Welcome to Luther Memorial Church of the Erie Lutheran Parish



7 NOVEMBER 2021 All Saints' Sunday

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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7 NOVEMBER 2021 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 8:15 & 10:30

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 – (8:15 am Service) – Partita on "For All the Saints" "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"	David M. Cherwien Charles Ore
PRELUDE (10:30 am Service) – "Carillon Tune" "Earth and All Stars" "With Organ and Handbells Praise the Lord"	Douglas Wagner arr. John Behnke Volckmar Leisring arr. Donald Frederick
"Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing"	arr. Cathy Moklebust
(Luther Memorial Handbell Choir)	

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 marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

 \mathbf{P} Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Have mercy on us, O God.
- We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor.
 We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger.
 We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy.
 Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice.
 Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.
- P God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ⊕ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.
- **G** 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.

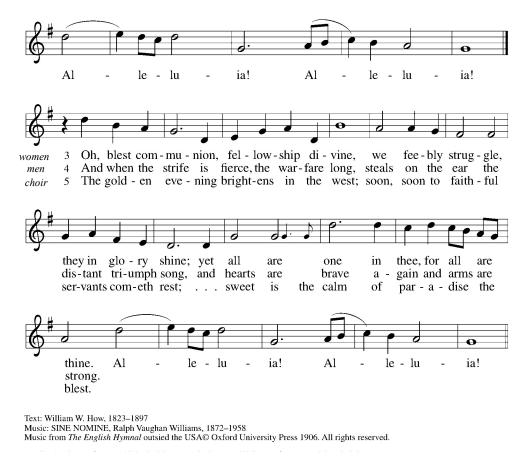
ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 422

8:15 am Service – congregation will sing all verses. 10:30 am Service – verses will be sung as indicated below.



For All the Saints

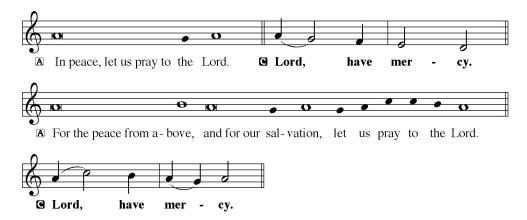


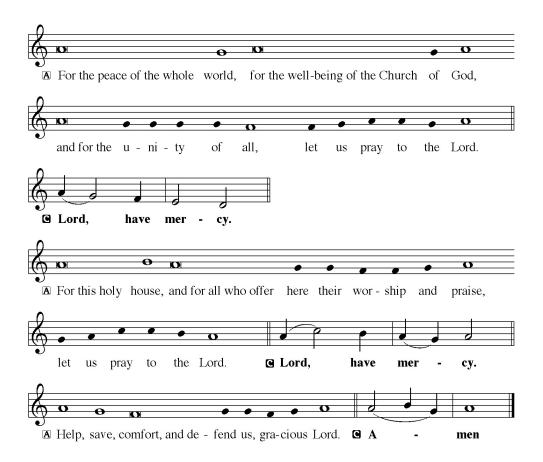
GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

- 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.

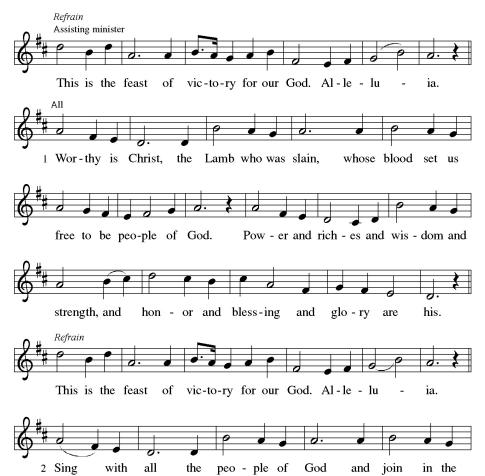


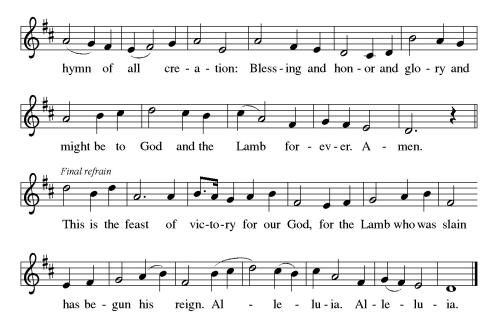
KYRIE Luke 17:13











PRAYER OF THE DAY Ruth 2:4

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** 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."

