

## **HOLY EUCHARIST**

*with the RITE OF INSTALLATION of*  
**THE REV. JAY CHILDS MITCHELL**

*as XV PASTOR of*

**LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH**

*ELW Setting I, "The Mt. Airy Mass"*

*Saturday, 24 June 2023, 9:30am*

**THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE FORERUNNER**

## LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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### ***GATHERING – “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”***

#### **PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill me with your Spirit, that I may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **PRELUDE – “Prelude in E Minor (*The Great*)”**

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665 - 1697)

*Please stand in body or spirit and face the bishop and assisting minister at the font.*

#### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

- ☒ Trusting that Jesus dwells in our midst and loves us into life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or throughout the thanksgiving.*

- ☒ We give you thanks, Holy One,  
For washing us and drawing us into your community.
- ☒ We give you thanks for the waters  
that have shaped and formed your community in every time and place:  
For water that washed the earth and brought about your promises;  
For water that parted so that your people could dance in freedom on the safe side of the sea;  
For water that quenched the thirst of your Promise People;  
For water that shaped a holy land;  
For water that washed a foreigner clean;  
For water that satisfied a woman who did not even know she was thirsty;  
For water that cleansed and made whole;  
For water that welcomed in an outsider on the road;  
For water that drenches us and makes us your own. ▶

- ☒ We give you thanks that your love flows over and into and through us. Living wet, Holy One, may your Spirit live in us that we might live for others.

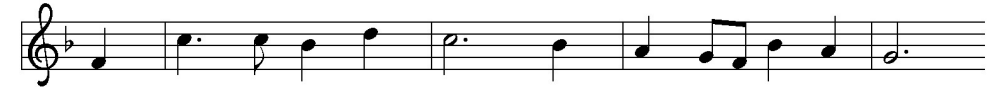
- ☒ **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

**ELW 651**

*As the hymn is sung, the assembly is sprinkled in remembrance of baptism. Please face the cross as it leads us into worship.*

### **Oh, Praise the Gracious Power**



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear  
2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds  
3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,  
4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,  
5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



- and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:  
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:



- Refrain*  
We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,  
the love, the word, the tide.  
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,  
praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ  
with faith's bright songful voice!  
Announce the gospel to the world  
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

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#### **GREETING**

*The Presiding Minister and assembly greet one another in the name of the Triune God.*

- ☒ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

- ☒ **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The Presiding Minister, on behalf of all, prays:*

☒ Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire Jay and all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☒ Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the hand of the Generous One double for all her sins. A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Sovereign shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Sovereign has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All flesh is grass; their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers; the flower fades, when the breath of the Creator blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers; the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Promised One comes with might, with an arm that rules; the reward of God comes with the One Foretold and recompense goes before. The Holy One will feed the flock of God like a shepherd; and will gather the lambs in holy arms and carry them in a comforting bosom and gently lead the mother sheep.

☒ Word of God, Word of Life.

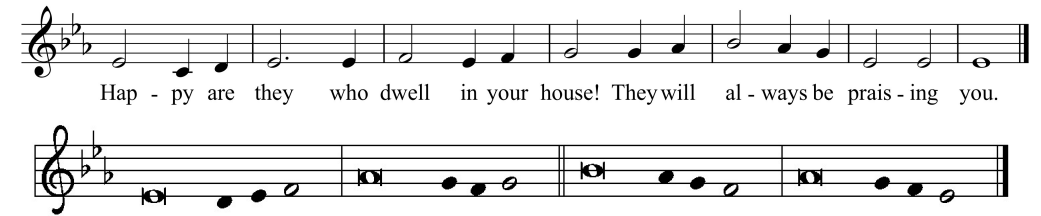
☒ Thanks be to God.



## PSALM 84

**Refrain:** (Sung once by the leader, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by **R**. The congregation sings the verses in **bold**.)

*Refrain by The Rev. Roy P. Washill*



How dear to me | is your dwelling,

O | Lord of hosts!

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.**

Even the sparrow has found a home,

and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her young,

by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king | and my God.

**Happy are they who dwell | in your house!**

**They will always be | praising you. R**

Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,

whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.

**Those who go through the balsam valley  
will find it a | place of springs,**

**for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.**

They will climb from | height to height,

and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion.

