

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



21 NOVEMBER 2021
Christ the King Sunday

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 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 – "The Head That Once Was Crowned"
Prelude and Fugato on "Beautiful Savior"

Bernard Saunders, Raymond Haan
Gordon Young

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.

P In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.
- C** **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.

C Amen.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 432

The Head That Once Was Crowned



- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
- 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov - reign right,
- 3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;



a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855
Music: ST. MAGNUS, Jeremiah Clarke, 1669–1707



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. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE *Luke 2:14*

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.





Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.
 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*

- ☐ Let us pray,
- ☑ **Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.”

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel’s message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to “one like a human being,” the Messiah.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched,
 thrones were set in place,
 and an Ancient One took his throne,
 his clothing was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
 his throne was fiery flames,
 and its wheels were burning fire.



¹⁰A stream of fire issued
 and flowed out from his presence.
 A thousand thousands served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
 The court sat in judgment,
 and the books were opened.
¹³As I watched in the night visions,
 I saw one like a human being
 coming with the clouds of heaven.
 And he came to the Ancient One
 and was presented before him.
¹⁴To him was given dominion
 and glory and kingship,
 that all peoples, nations, and languages
 should serve him.
 His dominion is an everlasting dominion
 that shall not pass away,
 and his kingship is one
 that shall never be destroyed.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 93 (*sung in alternation*) (8:15 am Service)



¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and ¹armed with strength.
 The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- ¹not be moved.
²**Ever since the world began, your throne has ¹been established;
 you are from ¹everlasting.**
³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted ¹up their voice;
 the waters have lifted up their ¹pounding waves.
⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers ¹of the sea,
 mightier is the LORD who ¹dwells on high.**
⁵Your testimonies are ¹very sure,
 and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- ¹evermore.



PSALM: Psalm 93 (10:30 am Service)

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



Ev-er since the world be-gan, your throne has been es-tab-lished.

¹The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

²Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting. **R**

³The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

⁵Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore. **R**

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time.
Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers.
He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

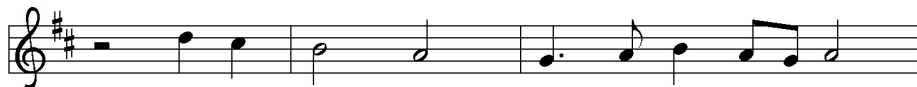
⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power:
through force or with love.*

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

☐ The Gospel of the Lord

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Moran

Please stand as you are able.

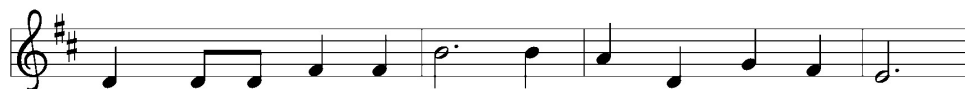
*This hymn text is from the pen of one of Ireland's distinguished hymn-writers,
an evangelical preacher who published over 750 hymns in his lifetime.*

*The tune is the work of a celebrated court musician, who wrote instrumental, operatic and
keyboard music, songs and church music including anthems, services, psalm tunes and organ music.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 432

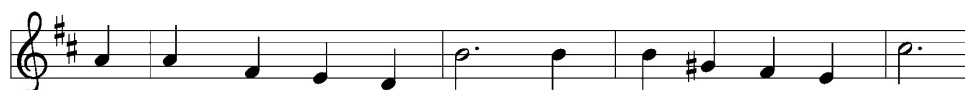
Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,





and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

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 Lord God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Lord God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things that they may flourish. Give human beings wisdom to care for them. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Lord God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Lord God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community, Bethany Outreach Center, the Lily Project and Holy Trinity Food Ministry. Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Lord God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering. Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Lord God, 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. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Lord God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace, especially Robert Pletz and Helen Engesser. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

AN ORDER FOR THE CONSECRATION OF OUR COMMITMENTS FOR THE MINISTRY YEAR OF 2022

*Please mail in your commitment to the church or email it to our Parish Manager Miriam Scheid at
mscheid@luthermemorialonline.org*

P Lord God, we will make our offerings for another year of ministry. Receive our commitments as a sign that you are the Lord of our lives. Make us firm in our resolve in giving thanks and faithfully sharing all of your good gifts. Forgive our lack of doing, our lack of giving, and our lack of trust. Guide us in living and acting out of the love you have so generously given us. Make this community of faith a place in which we are nurtured and supported in the faith and encouraged in living as you would have us live.

