

WELCOME TO
**LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & ACADEMY**



18 OCTOBER 2026
Luke the Physician, Evangelist
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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WELCOME!

This is the day that the Lord has made. Together, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Luther Memorial Church and Academy are located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people. These lands were ceded by the people of the Six Nations on October 22, 1784 in a treaty ratified by the United States Government in 1785 and never ratified by the people of the Six Nations. We gather in this place indebted to these peoples for their forced generosity. While some peoples were successful in resisting assimilation and genocide, and still live on dwindled homelands now, many were absorbed into other peoples, exiled, or annihilated by the United States government for their land. For those who remain and for the land on which we gather, we give thanks to the Creator and to those who have been custodians of this part of Turtle Island since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

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+ Please note that our 10:30 service is livestreamed at: youtube.com/LutherMemorialOnline. While the cameras usually only broadcast the first third of the pews and chancel (where all the action happens), faces may be visible as individuals return to their seats from Communion.

+ Everything you need to follow along in worship is included in this bulletin. You are invited to stand and sit—as you are able—as indicated herein.

+ If you have a need to **children's** bulletins, coloring pages, crayons, or other supplies they are available on the Welcome Table. You can proceed out the door next to the pulpit and find the Welcome Table near the door.

+ An all-gender and accessible **restroom** is available out the door next to the pulpit, up the ramp, and to the right. Follow signs for "Handicap Bathroom." Other restrooms are available down the hallway next to Faith Chapel across from the parlor.

+ You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshiping around you and turn your phones and devices to silent. Feel free to take pictures of our beautiful sanctuary or post about the sermon. However, we ask that you ask permission before taking any people pictures.

+ We welcome all to worship and to the Table trusting that it is the Holy Spirit that draws us all together. If you would like information about joining the congregation or receiving the Sacraments of the Church, be sure to talk to Pastor Jay after worship (you can usually find him next to the pulpit after the service).

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE – “Healer of Our Every Ill”

F. D. Ashdown

The assembly may rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 617

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

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GREETING

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

KYRIE

In All Our Grief



1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.
2 Help us to put a - side the an - gry word,
3 You did not e - ven spare your on - ly Son.
4 God, when we suf - fer all that we can bear,

O God, you know all that we think or do,
the clench - ing fist, the wish and will to hurt.
He lived our griefs and bore all e - vil done,
then let us know that you in truth are near

you know the pain we put each oth - er through.
Teach us the way in which love best is served.
but through his cross, re - demp - tion has been won.
and will not leave us lost in all our fear.

Refrain

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, grant us peace.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Silence during which all join their hearts in prayer. The presiding minister, on behalf of all, prays:

Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray. God Almighty, we ask your blessing upon Ron as he reads to us the scriptures. May the words of his/her mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Sirach 38:1-4,6-10,12-14

Honor physicians for their services, for the Great Physician created them, for their gift of healing comes from the Most High, and they are rewarded by the anointed one. The skill of physicians makes them distinguished, and in the presence of the great they are admired. The Great Creator made medicines out of the earth, and the sensible will not despise them. God the Source gave skill to human beings that all God's marvelous works might offer praise. By these works the physician heals and takes away pain; the pharmacist makes a mixture from them. God's works will never be finished, and thereby health spreads over all the earth. My child, when you are ill, do not delay, but pray to the Great Healer, who will heal you. Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly, and cleanse your heart from all sin. Then give physicians their place, for they, too, are beloved creatures of God; do not let them leave you, for you need them. There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians, for they, too, pray to the Great Physician to grant them success in diagnosis and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

The Word of the Lord.

