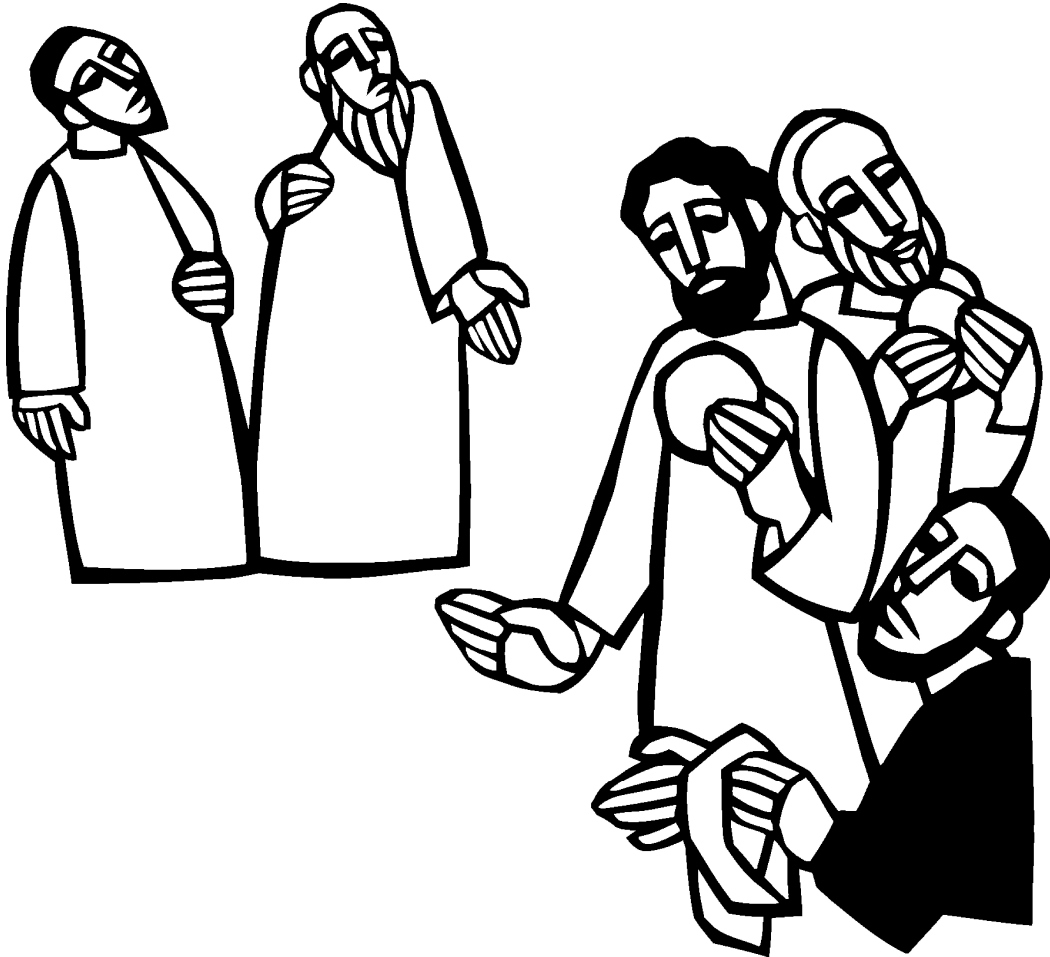


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



29 August 2021
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

**LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH
LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY**

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Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 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 – Partita on "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"
Partita on "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"
"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

Georg Böhm (1661 - 1733)
Paul Manz (1919 - 2009)
J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

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.

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

☞ Eternal God our creator,



C in you we live and move and have our being.
 Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands.
 Forgive us all our offenses,
 and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
 By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Beloved people of God:
 in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
 you are fed and nourished.
 By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
 there is always more than enough.
 Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life,
 you are shown God's mercy:
 you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C Amen.

*This hymn's text dates back to the 17th century although its authorship is somewhat uncertain.
 The tune is also of uncertain origin, dating back to mid-18th century Germany.
 J. S. Bach wrote four organ settings of the tune.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 527

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise in
 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and



hearts in true de - vo - tion bow. Your
 end - less hymns through all our days; in -
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One! To



Spir - it send with light di - vine, and
 crease our faith and light our minds; and
 you, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty, be



let your truth with - in us shine.
 set us free from doubt that blinds.
 praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: attr. Wilhelm II, 1598–1662; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND, *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628

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.