Into your hands, we offer all that we have; receive us and draw us to you, that we may follow your steps. Enliven us so we may see the needs which surround us, and in our seeing, may we bear your light eternal, now and forever. Bless now what we offer, so people may hear and experience the Gospel.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** *Romans 16:16*

Please be seated.

VOLUNTARY – "Beautiful Savior" (8:15 am Service)

arr. Dale Wood

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (10:30 am Service)

arr. Lloyd Larson

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

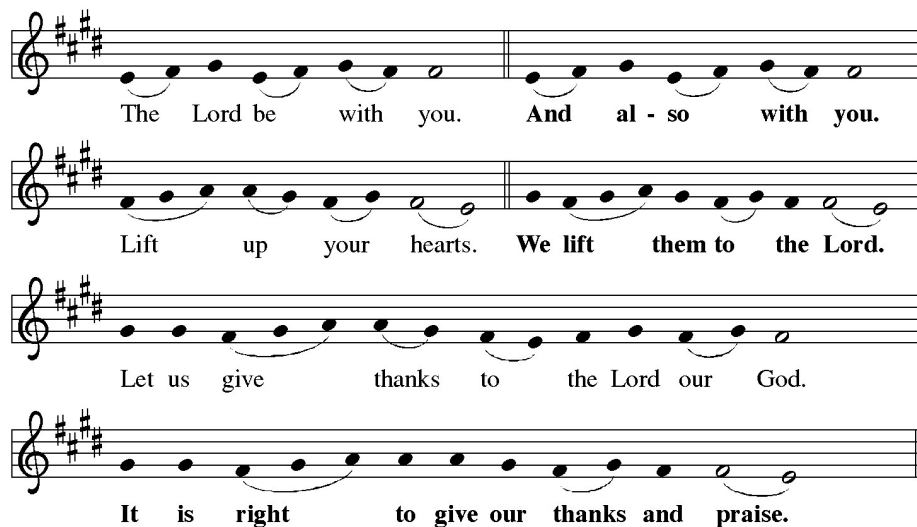
Please stand as you are able.

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.

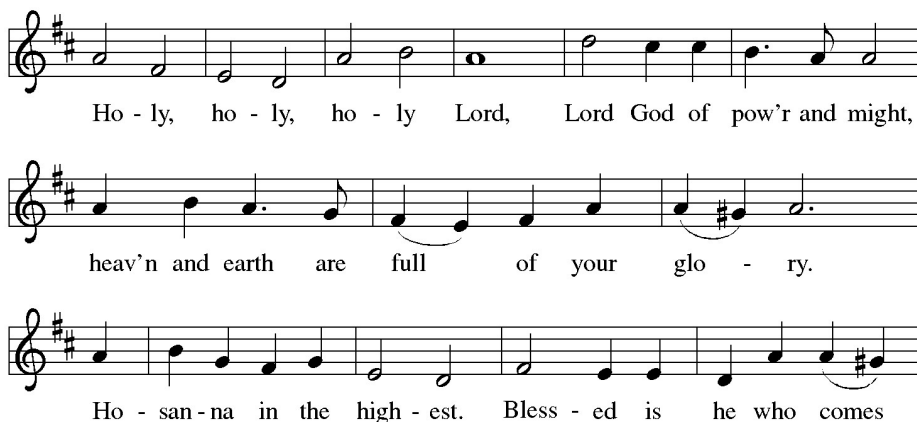
C Amen.

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.

P 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

☐ Holy God,
our bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

☐ Amen.



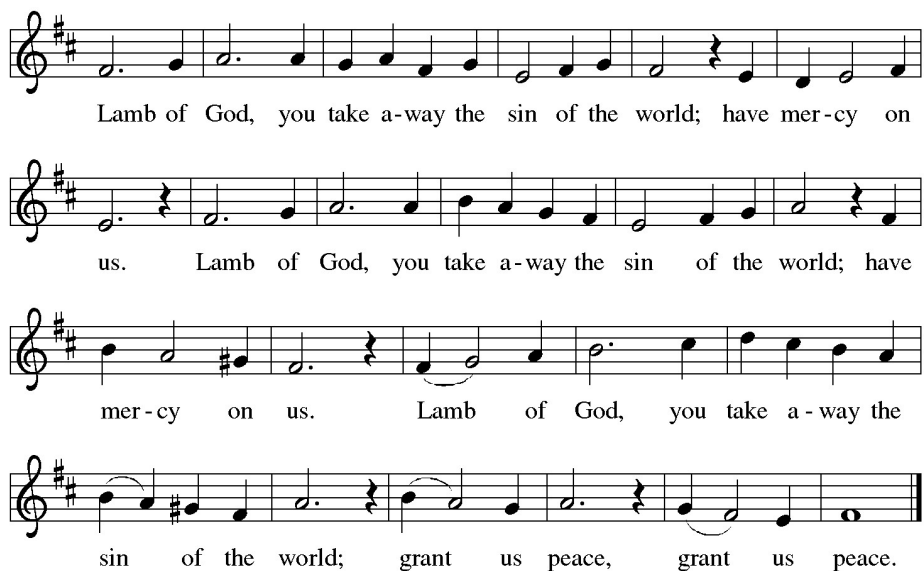
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen. *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, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P A feast of love is offered here
for you and for all the saints.