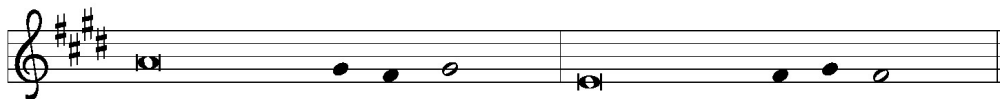
Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 124

The choir introduces the antiphon. It is then repeated by all and again where indicated (A). The psalm is chanted responsively according to Tone 5:



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If the Lord had not been | on our side,
let Isra- | el now say;
 if the Lord had not been | on our side,
 when enemies rose | up against us,
then would they have swallowed us | up alive
in their fierce | anger toward us;
 then would the waters have | overwhelmed us
 and the torrent gone | over us;
then would the | raging waters
have gone right | over us.
 Blessed | be the Lord
 who has not given us over to be a prey | for their teeth. R
We have escaped like a bird from the snare | of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we | have escaped.
 Our help is in the name | of the Lord,
 the maker of heav- | en and earth. R

SECOND READING: II Timothy 4:5-13

As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me in ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The assembly may rise in body or spirit to greet the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *sung by the choir*

Alleluia. How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger
who announces peace, who brings good news,
who announces salvation. *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because I am anointed to bring good news to the poor. I am sent to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

RITE OF HEALING

A reading from James: Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

Beloved of God, Siblings in Christ: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all who are suffering or are in any affliction.

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Mighty God, mercifully grant strength to the weak and comfort to those who suffer, that their sickness and pain may be turned into health. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of the world, especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

God of comfort, bring wholeness to those who mourn in our city. Give peace to first responders: police, EMTs, chaplains in the aftermath. Bring about your *shalom* for us all. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Holy God, Holy One, your Son prayed that your people may be one. May the gift of baptism be a power for healing the church's brokenness, and bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Loving God, mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Healer of our every ill, we lay before you those we hold most dear; Betsy, Ed, Rose-Marie, Lois, Diane, Les, Karen, Kate, Donna, Mary, Paul, Brian, Ella, Hannah, Gail, Sue, Erin, Brian, Jim, Ellie, Peggy, Kimberly, Peter, Shirley, Brynlee, Kevin, Kathy, Anthony, Susan, Jessica, Lynn, Kathy, Connor, Lisa, Mary, Nichole, Linda, Brian, Abigal, Madison, Mark, Brooks and those whose names and needs we lift up now. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Eternal God, we thank you for all the faithful departed including Mary, your mother, Luke, Paul, James, Adam, and all your saints. Heal the pain of all who grieve. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

O God, we bring these intercessions before you, knowing that you will hear us as you have promised, and will answer according to the mercy shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR HEALING AND LAYING ON OF HANDS WITH ANOINTING

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands (and optional anointing) approach. When coming forward, please let the prayer-er know your name and/or the person you would like prayers for. If after having the laying on of hands and prayer, you would like to be anointed, you may go to either station for anointing with Unction, the oil of healing consecrated by Bishop Papson at the synodical Chrism Mass.

SINGING DURING THE PRAYERS

ACS 1016

Cast Out, O Christ

1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the
2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are
3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you
4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that
5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the

de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that
 Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -
 sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you
 break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,
 de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to

choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.
 plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.
 brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.
 home in peace to live your gos - pel call.
 sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

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 Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003
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ACS 939

Touch That Soothes and Heals

See My Hands and Feet

1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a

break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
 peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good

wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain

"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



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ELW 612

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
 give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain

peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

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 Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen
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After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands, and the presiding minister continues.

Let us pray. Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The presiding minister concludes the order for healing.

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*The assembly shares a sign and greeting of peace. Please be mindful of others' comfort with touch.
After, the assembly is seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

God feeds us with Jesus Christ.

OFFERING



An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church.

MUSICAL OFFERING – Voluntary

The assembly rises in body or spirit as the gifts of bread and wine for Communion and our offerings are brought forward.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Musical notation for the Offertory Hymn, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff.

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



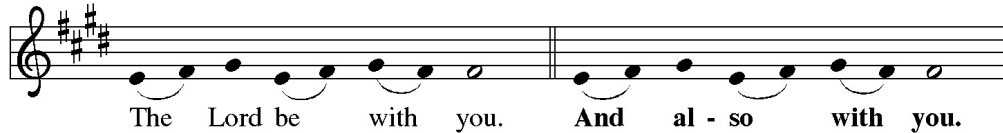
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

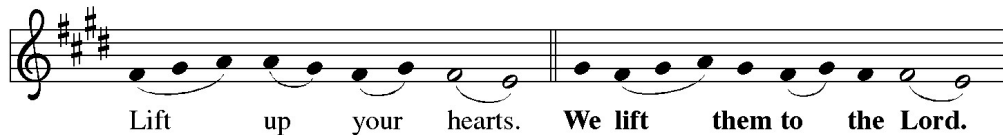
Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

Amen.