**Lord God of hosts, | hear my prayer;**

**give ear, O | God of Jacob. R**

Behold our defend- | er, O God;

and look upon the face of | your anointed.

**For one day in your courts is better than a | thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents | of the wicked.**

For the Lord God is both sun and shield, bestowing | grace and glory;

no good thing will the Lord withhold

from those who walk | with integrity.

O | Lord of hosts,

**happy are they who put their | trust in you. R**

**SECOND READING: I Thessalonians 5:12-25**

But we appeal to you, siblings, to respect those who labor among you and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, dear family, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace sanctify you entirely and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and will do this. Siblings, pray for us.

**L** Word of God, Word of Life.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able to greet the Gospel. The assembly turns to face the Gospel as it comes into their midst.*



**GRADUAL**

**Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song**

1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.

I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.

you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.

Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-19**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now, the dominion of heaven has suffered violence, and violent people take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John came, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. Let anyone with ears listen! But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one ►

another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Human One came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

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

### Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

The Rev. Amanda Nesvold

*After a brief silence for reflection, please stand in body or spirit to proclaim the Word of God in song.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 637

### Holy God, Holy and Glorious

1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,  
 2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,  
 3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,  
 4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,  
 5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,

glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us  
 pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;  
 beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;  
 wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:  
 life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,

in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.  
 emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.  
 scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.  
 God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.  
 dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

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### THE NICENE CREED

- ☑ Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith of the Church:
- ☑ **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.**

*Please be seated.*

**MOTET – “If Ye Love Me”**

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me,  
keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may abide with you forever,  
even the spirit of truth.*

**THE RITE OF INSTALLATION OF THE REV. JAY C. MITCHELL**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**PRESENTATION**

*Pastor Jay and Mr. Klomp come before the Bishop and the congregation. The Bishop addresses the congregation.*

**B** Having been authorized by the church to install Jay Childs Mitchell, our co-worker in the gospel, as Pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

*Mr. Klomp, Call Committee Chairperson, addresses the Bishop.*

After prayerful deliberation, we, of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, have called Jay Childs Mitchell as Pastor of Luther Memorial Church and Academy. I present him and this letter certifying the call. ▶

*Mr. Klomp gives the Bishop the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted.*

*After the letter is presented, please be seated.*

**ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS**

*Pastor Papson, Representative of the Conference, addresses Pastor Jay:*

- D** *A reading from John:* Jesus said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” *(John 20:21-23)*
- D** *A reading from Matthew:* Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” *(Matthew 28:18-20)*
- D** *A reading from First Timothy:* Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. *(1 Timothy 4:12-16)*

*The Bishop then questions Pastor Jay about his call to ministry in this place:*

- B** Jay, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?
  - R** I will, and I ask God to help me.
- B** Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions and confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?
  - R** I will, and I ask God to help me.
- B** Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you love, serve, and pray for God’s people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?
  - R** I will, and I ask God to help me.
- B** Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God’s love may be known in all that you do?
  - R** I will, and I ask God to help me.
- B** Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.
- G** **Amen.**

*Please stand in body or spirit. Pastor Jay turns to face the assembly.*

**B** People of God, will you receive Pastor Jay as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

**C** We will, and we ask God to help us.

**B** Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**C** We will, and we ask God to help us.

*Pastor Jay turns to face the Bishop.*

**B** Jay the office of Pastor of Luther Memorial Church and Academy is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **BLESSING**

*Pastor Jay kneels as the Bishop proclaims God's blessing.*

**B** The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**C** Amen.

### **THE CHARGE**

*Pastor Jay stands and is taken to signs of his ministry in this place.*

*The Bishop escorts Pastor Jay to the place of baptism. Mrs. Dugan charges Pastor Jay saying:*

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

*They proceed to the place of the word. Ms. Chaffee charges Pastor Jay saying:*

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

*They proceed to the place of the meal. Mr. Snider charges Pastor Jay saying:*

You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

*They proceed to the doors of the church building. Mstr. Snider charges Pastor Jay saying:*

You have been called to help us live our faith everyday.

*Once the Bishop and Pastor Jay return to the chancel, the Bishop addresses the assembly:*

**B** People of God at Luther Memorial, I present to you Jay Childs Mitchell, your Pastor.

Let us welcome him in the name of Christ.