C **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.

COMMUNION *John 1:29*

This hymn text first appeared in a 17th century manuscript in Germany. Today's text is a distinctly Lutheran translation published in Philadelphia in 1873. The tune, a folk melody first heard among haymakers in Silesia, has seen considerable use both here and abroad.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 838

Beautiful Savior



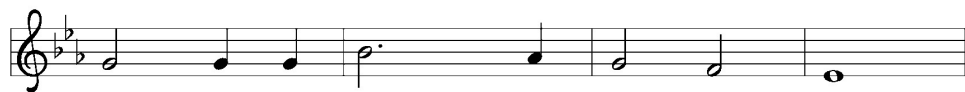
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

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

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A 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.

C Amen.

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

BLESSING

P 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.

C Amen.

This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3–4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 439

Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945
 Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Soon and Very Soon"

arr. Bill Wolaver

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING – Pastor Brian Moran
ACOLYTES – Julie Ditz, Krista Partusch (10:30 am)
CRUCIFIER – Maddie Wertz (10:30 am)
BANNER BEARER – Ellie Wertz (10:30 am)
ASSISTING MINISTERS – Jan MacInnes (8:15 am)
 Stan Rose (10:30 am)
LECTOR – Linda Graffius (10:30 am)
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Elaine Kern, Sally McAfee (10:30 am)



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, Robert, by Betty Pletz.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my aunt, Helen Engesser, by Harriet DiAndrea.

This morning, on Christ the King Sunday, the people of Luther Memorial Church have the opportunity to make their financial commitments to this ministry for the year 2022. Church Council are so thankful and very aware of how blessed we are that you continue to support this ministry with your time, talents and treasure. We will need your help for this upcoming ministry year! It will be very supportive to our ministry year planning if everyone who is a part of this church takes the time to make a commitment. We are especially encouraging those who have not done so in previous years. Thank you!

How much should I give? – *For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, . . .* (II Corinthians 8:3). The Apostle Paul’s description of the Macedonians’ giving in this verse says it all in response to the question, “How much should I give?” We give in proportion to how much we have received; according to our means; a percentage of our income. And for those who are bold enough, even beyond our means; more than we think we can afford. Once we decide to follow Paul’s advice and become intentional proportionate givers, the only question that remains is, “What’s the right percentage?” Stay tuned!

Today’s Events

Offering envelopes for 2022 are located on the table by the ramp door. To save on postage we ask that you please pick up your envelopes. They are arranged alphabetically. Thank you.

Pictures are being taken for a new Pictorial Directory. Many have not yet had their picture taken and we hope that you will stop down to the church, email or text a picture to us.

- Pictures will 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 nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org.

Homemade soup is available for purchase this morning following the 10:30 service. Piping hot and made fresh, it makes for a delightful lunch.

Blood pressures are offered this morning in the library following the 10:30 service.

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 (December 5)
- Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (December 12)
- LYO – third Sunday of the month (November 21)**
- Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (November 28)

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group will meet Monday, November 22 to work on a special Christmas project. Join us from 10:00am – 12:00 noon to get creative. We will not meet on Tuesday, November 23. Our normal gatherings will resume in December, meeting the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. 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 Christmas gathering will be held Tuesday, December 15 from 11:30am – 1:30pm in our church parlor. Come prepared for lots of fun and a festive luncheon. In lieu of our White Elephant gift exchange, please bring a \$5 contribution which will be used to purchase items for those in need. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Wednesday, December 8.

Outreach

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Thanksgiving baskets which our youth will assemble on November 21. These baskets will be delivered to some families who could use a little assistance.

“Kids for Kids” annual collection will take place through Sunday, December 5. All money collected will be used to help families 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 at the church doors. “Kids for Kids” baggies are also located at the welcome tables. Thank you.