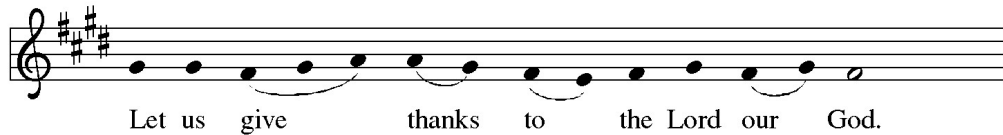
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *after Julian of Norwich*



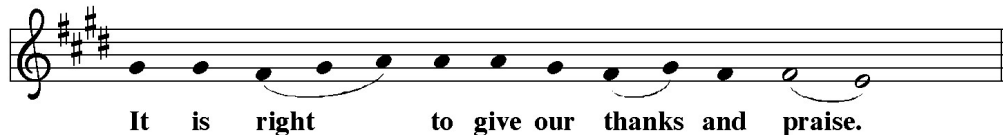
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

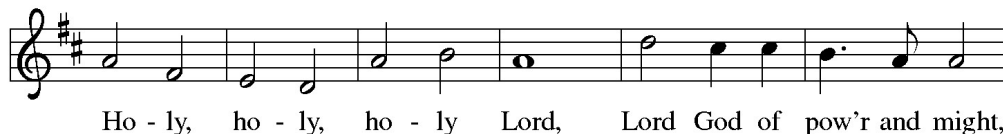


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

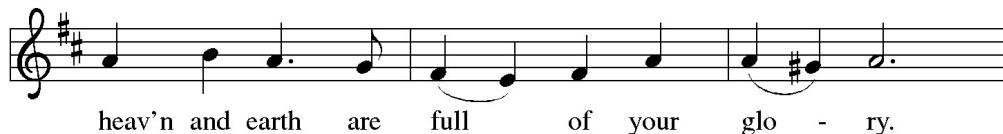


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

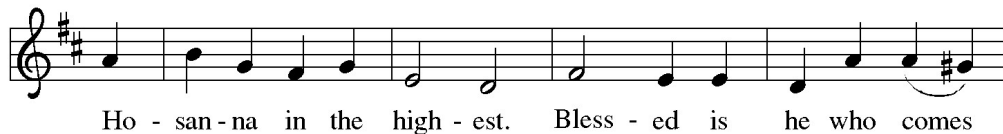
It is indeed right...unending hymn:



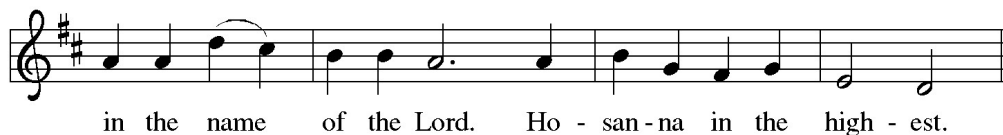
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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.

Thanks be to you, our God, blessed Trinity. You are all-mighty, all-wisdom, all-truth.

In you, our Maker, is our endless bliss. You hold the universe tenderly, for you love everything you have made. You long for us to be one with you, beholding us as your children, innocent and lovable, and in your gracious goodness you desire that all shall be well:

All shall be well.

And when we had fallen, Jesus fell with us, embracing us, assuring us that at the end, all shall be well:

All shall be well.

In plenteous love, Jesus donned the soiled tunic of Adam and, becoming our Clothing, dressed us in himself, wrapping us round in compassion. Jesus is our dear Mother, whose marvelous mercy is nearest, and readiest, and surest. In his sorrowful passion, Jesus suffered to bear us into life. Indeed, we laugh mightily, for the fiend is overcome. Jesus mothers us, washing us clean and cleaving to us, keeping us safe and secure. He poured out his precious blood from his open side, that he might nurse us with the sweet milk of himself. He wears us now as his crown, for immeasurable love is his meaning and delight.