**C** Amen. Thanks be to God!

*The assembly offers acclamation with applause. All return to their places. Pastor Jay assumes the role of Presiding Minister for the remainder of the liturgy.*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence is kept.*

**A** For the one holy catholic and apostolic church, that, filled with your love, it may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness: God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** For all members of the church, that they may serve you in true and godly lives: God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** For Jay, called to be pastor here, that, sustained by your Holy Spirit, he may carry out his ministry with joy and a spirit of bold trust, serve your people, build up your church, and glorify your name: God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** For Elizabeth and Michael, our bishops; for all bishops and pastors; for all deacons and deaconesses; that, together with all those responsible for the care and nurture of your people, they may support one another in serving Christ: God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** For the peace of the Church Universal, that our divisions may be overcome, so that, united in Christ, we may serve the world and bear witness to the good news: God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** For the nations of the world and their leaders, that they may work for justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person: God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** For the whole creation, that everything you have made may fulfill your purpose and that we may exercise care for your diverse gifts: God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the lonely, the forgotten, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; for all those whose names and needs we lift up now: \_\_\_\_\_ that they may be relieved and protected: God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** For what else shall we pray?

*Here other intercessions may be offered aloud or in your heart.*

**A** For the prayers on our lips and in our hearts, God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** For the glorious company of all the saints, those who have died in faith and those who live in certain hope, especially: John, Joan, Cecelia, Dorothy, Norbert, Grace, Donald, James, Roy, and Adam we praise you. That their witness may give us courage until the day of Jesus Christ: God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Into your wounded hands of love, O God, we place our prayers trusting in your mercy and grace which we know in the Crucified-Risen One.

**C** Amen.

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*We share a sign of peace with one another. Please be mindful of other's comfort with touch.*

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



**OFFERING**

An offering is collected for the ministry of the church. This morning’s offering will be contributions to Pastor Jay’s discretionary fund. This fund goes to help those in need as well as other ministry needs as they arise. You may make a physical offering in the plate when it is passed (checks made payable: Luther Memorial Church; Memo: Installation). You may also use the QR Code to make an electronic payment by scrolling to the bottom of the page and using the “Contribute Online” button.

**PERSONAL PRAYER FOR GOOD STEWARDSHIP**

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings: our table is richly furnished, our cup overflows, and we live in safety and security. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

Please stand in body or spirit as gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought to the altar.

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**ELW 583**

**Take My Life, That I May Be**

*Refrain*

Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,  
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;  
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise. ▶

*To stanzas* *Last time*

1 Take my hands and let them move  
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
 4 Take my will and make it thine;

at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 not a mite would I with - hold;  
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;

take my feet and let them be swift and  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
 take my lips and let them be filled with  
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

*Refrain*  
 beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
 mes - sag - es from thee.  
 be thy roy - al throne.

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- ☐ Let us pray:  
 God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

- It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ; who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age. And so, with Mary, your mother; John the Forerunner; Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles; and all the glorious company of the apostles, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- Thanks be to you, O God, for the power of your loving Spirit. We worship you for your Spirit, who forms life out of chaos and dust. We bless you for your Spirit, who ignites the words of the prophets. We praise you for your Spirit, who carries your people together in unity.
- Glory be to you, O God, for the comfort of your creative Spirit. By your Spirit your Son preached and healed, rebuked and forgave. Dying on the cross for a wounded world, he gave over his Spirit. Risen from death, he pours out your Spirit on all who believe.

*On the night before he died, 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.*

- On this bread and wine:  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**
- Manifest here the body and blood of Christ:  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**
- On this assembly:  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**
- On Jay:  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**
- On Luther Memorial:  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**
- On all who minister in your church:  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**
- On this earth, its waters and lands and skies:  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**
- On plants and animals, and even on the stars:  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

- ☐ We plead for your Spirit, to cry aloud in us, with us, and for us. Breathe your life into our bones. Anoint us for service with your oil of gladness. Translate our speech into tongues of wisdom. Shower on us your gifts: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Sanctify the whole earth with your truth. Bring us at the end with all your needy children into your homeland of mercy.

Once more we praise and worship and bless you, Holy and Triune God, God of supreme mercy and might, God of the cross and the empty tomb, God of the power of justice and peace, now and forever.

☑ Amen.

#### OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

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

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
 for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

- ☐ This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which the eternal God became incarnate. This is the table not of the church, but of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come—not because the Church invites you— It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

☑ Amen. We come.

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

*Please be seated.*

#### COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and Christ himself is present when we share this Meal.  
 All Christians are welcomed to receive the Bread and Wine, Christ's Body and Blood  
 given and shed for the sake of the world.  
 Communion is by pouring chalice.*

*Please come forward from both sides of the aisle to receive the Sacrament.  
 Take a small cup from the front of the aisle.*

*Pre-filled cups contain grape juice for those who cannot receive alcoholized wine.  
 Proceed to the pastors, receive the bread in your open palm.*

*Then, please hold your cup steadily for the assisting minister to pour into. You may then drink.*

*As you return by the side aisles, please leave your empty cup.  
 For those who so desire, gluten-free bread is available.  
 Please indicate such desire to Pastor Jay.*

*There is a place for everyone at the Lord's Supper.  
 For those who would like to participate, but not to receive the Bread and Wine,  
 please come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this desire  
 by crossing your arms in front of you. If you are unable to come forward  
 and would like Communion brought to you in your seat, please let the usher know.*

#### PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Merciful God, I do not presume to come to your table trusting in my own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant me, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that I may live in him and he in me, now and forever. Amen.

### Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol  
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### Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

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**I Come with Joy**

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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 Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
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*Please stand as you are able.*

**TABLE BLESSING**

☐ The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, keep you in all goodness and health, and bring you to everlasting life.

☑ **Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

☐ We thank you, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son, uniting us through him in the communion of the Holy Spirit. As you have called Pastor Jay to serve among us, grant that we, with him, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand in body or spirit to receive the blessing.*

**BLESSING**

☐ The God who brooded over the waters of creation,  
 who danced in the waters of Mary's womb,  
 who is outpoured over and into your heart,  
 God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit  
 Bless you now and always.

☑ **Amen.**



**SENDING HYMN**

*As the hymn is sung, the altar party recesses. Please turn to face the cross in procession.*

**Let Streams of Living Justice**



1 Let\_ streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 The\_ dread - ed dis - ap - pear - ance of fam - i - ly and friend;  
3 You\_ hal - low our vo - ca - tions, you call us to your way;  
4 For\_ heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
5 Your\_ ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give\_ free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
the\_ tor - ture and the si - lence, the fear that knows no end;  
you\_ shape us for your ser - vice, you the Pot - ter and the clay.  
for\_ love that makes us lov - ers, God\_ grant us grace to mend.  
your\_ har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we\_ are the words you speak.



The\_ hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the\_ work - ers claim their rights,  
the\_ mo - ther with her can - dle, the\_ child who holds a gun,  
Share with us Cre - a - tion's mold - ing; form our minds to your de - light;  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our\_ faith we find in ser - vice, our\_ hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the\_ mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the\_ blind - ed seek for sight.  
the\_ old one nurs - ing ha - tred, all\_ seek re - lease to come.  
Might - y Craft - er of our ves - sels, fire our vi - sions with your light;  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our\_ love in hand of neigh - bor; our\_ home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
Each\_ can - dle burns for free - dom; each lights a ty - rant's fall,  
con - se - crate your priest and peo - ple; warm the steps your saints have trod:  
O greatweav - er of our fab - ric, bind\_ church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with just - tice; your\_ way, the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
each\_ flow - er place for mar - tyrs gives\_ tongue to si - lenced call.  
bless the bread of our en - dea - vors, bless the wine of our re - solve.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your\_ truth the heart of stran - ger; your\_ life, the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: *William Wila, b. 1934*

Tune: THAXTED, *Gustav Holst, 1874-1934*

**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**G** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE** – "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor"

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 - 1707)

**PERSONAL PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP**

Grant, O Lord Jesus, that the ears which have heard the voice of your songs may be closed to the voice of dispute; that the eyes which have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung your praise may speak the truth in love; that the feet which have walked in your courts may walk in the region of light; and that the bodies which have received your living body may be restored in newness of life. Glory to you for your inexpressible gift; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