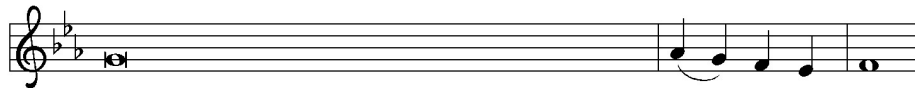
KYRIE Luke 17:13



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



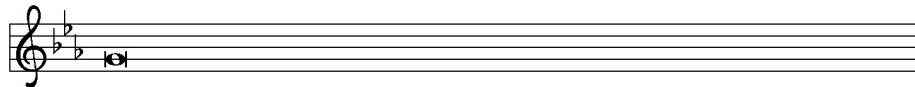
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



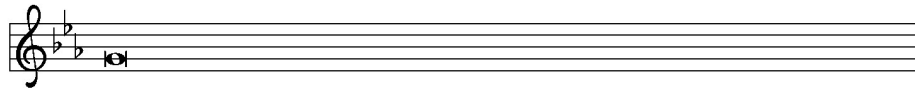
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity 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 worship 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, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*

☐ Let us pray,

☑ **O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant.

Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it.

The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children’s children.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 15 *(Spoken responsively by whole verse.)*

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,**

who speak the truth from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;

they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior.

Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear,

especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ►

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

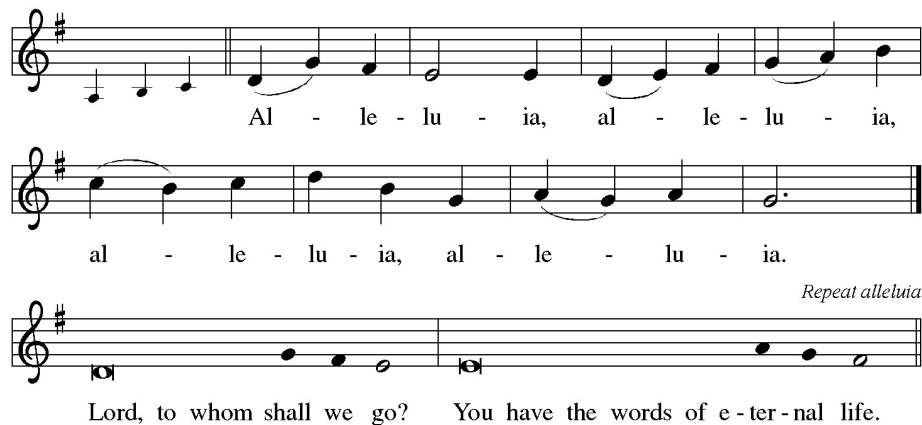
²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark’s gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”

⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”



¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord
- ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Moran

Please stand as you are able.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as going out to see my Father’s world. The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 824

This Is My Father’s World



1 This is my Fa-ther’s world, and to my lis-t’ning ears all
3 This is my Fa-ther’s world; oh, let me not for - get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther’s world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther’s world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901
Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

APOSTLES' CREED

- A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

- A** Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
A brief silence.
- A** We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for the whole of creation, that plants and animals have the habitat and resources to thrive and flourish. Inspire us to protect threatened habitats and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for individuals in positions of authority (*national and local leaders may be named*). Raise up wise and discerning leaders in federal, state, and local governments and guide them to seek the benefit of every person. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all who are in need. Support and encourage those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing poverty. Bring food, shelter, clothes, and stability for daily life. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for this congregation, especially those beginning a new school year. Make Luther Memorial Church and Academy a workshop of your love. Guide teachers and school administrators. Be with our students in their learning and development. Accompany parents, foster parents, and caregivers who provide encouragement and love. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear 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 and leaders to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- Here other intercessions may be offered.*



A We give thanks for the faithful departed, especially Gertrude Blasco and Pauline Fickenworth, who showed us how to honor God with our heart. Inspire us by their example and renew our faith, trusting that we will be united with them in glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts 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. *Romans 16:16*

Please be seated.