*In the night before he bled out his life for us,
he 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.*

Show us here the surpassing kindness of the Spirit, our Keeper. In this blessed sacrament of abundant love, sustain us with the body and blood of true life. We your children beseech you to keep us in everlasting fullness of joy. By the tender touch and gracious working of your care, protect and comfort us, nourish and teach us, and unite us with you and to one another.

Until the whole communion of saints is lovingly hidden in you, we join in hope, in praise and thanksgiving, that in you:

All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.

To you, O God, blessed Trinity, who is Truth, Wisdom, and Love, Friend and Spouse, Nurse and Leader, Light and Sovereign, our Ground and our Heaven, be endless thanksgiving for your merciful goodness, for you are our bliss, 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The assembly may be seated.

THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is present whenever we feast together. **You** are welcome to the feast! Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle. Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle. Receive the bread in your open palm. All bread is gluten, nut, soy, dairy, and wheat free; it contains egg. Proceeding to either communion assistant, hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. Non-alcoholized grape juice is in the pre-filled cups. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the bowls. All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing. If you need communion brought to you, please let a neighbor know to inform the presiding minister.*

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

God, Bless the Hands

ACS 1022

1 God, bless the hands stretched out in love through floods be - low and
2 Bring com - fort to the hearts that mourn, left bro - ken, emp - tied
3 O God, our strength and ref - uge sure, our hope while storms of

storms a - bove; they search and res - cue, com - fort, calm, give
by the storm. Give hope to those in deep - est grief; em -
life en - dure: teach us to live in har - mo - ny with

shel - ter, of - fer heal - ing balm. Oh, guard them by your
pow - er, us to bring re - lief. To you, O God, we
earth and riv - er, sky and sea, pre - serv - ing wa - ters,

stead - fast hand; reach out in love to help us stand.
raise our hands. Save us, we pray, from sink - ing sands.
air, and lands as ho - ly work for hu - man hands.

Thy Holy Wings

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

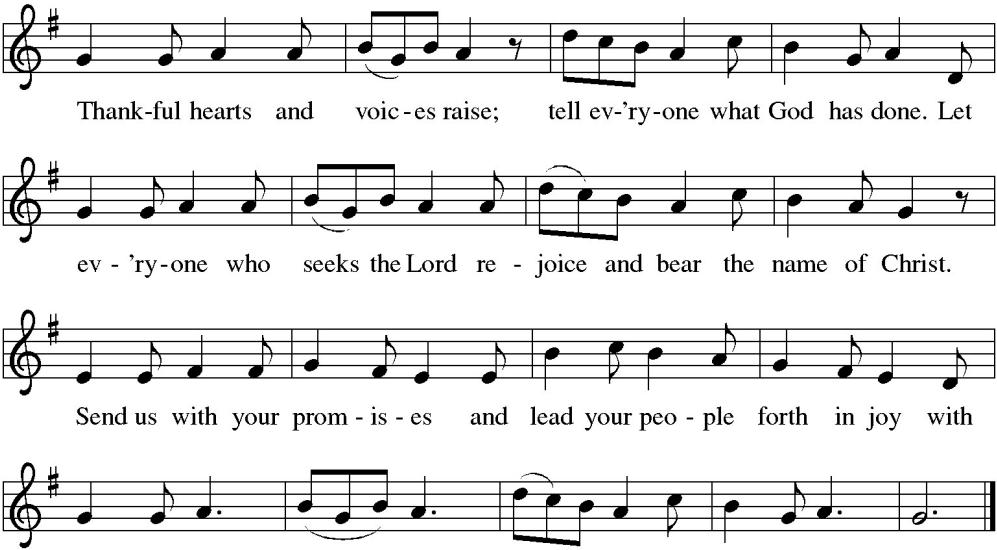
and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
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After all who so desire have received the Sacrament of the Altar, the assembly rises in body or spirit at the invitation of the presiding minister.