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.
⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

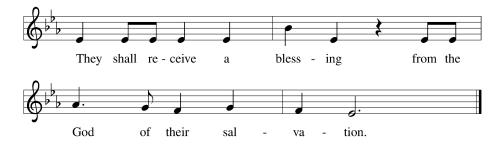
PSALM: Psalm 24 (sung in alternation) (8:15am Service)



¹The earth is the LORD's and all [|] that is in it, the world and those who [|] dwell therein. ²For the LORD has founded it up-¹ on the seas and established it up-¹ on the rivers. ³Who may ascend the mountain ¹ of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place? ⁴Those of innocent hands and puri-¹ ty of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false. ⁵They shall receive blessing | from the LORD and righteousness from the God of [|] their salvation. ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek ¹ you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- ¹ lasting doors, that the King of glory | may come in. ⁸Who is this ¹King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might-¹ y in battle! ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- lasting doors, that the King of glory | may come in. ¹⁰Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

PSALM: Psalm 24 (10:30 am Service)

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



¹The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

²For the Lord has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. **R**

³Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord,

and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,

who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.

⁵They shall receive blessing from the Lord

and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,

of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. R

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?

Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory. R

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a}Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

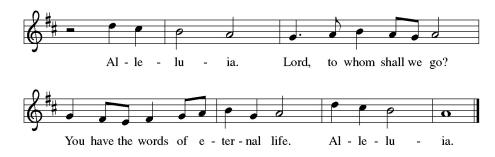
L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



▶ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go.

P The Gospel of the Lord

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

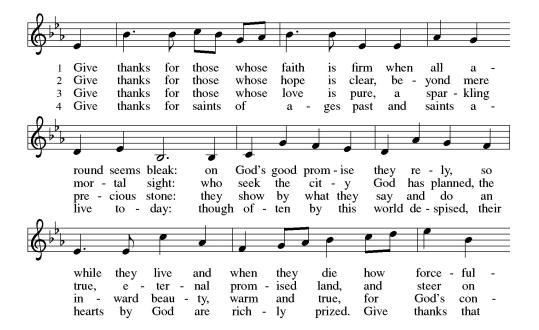
SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

The author of this text is a British information technologist for a large firm, and has over 400 hymn texts to his credit. The tune is the work of a 19th century composer, professor and musicologist of great distinction.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Give Thanks for Saints



Pastor Lundwall

ELW 428



Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962 Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918 Text © 2003 Kevin Mayhew Ltd. Used by permission.

NICENE CREED

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

G 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

▲ 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

LARRY CHADWICK ERIKA PIRSCHEL JOE HELM LAURA DASCANIO MELANIE CADDEN LINDA SUTTO THOMAS RAGEN VIOLA LINTELMAN JAMES KOENIG, SR. **RICHARD RAGEN** CHERYL ALBERT **DOLORES LYONS** STEVEN BROWN LEOLA WIEST ED WIEST LYNN PHEASANT JACKIE BARBER WILDA SUNDBERG **BENJAMIN COPFER** BOB CRISSMAN CONSTANCE CADDEN **BRENDA JUNGMAN** JOHN FETROW TIM BUNTROCK HELEN CRISSMAN STEVE NARUSWICZ PATRICE DITULLIO **DOLORES DEMARCO**

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.

G Amen.

THE PRAYERS 1 Timothy 2:1

A Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

A Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away. We continue to pray for the safety of the missionaries held captive in Haiti, and for their families who worry and wait. Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God.

G Your mercy is great.

▲ Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. We pray for wisdom and courage for the leaders of the world gathered in Glasgow to work for the healing of our planet from the effects of climate change. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God.

G Your mercy is great.

▲ God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God.

G Your mercy is great.

▲ God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way. Hear us, O God.

G Your mercy is great.

▲ God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God.

G Your mercy is great.

A God our hope, we remember the more than 750,000 people in the United States who have died from Covid-19, and their families who mourn. We give thanks for those we have known and loved who have died and now rest in you, whom we name now in our hearts.... (a time of silence is kept). Comfort all who mourn and give us your strength until that day when crying and pain are no more. Hear us, O God.

G Your mercy is great.

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

G Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation, especially Sylvia Johnson and Robert Young who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us. Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Hear us, O God.

G Your mercy is great.

P God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **G** And also with you. Romans 16:16

Please be seated.