VOLUNTARY – "Spirit Song"

John Wimber

(Barb Moore - handbell soloist)

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

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him 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; 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:





name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

☐ Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son as our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us, healed the sick,
fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

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-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death into life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

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

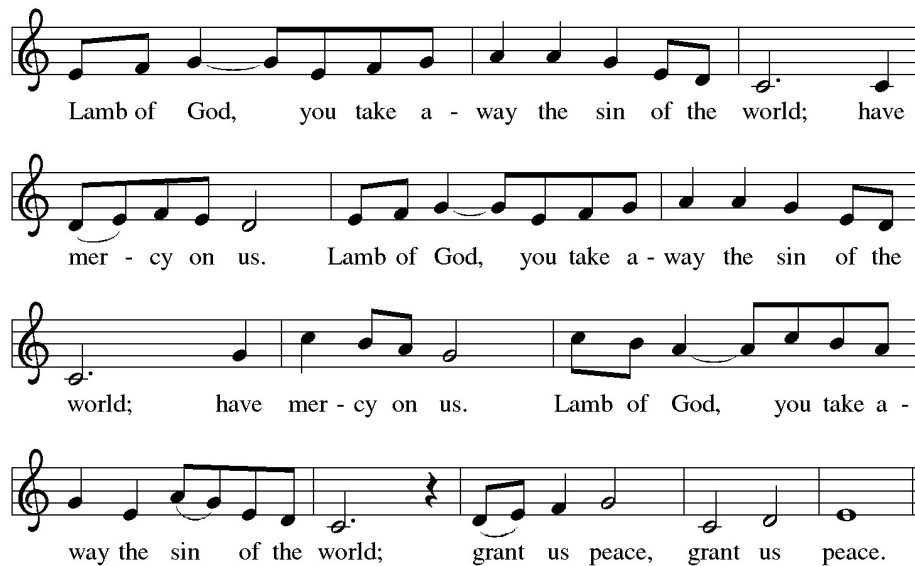
☑ **Amen.**

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

☑ **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

- ☐ Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!
- ☑ Amen.
- ☐ 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.

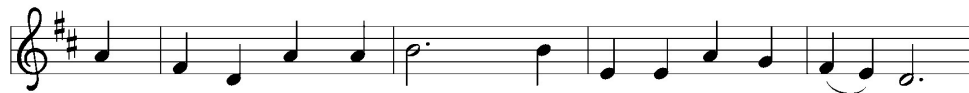
COMMUNION John 1:29

This hymn, originally entitled "A Daily Prayer," was written around 1625, at a time when its author was enduring his greatest suffering. The tune, its author a survivor of the Thirty Years' War in Germany, achieved high position at the University of Jena. The tune was used by J.S. Bach in four of his cantatas.

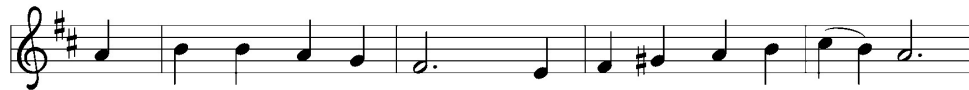
HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 806

O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

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

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

C Amen.

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

BLESSING

- ☐ The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
- ☑ Amen.

*This text is one of the author's two paraphrases of Psalm 103, slightly altered for most hymnals today.
The melody was written by an organist's son who had a successful career in church music
and was knighted by Queen Victoria. This hymn is frequently heard at weddings.*

SENDING HYMN

ELW 865

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore - bears in dis - tress.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- ☐ Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
☑ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Postlude (Sortie)"

Cesar Franck (1822 - 1892)

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor Brian Moran
ASSISTING MINISTERS – Rob Benacci (8:15 am)
Stan Rose (10:30 am)
LECTOR – Emma Chaffee (10:30 am)
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Amy Kurtich, Linda Young (10:30 am)



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our moms, Gertrude Blasco and Pauline Fickenworth, by Vicky and Dion Blasco.

Baskets are located at the doors for bulletins to be placed in following our 8:15 worship service. If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please place it in the basket. Thank you.

Youth are off to a new adventure as they begin college. Please contact the church office with their school and email address so we may continue to keep in touch with them. We would like to be sure they receive our newsletters and a card from time to time.

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.

Help Needed

Altar Guild volunteers are greatly needed for our 8:15 and 10:30 services. Volunteers set up and put items away following communion. It is our hope to have enough volunteers so each person will help once every 4-6 weeks. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Norma in our church office. Thank you for considering to help in this way.

Opportunities for Worship and Prayer

Sunday Morning Worship – In-person worship at 8:15am and 10:30am. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel. To watch the service on YouTube, go to YouTube, in the search bar type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA”. Subscribe to the channel. Our worship services are also available on our Luther Memorial Church website. If you have any problems or questions, please reach out to Norma Buerk in our church office.