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Merciful God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

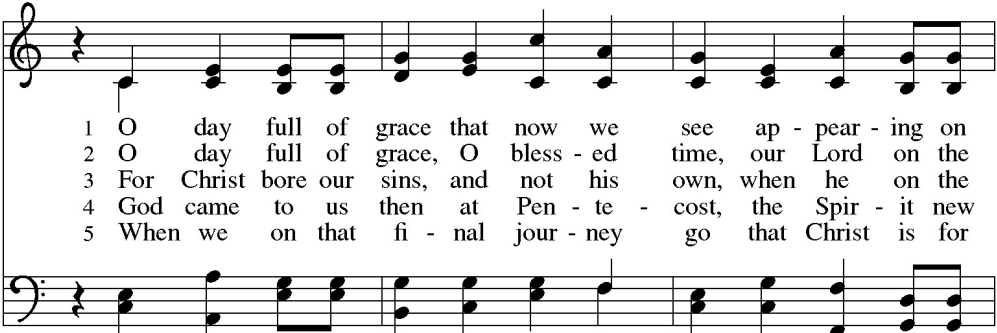
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

ELW 627

O Day Full of Grace



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.
Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – “Fredericktown”

F. D. Ashdown

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— EXPECTED TO LEAD IN WORSHIP TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – The Rev. Jay C. Mitchell

ASSISTING MINISTER – Stan Rose

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Zach Middaugh

LECTOR – Ron Middaugh

USHER – Linda Graffius

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

VIDEO STREAMING – Nick Lang

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of James “Jim” Hammond and Adam Surovick by Janet Hammond and Bridget and Rily Surovick.

Today’s Events

Pictorial Directories are available at the Welcome Tables this morning. If you would like a pdf version of the directory please contact Norma in the church office and one will be emailed to you.

Homemade soup will be available following the 10:30 service this morning for \$10.

It’s Trunk-or-Treat Day! Today is an afternoon filled with fun as we scoop up treats from our decorated Halloween trunks. Let’s see your spooky costumes! Set-up in the church parking lot begins at 12:30pm. Treating will be held from 1:00-2:00pm. Music by DJ Bill Mason, prizes, a costume parade, and of course, treats will make this a super fun day. Please see Beth Keller, Sarah Prylinski this morning with any questions.

Worship Matters!

The **Order for Healing** is an expression in worship of the church’s ministry of healing. Here all who sense the need for God’s healing in any aspect of their lives may join in prayer for others and themselves. Here each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here each one may also receive the physical gesture of healing: the laying on of hands, which may be accompanied by anointing with unction. These signs, first given in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world. **In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that comes through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure.** Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God’s presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God’s promise of wholeness and peace, and God’s love embodied in the community of faith.

BishCon 2026

Pastor Jay will be out of the office for much of this week gathering with other Pastors, Deacons, and ALWLs in Meadville with Bishop Papson for Bishop’s Convocation (BishCon). Pray this week for all those called to serve in the church in this synod as they gather for continuing education, worship, and fellowship.

Faith Formation

*Faith Formation brochures are available at the Welcome Table.
Class dates are listed for children, youth, confirmation and adults.*

We will celebrate Confirmation on October 25, Reformation Sunday. Classes for 9th or 10th grade youth will be held this morning following the 10:30 service and meet each Sunday in October with Pastor Jay. We’ll see you in the conference room.

Bibles will be presented to children in third grade on All Saints’ Sunday, November 1, during the 10:30am service. Please contact Norma in the church office by Monday, October 19 if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. Thank you.

Bible After Dark (BAD) meets on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari’s Squid Row (1317 State St.) for a time of conversation and fellowship. **YOU** are invited to join us on Tuesday, November 3.

Brown Bag Bible (B³) gathers on Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. You bring a lunch, Pastor Jay brings something to talk about. We will continue our study on the book of Revelation. Our next gathering will be Thursday, October 22.

FAITH5! Join us for our new program called Faith5: Cross+Gen. This program gathers all ages around various topics to share in single “eduworship” opportunity. We will gather in the Parlor at 9:15am on the Second Sunday of each month and share a chance for everyone from our oldest to our youngest members to share and learn and grow and have a fun time growing deeper and broader and higher and further in faith together! It won’t be the same without you! Our next Faith5: Cross+Gen gathering will be Sunday, November 8. See you there!