— LEADING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING —

Presiding at the Installation	The Rev. Michael Lozano <i>III Bishop, NWPA Synod, ELCA</i>
Presiding at the Eucharist	The Rev. Jay C. Mitchell <i>Pastor Loci</i>
Preaching	The Rev. Amanda C. Nesvold <i>Interim Pastor, All Saints' Lutheran Church, Bowie, MD</i>
Assisting Minister	Pat Bellingham <i>President, NWPA Synod WELCA</i>
Principal Musician	Walt Gaber <i>Cantor Loci</i>
Psalmist	Jonathan Gaber <i>Call Committee Member</i>
Lectors	Les Fobes <i>Former President of the Congregation</i> James Wertz <i>President, School Board, Luther Memorial Academy</i>
Quartet	Margaret Andraso, <i>soprano</i> Catherine Martin, <i>alto</i> Charles Warrick, <i>tenor</i> Christopher Butler, <i>baritone</i> <i>Friends and Family of Pastor Jay</i>
At the Presentation	Tom Klomp <i>Chair, Call Committee</i>
At the Questioning	The Rev. Kristen Papson <i>Representative of the Erie Conference, NWPA Synod, ELCA</i> <i>Pastor, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Erie</i>
At the Charge	Cathie Dugan Emma Chaffee Michael Snider Matthew Snider
Communion Distributor	Stan Rose <i>President of the Congregation</i>
Bread Baker	Lois Washill <i>Family of Pastor Jay</i>

Presenters of Eucharistic Gifts	Brian Hammer Janet Hammond <i>Pastor Jay's Godparents</i>
Altar Guild	Cathie Dugan <i>Chair, Worship and Music Committee</i>
Ushers	Liz Stroup Dave Kinzig Otto 'Skip' Meyn <i>Members of Pastor Jay's Welcoming Committee</i> Dave Griswold <i>Member of Council</i>
Greeter	Pat Young <i>President, WELCA @ Luther Memorial</i>

**SERVING AT THE PROCESSIONS and AT THE ALTAR**

Thurifer	Catherine Martin <i>Family of Pastor Jay</i>
Crucifer	Bella O'Brien
Torch Bearers	Blake O'Brien Jake O'Brien
Jubilation Streamer	Cecilia Montroy
Bookbearer	Lincoln McCall
Acolyte Coach	Jessica Copfer

**Flowers at the Columbarium** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of The Rev. Roy P. Washill, "Uncle Pastor," and in celebration of his 45<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary today by Pastor Jay and Chaz Mitchell.

**Flowers at the East Facing Altar** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Pastor Jay's installation by his family.

**Flowers at the Altar Table** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the people of Luther Memorial Church and Academy, our ministry together, and in thanksgiving for all pastors who have served Luther Memorial by Pastor Jay.

## **FROM PASTOR JAY**

Thank you. Two simple words hold so much deep emotion from me. Thank you. Today would not have been the celebration it is without so many people.

First and foremost: to you, dear Luther Memorial, thank you. Thank you for calling me to be your pastor. To entrust me with your hopes and aspirations, your fears and doubts, your visions of the future together. This call would not be possible without the tireless efforts of the Call Committee under the leadership of Tom Klomp and our Congregation Council under the leadership of Les Fobes and Stan Rose (over the course of two councils). Many thanks to Bishop Lozano for allowing this Erie-born Philadelphian to return home and to see the potential of our partnership together, Luther Memorial and me.

To all those who have supported, helped, encouraged, and been there for Chaz and me as we have packed up and moved across the state—back home for me, and to a new home for Chaz—thank you. It is so important for us to know of the community of support we have.

To the pastors, deacons, musicians, and goodly churchfolk, thank you. You have inspired, supported, encouraged, and prodded me in ministry; and not just since ordination but from childhood. Thank you.

To my parents, my family, and all those who have become family, thank you. I would not be the pastor I am without you.

To Walt and all those who have made this worship and Installation so festive, thank you. Of course, many thanks to Norma for the tireless and lengthy process of planning this bulletin!

And to Chaz: my thanks and love for taking a chance and stepping out boldly into a new future God has in store for us in this corner of the Church and the country!

I am elated to dream of the future of the Church in this corner of Christ's vineyard together with all of you and excited for the adventures we will have. Let us journey together into God's amazing future for us together!

But first...let's celebrate! I hope you'll join us in Fellowship Hall following worship this morning for a festive reception put on by the Parish Life Committee under the leadership of Les Fobes.