VOLUNTARY – "Shall We Gather at the River" (8:15 am Service)

VOLUNTARY – "Abide with Me" (10:30 am Service)

(Luther Memorial Handbell Choir)

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

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING Matthew 21:9

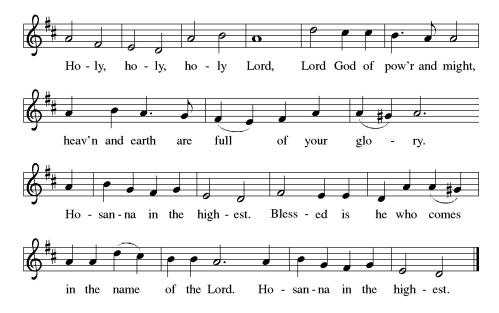
P The Lord be with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

- **G** And also with you.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

arr. Vicki L. Smith

▶ 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. By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy, and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

 P 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."

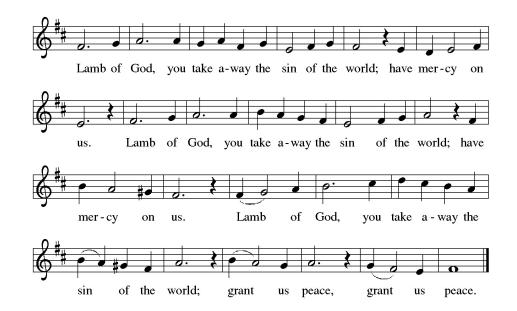
Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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.

- ▶ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.
- **G** Amen.
- P Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you. (10:30 am Service)

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 and maintain appropriate physical distancing. Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle. Prefilled cups with white grape juice for those who prefer it are located in the tray on the stand in front of the baptismal font. Gluten-free wafers are also on the stand in the dish on top of the tray. Receive the bread and wine and return to your place by the side aisle.

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.

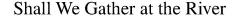
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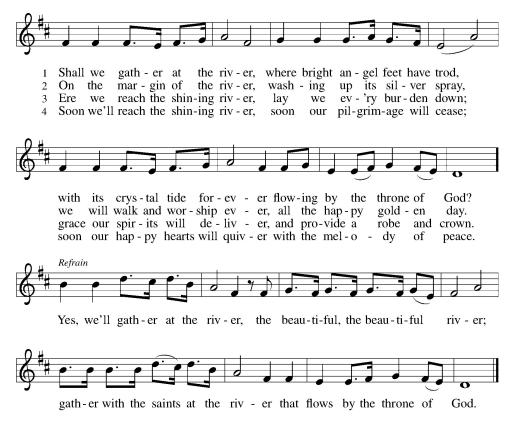
COMMUNION John 1:29

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 FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 423





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

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

 Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

G Amen.

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

BLESSING

 God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life,
 + bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

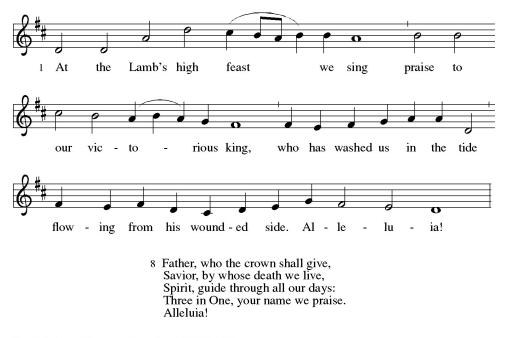
G Amen.

The original text of this hymn is Latin, written between the 4th and 9th centuries. The text was revised in the 16th-17th century, then translated and published in English in 1849. The melody, originally a 15th century folksong, is arranged here by one of the contributors to the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship and first published in a Lutheran hymnal in 1969.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

SENDING HYMN

ELW 362



DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

A Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

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arr. Michael Burkhardt

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING – Pastor Karen Lundwall ACOLYTES – Marshall & Mitchell Boyd (10:30 am) BANNER BEARER – Danielle Graffius CRUCIFER – Evelynn Graffius ASSISTING MINISTERS – Jan MacInnes (8:15 am) Pat Bellingham (10:30 am) LECTOR – Loretta Deeds (10:30 am) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Martha & Tom Klomp (10:30 am) TIMPANIST – Cathie Dugan

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving for all of our blessings by Dorothy Youngman.

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

Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Young by his wife, Pat, and family.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Dolores DeMarco who died Sunday, October 31, 2021. Her funeral service was held at Luther Memorial on Friday, November 5. Our thoughts and prayers are with her sister, Helen Collins, her brother, Ross Walter, and their families.