Opportunities for Fellowship

L.I.A., Lutherans in Action, gather the second Tuesday of each month to help with community and service projects. Bring the family down and lend a hand. If you are not familiar with the BAND App, contact Sarah Prylinski at 814-882-1695 as outings are also posted on the app. We’re hoping you can join us.

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Enjoy a relaxing morning with friends at the Magic Fingers Grace Group as you knit your cares away sprinkled with some laughter. Join us October 27 for knitting and crocheting. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am – 12:00 noon. Contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will be dining out at the Waterford Hotel on Wednesday, October 21. Join us for great conversation and delicious food at 11:00am. You are invited to top off your meal with dessert at the home of Jeanne and Walt Gaber. Their home is on the way back to Erie. Reservations were due to Jan MacInnes, 814-833-0476, or the church office by Friday, October 16.

Time to Shop at our Craft Show on Saturday, November 7 from 10:00am-3:00pm. Professional crafters with unique artistries and lots of variety will help you check off all those gifts for the holidays. Admission is \$2. Free admission for educators with ID badge. Proceeds benefit our youth group.

Join us for Bingo on Sunday, November 8 in our fellowship hall. Doors will open at 12:00 noon with Bingo play beginning at 12:30pm. Prizes are \$50 cash per game. Eight games will be played including 2 coveralls as well as games of chance. Tickets are \$25 and are available in the church office.

Music Ministry

Contemporary Integrational Orchestra Project will present “October Spooktacular” on Saturday, October 24 at 7:00pm. Come in costume, if you dare, for a haunting harmonious night of your spooky favorites! Halloween music at its finest; directed by Sally “Switchblade” Santon and conducted by Todd “Sweeney” Maki. A reception will follow.

Items to Note

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Jay either at the church (814-454-0106 x. 227) or, if not, on his personal phone (267-549-9858). If you are unable to reach him and need a response quickly, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. Thank you.

Greeting cards can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Betsy Brumagin	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Lois Smith
Diane Parsons	Les Fobes	Karen Zamperini	Kate Martin
Donna Sedelmyer	Mary Mumford	Paul Meucci	Brian Hubbard
Ella Graffius			
Friends and Family:			
Hannah Jacob	Gail Lesuer	Sue Rinder	Erin N.
Brian Doersch	Jim Scobel	Ellie	Peggy S.
Kimberly Dunahue	Peter Maker	Shirley	Brynlee
Kevin Soles & family	Kathy Colvin	Anthony Benacci	Susan Sasala
Jessica Kinzig	Lynn	Kathy Nicewander	Connor & family
Lisa E.	Mary Phipps	Nichole Jones	Linda & Brian
Abigal & Madison Beatty	Mark Daniels	Brooks Davis	
Grief:			
Mary Lou Breyley family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	Justin Gajewski

Readings and Commemorations This Week.

19 October – Psalm 98; Daniel 3:1-18; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

20 October – Psalm 98; Daniel 3:19-20; Revelation 18:21-24

21 October – Psalm 98; Daniel 6:1-28; Matthew 17:22-27

22 October – Psalm 1; Numbers 5:5-10; Titus 1:5-16

23 October – James of Jerusalem, martyr, 62 – Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15 -- *One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.*

24 October – Psalm 1; Proverbs 24:23-34; John 5:39-47

C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20	10:00am	Pericope
	6:00pm	LMA Basketball Practice

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21	11:00am	OWLS
	4:15pm	School Board
	6:00pm	PTL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22	10:00am	Diabetes Prevention Program
	12:00pm	Brown Bag Bible
	1:00pm	Grief Group
	5:30pm	Handbells
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
	6:00pm	LMA Basketball

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23	6:30pm	LMA Halloween Dance
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24	7:00pm	Contemporary Integrational Orchestra Project Concert & Reception
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026 REFORMATION SUNDAY

Worship with us at 8:15am in Faith Chapel and the 10:30am service in the main church.

Confirmation students and family breakfast held in the parlor at 9:15am.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Julie Ditz
Communion Assistant (<i>I needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector (<i>I needed</i>)	10:30am	Karen Braendel
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Gina Snider
Counters	10:30am	Barb Dennison, Jonathan Gaber
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Sharon Burke, Carl Moore