flower Road, Erie. Learn what to expect in an active shooter event and how to react. Participants will learn three (3) quick actions in order to save a life.

Luther Memorial Church Policy

Masking at Luther Memorial Church is now optional.

In Case of Emergency

In case of an emergency please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162 or Linda Graffius at 440-5458. Thank you.

– PRAYER LISTS –

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| PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: | | | |
| Our Members: | | | |
| Jan & Skip MacInnes | C. Noelle Partusch | Jane Kinzig | Chickie Braine |
| Dave Parsh | Walt Gaber | Mark Howell | |
| Friends and Family: | | | |
| Amy Daugherty | Marie Checkley | Tammy Fuller | Linda F. |
| Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie | Mary Correll | Judy Skoog | Sue O'Mahony |
| Edie Jackman | Melissa Geiser | Bob Guenther | Christine Norris |
| Jessica & Damian Ream | Brittani H. | Tom McGrail | Meghan Kessler |
| Susan Brooks | Kevin | | |
| Grief: | | | |
| Bob Sadowski Family | Marilyn Schultz family | | |
| Our Military Service Men & Women: | | | |
| Lt. Col. Matt Anderson | Michael Stickner | Andrew Watson | Alli Brown |
| Ben Dixon | | | |

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| PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WITH ONGOING NEEDS: | | | |
| Our Members: | | | |
| Shirley Brown | Mike Daniels | Nancy Downey | Lois Fobes |
| Bill Grande | Laura Beth Kraut | Mark Lechner | David Ruler |
| Pastor Dave Mumford | Linda Soles | Kathy Weisman | Brent Young |
| Joyce Zwilling | Bev Held | | |
| Our Friends And Family: | | | |
| Rev. Fred Heitzenroder | Ray Polasky | Larry E. | Juan Esparza |
| Mary Ann Kellogg | Jim Berger | Tom Ridge | Kirsten Braley |
| Abby & Madison | Scott Respecki | Jim Haskins | Kayle Prinzi |
| Naomi & John Howard | Hildie Polasky | Sam Ruma | Tom Kraut |
| Carolyn & Viktor Soder | Ed Hokaj | Linda Grimm | Elijah Montero |
| Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S. | Clarice Moore | Bill | Amanda Toms |
| Rev. Ralph Storm | Ben Young | Sue Gerke | |

CALENDAR

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| MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 6:00pm | LMA Legos |
| TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | 10:00am 6:00pm | Magic Fingers Grace Group Church Council |
| WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 | 6:00pm 6:00pm | PIAA LMA Legos |
| THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 | 11:30am 5:30pm 6:30pm | LMA Dismissal Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal |
| FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 | 6:30pm | LMA Closed Club 50 |
| SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | 9:00am 10:00am | Family Gathering Quilting Meeting |

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Michael Snider will preach at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and the 10:30am service in the main church.

Children's Church for Prek – Grade 6 at 9:30am.

ReCharge contemporary service will begin at 4:00pm with Thanksgiving dinner; 5:00pm worship.

| SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022 | | |
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| ASSISTING IN WORSHIP | | |
| Assisting Minister | 8:15am | Ellen DiPlacido |
| | 10:30am | Stan Rose |
| Lay Distributors | 8:15am | Jan MacInnes |
| | 10:30am | Linda Graffius |
| Altar Guild | 8:15am | Donna Sedelmyer |
| | 10:30am | Loretta Deeds |
| Greeters | 8:15am | Vicky Blasco |
| | 10:30am | Bill Lasher |