Stewardship

Giving is a matter of priorities – "... and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord, and by the will of God, to us ..." II Cor. 8:5. As the Apostle Paul continues to boast to the Corinthians about the giving by the Macedonian church, he points out that the Macdonians were able to be such good givers in support of others because they had their priorities straight. Their first commitment was to God. They understood that having been blessed by God, their first and natural response was to thank God for their blessings. Having done that, it was easy and appropriate to show God's love to others by sharing.

<u>Worship</u>

ReCharge contemporary service will be held Sunday, November 14 beginning with a Thanksgiving meal and fellowship at 4:00pm. Our worship service will begin at 5:00pm in the fifth floor worship area. Please join us as we lift our songs in praise and thanksgiving.

Christian Education

Children's Church classes are held Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. Masks are worn and all safety protocols are followed. We hope to see many of our children join us. Our class schedule is as follows:

Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month (November 7)

Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (November 14) LYO – third Sunday of the month (November 21) Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (November 28)

Pictorial Directory

Pictures are being taken this morning for a new Pictorial Directory. We encourage everyone to have their picture taken so we have a new updated directory, which will also aid a new pastor.

- Pictures will be taken in the church parlor following the 8:15am service by Cindy Hedlund. Pat Young will be happy to take your picture following the 10:30 am service.
- Pictures will also be taken during the week from 9:00am 3:00pm. Please stop in our church office and Norma will meet with you to take your picture.
- We also welcome you to email or text pictures. Pictures may be texted to 814-450-7162 or emailed to <u>nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org</u>.

At Home Communion

At Luther Memorial Church we are thankful that we are able to provide at home communion. Understanding that the bread and wine is a sustaining gift from Jesus that is blessed and received in community, we now have available bread and wine in individual packets that, after being blessed on Sunday morning during our worship, will be available for those worshipping from home to pick up at the church during the week. The intention is that you take home enough bread and wine for each member of your family for the month. During our worship service, those worshipping from home would set before them the consecrated bread and wine, and then receive the bread and wine during worship. To make arrangements to pick up the bread and wine from the church please contact Linda Graffius by email at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org, Norma Buerk by email at https://www.nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group is looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, November 9. Join us from 10:00am - 12:00 noon and enjoy working on any knitting, crocheting, or crafty project you'd like. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Learn how to crochet with a lesson from Cathy Beck on Tuesday, November 9. Bring a crochet hook (any size) and yarn. If you're just starting out and need yarn, we'll have some for you. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

OWLS will receive important information as Kathy Sahlmann, a pharmacist, presents a drug program on Tuesday, November 16. Bring along a list of medications you currently take and Kathy will be happy to answer any questions. We will gather in the parlor at 11:00am and are looking forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, November 12.

Outreach

Thanksgiving baskets will be assembled and distributed by our youth on November 21. These baskets will be delivered to some families who could use a helping hand. The following items are needed and may be dropped off in the church office at your convenience. Thank you.

November 7Stuffing & Potatoes (boxed please)November 14Gravy & Pumpkin (packet or canned)

Many military servicemen and women are unable to be home for the holidays. We want them to know they are in our thoughts and prayers and would like to send them some comforts of home and good wishes. If you have a loved one serving in the military, please contact our church office with the name and mailing address so we can send them a care package. Thank you.

Youth Fundraiser

Orders are being taken through Sunday, December 5 for Gahr's Hamloaf. Locally owned in Titusville, this will make the perfect Christmas dinner. Order forms are available in the church office and at the hospitality tables. Your orders may be dropped off in the church office or with Beth Keller. Thank you.

Holiday Lights

Our Luther Memorial parking lot will be transformed into a Christmas Wonderland Drive-thru during the evening on Wednesday, December 15; the time will be announced. We welcome everyone to stop down, enjoy all the decorations and get that wonderful Christmas feeling. If you have extra lights or large outdoor decorations you would like to donate for our Wonderland, please drop them off in the church office. Thank you!

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.

<u>Luther Memorial Church Policy –</u> <u>Following the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines</u>

In accordance with the Pennsylvania mask mandate in place, it is necessary for all those worshipping at Luther Memorial Church wear a mask regardless of your vaccination status. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

Luther Memorial Concert Series

Today we continue the LM Concert Series "Sunday Morning Mini-Concerts" with a performance by the LM Handbell Choir. Several pieces will be played during the Prelude and Voluntary of the 10:30 service. All of these compositions will feature the two new octaves of handbells that were recently added to our original 3-octave set. You will readily notice that there is an octave of larger bells at the bottom of the set that adds a great deal of bass sound to the ensemble. There is also a complementary octave at the top end. Although less noticeable due to their small size, watch for the top four ringers who sometimes play two bells in each hand as they add brilliance to the sound by doubling their parts in octaves.