Worship

ReCharge contemporary worship will be held Sunday, September 12. We are looking forward to seeing you at 3:00pm for fellowship. Michael Snider will share a message at our 4:00pm worship service in the upper room.

Acolyte Training will be offered on Sunday, September 12 at 9:30am in the main church. This is a wonderful way for your children to be a part of our worship services. If your son and/or daughter would like to serve as an acolyte, please join Beth Keller in the main church for this training and refresher for those who currently acolyte.

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 nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

Music Ministry

The Luther Memorial choir and handbell choir are resuming rehearsals. Due to the pandemic, it has been many months since the choir has sung together. The handbell choir has been able to rehearse and perform for some periods during this time. However, additional players will be needed as we are adding more bells to our existing 3-octave set. Choir began at 7:00pm last Thursday with the hope that we can soon return to singing in church. The handbell choir rehearsals will begin this Thursday, September 2 at 6:00pm. If you would like to participate in either group, please contact Cantor Walt Gaber (WaltGaber@gmail.com; 814.602.2755).

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group hopes you can join us for our Tuesday morning gatherings. Bring any knitting, crocheting, or any crafty project you'd like work on and spend some time with us. Laughter and friends make this a wonderful morning. We look forward to seeing you on September 14 and 28 from 10:00am- 12:00 noon. 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 be treated to a visit from the Tamarack Wildlife Center on Wednesday, September 15. Wildlife experts will share amazing information about a variety of majestic birds they will share with you up close. Lunch will be provided following the presentation. Due to travel costs (Saegertown) and transport of the birds a donation of \$5-\$10 is appreciated. **Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Wednesday, September 8 as a minimum of 20 people is needed for this program.** Thank you.

Upcoming Events

New Date for our Indoor Yard Sale. Our sale will be held Saturday, September 11 from 7:30am – 12:00 noon in our fellowship hall. Items for the sale may be dropped off beginning Sunday, September 5. Electronic items and books are not accepted. Masks are required. Thank you.

Erie County Cropwalk will be held Sunday, September 26 departing from Luther Memorial at 1:30pm. We will be walking on a History Tour of the Underground Railroad in our own neighborhood. Did you know that Frederick Douglas came to Erie and was almost "thrown out of town"? While walking for hunger you will learn so much about the history of the Underground Railroad in Erie.

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

1. People who have been fully vaccinated (at least 2 weeks after receiving the vaccine) do not have to wear a mask when entering the church building. (If you choose to wear a mask that is your personal choice.)
2. We respect your choice to continue physical distancing.

We are pleased and thankful that our members have been so cooperative during this difficult time and we thank you for your continued cooperation.



CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUGUST 30	3:15pm	Prayer Group
	6:00pm	LMA Lego Meeting
TUESDAY, AUGUST 31		
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1	2:30pm	LMA Girl Scout Meeting
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	6:00pm	Legos
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3		
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4		

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 **THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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”.

— 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
Brent Young	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Lois Fobes	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Steve Narusewicz
Family of Cheryl Albert	Dave Mumford	Joyce Zwilling	Mark Lechner
Wilda Sundberg			

Friends and Family:

Cecily DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	Bobbi MacInnes
Christine Caceres	Kristen	Larry E.	Leola Weist
John & Naomi Howard	Amy Valentine	Jesse McFadden	Abby
Madison & family	Ed Hokaj	Elijah Montero	Ray Polasky
Marianella	Linda Grimm	Amanda Toms	Rich Hudic
Carol & Frank V.	Edna Pett	Philippe Pierre	Katrina Foltz
Amy Johnson-McDougall	Jeff F.	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingram	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Hildy	Paul Spierling	Joan Torrelli	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. F.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Jennifer Young (not related to Pat)	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Brandy Dyne
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Joyce DiMichele
Suleski family	Lucia Doyle	Jeff F.	June Madurski
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Stephany Bourne	Michele Black	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Grace	Sue Agens	Patty Meadowcroft	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Mike B.	Ben Nalepa
Marilyn Schultz	Theresa Abrams	Sonya Kisak	Frank Nalepa
Scott Respecki	Bryan & Bev	Andrew Dahlstrand	Logan
Kirsten Braley	Meghan Kessler	Dorothy McCarty	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Liam	Steve & Leah W.	John Wilson
Judy Oosterkamp	Amy	Patrick L	Pete Battersby
Lorraine Pond	Frank S.	Sue Kuhn	Tom Ridge
Theresa & Cameron Abrams	Bea Becknell	Lucas Smith	Paula Bauda

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson
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