Family Christmas dinner will be served to area neighbors on Wednesday, December 15 at 6:00pm at the Bethesda Center, 18th and Walnut Street. This will be the 23rd year that St. Matthew’s began the tradition of serving a Christmas dinner to those in need, and we now share in that Christmas spirit. Please volunteer to help by signing the sheet on the table under the video screen or contact the church office. Approximately 120 people attend this dinner. Thank you.

Christmas Worship

Blue Christmas service will be held Wednesday, December 8 at 6:00pm in the main church. Experiencing the loss of a loved one, struggling with an illness, or the loss of job can be very difficult and Christmas is a time when reassurance is needed. In response to our need of hope, we invite you to join us for the Blue Christmas service; a time of comfort, warmth and love.

St. Lucia Festival will be celebrated during the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, December 12. Our worship service will include traditional songs of the St. Lucia Festival. We are looking forward to our children taking part in our service and celebration of St. Lucia. A rehearsal for our children will be held Sunday, November 28 at 11:30am in the main church.

Christmas Preparations

Hanging of the Greens will take place Sunday, November 28 following worship services. The main church will be decorated beginning at 11:30am. Please join us while we come together and put the *Merry* in Christmas.

Mitten Tree will be ready for decorating with mittens, gloves, scarves and hats on Sunday, November 28. These items will be used by the Bethany Outreach Center to give some extra warmth to many during the cold winter months. Blankets are also appreciated and may be placed under the tree. Thank you.

Luther Memorial Church and Luther Memorial Academy invite you to enjoy a Christmas Wonderland Drive-thru in our parking lot 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!

Support through Fundraisers

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.

Stanganelli orders are available for pick up this morning; please see Beth Keller. Thank you.

Bethany Outreach Center Fundraiser will be held on November 27. The 7:00pm Erie Otters game is designated as "Bethany Outreach Center Night", where they will be promoting our BOC in various ways. Along with that we have a group of 100 seats designated for our BOC group. We would love it if you and your family would like to join us! We are selling the tickets for \$20 each – which includes a \$10 donation to the BOC. To purchase tickets for this game, please see or contact Eric Hedlund (eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org, 814-898-1233), Casey Hedlund (cfye161@gmail.com, 814-590-3817), or Pat Bellingham (pat.bellingham@hotmail.com, 814-602-5983).

Community Event

This afternoon the Lake Erie Choral Artists will present a concert of choral music entitled "Lift Every Voice & Sing." LM choristers **Molly Gaber**, a long-time member of this group (*formerly known as the Erie Renaissance Singers*) and **Jonathan Gaber** will sing on this program of choral works by Brahms, Stanford, Forrest, Whitacre, Willan and others at **4:00pm** in the **Cathedral of St. Paul**, 134 West 7th Street. The concert is free and open to the public - donations accepted.

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.

Scheduling Ahead

Desk calendars for 2022, compliments of Burton Quinn-Scott Funeral Home, are available at the hospitality tables. Please take a few for your 2022 schedules.

**Luther Memorial Church Policy –
Following the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines**

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.

C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22	10:00pm	Magic Fingers Grace Group
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23	6:00pm 7:00pm	Handbells Choir
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24	12:00pm	LMA Dismissal
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>		Church Offices & School Closed
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26		Church Offices & School Closed
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27		

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Pastor Karen Lundwall 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 www.luthermemorialonline.org by clicking on the tabs of “Resources & Online Worship” and “Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study”.

Children’s Church for grades 4th – 6th will be held from 9:30-10:15am.

Hanging of the Greens will take place following services.

St. Lucia rehearsal will be held at 11:30 this morning in the main church.

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Sarah Prylinski	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Roy Washill	Bill Grande
Bob Peterson	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Joyce Zwilling	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Lois Fobes	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Mark Lechner
Rosanne & Roy Strausbaugh	Dave Mumford	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Tim Houston

Friends and Family:

Cecily DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	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
Josie W.	Jeff F.	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingram	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Bob Fisher	Paul Spierling	Frank S.	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. S.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Amy
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Dick Lechner
Conor Chadwick	Karen Botwright	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
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Patrick L	Paula Bauda
Marilyn Schultz	Ron Trisket	Sidney	Frank Nalepa
Pastor Albert Gesler	Bryan & Bev	Judy Oosterkamp	Logan
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Meghan Kessler	Dorothy McCarty	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Steve & Leah W.	Scott Respecki
Noni Bennett	Sophia	Gayle Rumbaugh	

Grief:

Collins & Walter families	Betit family	Lucia Doyle family
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Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson
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