Our current handbell roster includes the following (in playing order from the lowest to the highest bells):

Jonathan Gaber	Kara Partusch
Jeanne Gaber	Pat Bellingham
Emma Chaffee	Patricia Boyd
Lena Donnelly	Barbara Moore
Lynnette Gustafson	Les Fobes
Kathy Sahlmann	Molly Gaber

Substitutes: Christy Adams, Bob Banks & Mary Laver

About once a month, we will feature musicians from within our congregation or with strong ties to Luther Memorial. Each offering will be provided during the Prelude prior to the service and a Voluntary during the service. Upcoming concerts will feature other instrumentalists, vocalists and liturgical dancers. Hopefully we will be able to present one of our **Bach Cantata Vespers** services in the spring since the recent trend of the delta variant has caused us to cancel the usual fall cantata offering.

This Luther Memorial ministry is made possible through the donations of our supporters. Thank you to all of the following who have made donations for this ministry in recent months.

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Complete this form, enclose cash or check and return to the church at 225 West Tenth Street, Erie PA 16501.

C A L E N D A R

Monday, November 8	6:00pm	Legos	
Tuesday, November 9	10:00am 6:00pm	Magic Fingers Grace Group Church Council	
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10			
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11	11:30am 6:00pm	LMA Dismissal Legos	
Friday, November 12	7:30pm	LMA Closed Club 50	

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021 The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Michael Snider will preach at the 8:15am and 10:30am services in the main church. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel; go to YouTube, in the search bar type in "Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA". Subscribe to the channel.

The recorded service is also available on Luther Memorial Church's website at <u>www.luthermemorialonline.org</u> by clicking on the tabs of "Resources & Online Worship" and "Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study".

Children's Church for $1^{st} - 3^{rd}$ grade children will be held from 9:30-10:15am.

ReCharge contemporary service will begin at 4:00pm with fellowship followed by worship at 5:00pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Members: Cathy MacGregor Sarah Prylinski Dorothy Overberg Judy Crissman Mike Daniels Dorothy Respecki Roy Washill Bill Grande **Bob** Peterson David Ruler Jessica Copfer Peyton Thomas Laura Beth Kraut Shirley Brown Joyce Zwilling Mark Howell Lois Fobes Suzanne Franks Linda Soles Mark Lechner Tim Houston Dave Mumford Kathy & Ken Kraut Friends and Family: Bob Sadowski Cecily DeMille Patty Chadwick Bobbi MacInnes Loraine Pond Kristen Larry E. Kirsten Braley John & Naomi Howard Amy Valentine Jesse McFadden Abby Madison & family Ed Hokaj Elijah Montero Ray Polasky Marianella Linda Grimm Shelly Rich Hudic Kim Robertson Edna Pett Bea Becknell Shaffer family Juan Esparza Jeff F. Kimberly Ferry Josie W. Bob Guenther Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S. Clarice Moore Don Ingrim Linda & Woody F. David Debbie S. Julie Pond Frank S. **Bob** Fisher Paul Spierling Mitch Dougan Mike Cesnick & family Ben Young Pamela Hagele Pam Torrelli Chet & Pam W. Bill John Shafer Norman Jensen Aiden Mack N. S. Marie Checkley Kim Hunkins Ethan Polasky Tom Ridge Julie Betsy Laurie, Eric & family Tom Kraut Kayley Prinzi Amy Bruce Elfvin Clarence Chase Dick Lechner Brandon Jones Conor Chadwick Lucia Doyle Jeff F. Sue Kuhn Brandon & Stacey Campbell Paula and Chet Bixby Pete Battersby Sue Gerke Tom McGrail Kathryn P. Dr. Carl Seon Sam Ruma Missy & Jeff Sue Agens Bob Fisher Lesley Dennis Chevalier Jim Haskins Patrick L Paula Bauda Marilyn Schultz Ron Trisket Sidney Frank Nalepa Pastor Albert Gesler Bryan & Bev Judy Oosterkamp Logan Jim Schumacher Carolyn & Viktor Soder Meghan Kessler Dorothy McCarty Scott Respecki Bishop Michael Lozano Lucas Smith Steve & Leah W. Karen Botwright Grief: Collins & Walter families Betit family **Our Military Service Men & Women:** Michael Stickner Lt. Col. Matt Anderson Andrew Watson