



4 MARCH 2024

The First Annual Erie-Wide Celebration of
LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

1:00 pm

Luther Memorial Church and Academy is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people, people of the Six Nations Treaty, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

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

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All turn and face Bishop Lozano at the Font at the crossing.

B In baptism, God claims us as beloved children. Let us give thanks for water, for baptism, and for life as God’s children.

B We praise you, O God, for water:

C We praise you, O God, for water.

B We need water to drink:

C We need water to drink.

B We need water to wash:

C We need water to wash.

B We need water to grow:

C We need water to grow.

B We praise you, O God, for water:

C We praise you, O God, for water.

B We praise you, O God, for baptism:

C We praise you, O God, for baptism.

B We praise you, O God, for your Spirit:

C We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.


B We praise you, O God, for water:

C We praise you, O God, for water.

B Amen, with water:


C Amen, with water.

Earth and All Stars!




LMA Students


1	Earth and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!



Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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Refrain



God	has	done	mar -	vel - ous	things.
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I	too	sing	prais - es	with a	new	song!
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 Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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GREETING

- B** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY/The Luther Memorial Prayer

P Let us pray:

C (hands over head)	God be above me to protect me.
(hands in front)	God be in front of me to guide me.
(hands to side)	God be beside me to befriend me.
(hands behind)	God be behind me to encourage me.
(point to head)	God be in my head and in learning.
(show hands)	God be in my hands and in my helping.
(take steps)	God be in my feet and in the walking.
(point to heart)	God be in my heart and in my loving.
	Amen.

Please be seated.

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

FIRST READING: I Samuel 3:1-21

The boy Samuel was serving God under Eli’s direction. This was at a time when the revelation of God was rarely heard or seen. One night Eli was sound asleep (his eyesight was very bad—he could hardly see). It was well before dawn; the sanctuary lamp was still burning. Samuel was still in bed in the Temple of God, where the Chest of God rested.

Then God called out, “Samuel, Samuel!”

Samuel answered, “Yes? I’m here.” Then he ran to Eli saying, “I heard you call. Here I am.”

Eli said, “I didn’t call you. Go back to bed.” And so he did.

God called again, “Samuel, Samuel!”

Samuel got up and went to Eli, “I heard you call. Here I am.”

Again Eli said, “Son, I didn’t call you. Go back to bed.” (This all happened before Samuel knew God for himself. It was before the revelation of God had been given to him personally.)

God called again, “Samuel!”—the third time! Yet again Samuel got up and went to Eli, “Yes? I heard you call me. Here I am.”

That’s when it dawned on Eli that God was calling the boy. So Eli directed Samuel, “Go back and lie down. If the voice calls again, say, ‘Speak, God. I’m your servant, ready to listen.’” Samuel returned to his bed.

Then God came and stood before him exactly as before, calling out, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Samuel answered, “Speak. I’m your servant, ready to listen.”

God said to Samuel, “Listen carefully. I’m getting ready to do something in Israel that is going to shake everyone up and get their attention. The time has come for me to bring down on Eli’s family everything I warned him of, every last word of it. I’m letting him know that the time’s up. I’m bringing judgment on his family for good. He knew what was going on, that his sons were desecrating God’s name and God’s place, and he did nothing to stop them. This is my sentence on the family of Eli: The evil of Eli’s family can never be wiped out by sacrifice or offering.”

Samuel stayed in bed until morning, then rose early and went about his duties, opening the doors of the sanctuary, but he dreaded having to tell the vision to Eli.

But then Eli summoned Samuel: “Samuel, my son!”

Samuel came running: “Yes? What can I do for you?”

“What did he say? Tell it to me, all of it. Don’t suppress or soften one word, as God is your judge! I want it all, word for word as he said it to you.”

So Samuel told him, word for word. He held back nothing.

Eli said, “He is God. Let him do whatever he thinks best.”

Samuel grew up. God was with him, and Samuel’s prophetic record was flawless. Everyone in Israel, from Dan in the north to Beersheba in the south, recognized that Samuel was the real thing—a true prophet of God. God continued to show up at Shiloh, revealed through his word to Samuel at Shiloh.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

🙏 Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

On Easter Sunday, two disciples were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was.

He asked, “What’s this you’re discussing so intently as you walk along?”

They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, “Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn’t heard what’s happened during the last few days?”

He said, “What has happened?”

They said, “The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. And we had our hopes up that he was the One, the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn’t find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn’t see Jesus.”

Then he said to them, “So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can’t you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don’t you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?” Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.

They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: “Stay and have supper with us. It’s nearly evening; the day is done.” So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared.

Back and forth they talked. “Didn’t we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?”

They didn’t waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: “It’s really happened! The Master has been raised up—Simon saw him!”

Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

- 📖 The Gospel of the Lord.
- 🎵 Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Bishop Lozano

Please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 866

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.
Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.
Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:
We are dancing ...

We are praying ...
We are singing ...

Please sit for prayers.

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray saying Thank you, God, for our schools:

God our Creator, thank you for everything that you have made. For sunshine and rain, for plants and animals, and for the chance to learn all about them. Let us pray saying:

Thank you, God, for our schools.

God our Teacher, we pray for our schools. Make them places where we can have fun, be safe, grow, and learn all about you and the world you made. Let us pray saying:

Thank you, God, for our schools.

God our Father, we pray for our families and friends. Keep them healthy, keep them learning and growing with us, and support them as they help us to learn and grow. Let us pray saying:

Thank you, God, for our schools.

For our schools and your love, we thank you, God. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

P The peace of Christ be with you. **C** And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

Please be seated.

MEAL – “God feeds us with Jesus Christ.”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

P It is right that we give you thanks, God. We join with all of your creation: sun and moon and stars; birds and plants and our pets; with our parents and grandparents and best friends and we say thank you.

P We thank you for all the ways you have show your love to us: for our parents and those who take care of us, for our teachers and pastors and people who teach us, for our coaches and mentors who help us to grow up. We also thank you for the people in the Bible stories we tell: for Samuel and Eli, for Cleopas and Paul, for David and Noah.

- P** We especially thank you for Jesus. He showed us your love and he also taught us how to love one another like you love us. One way he showed us your love was having a meal with his friends. At that meal, he took bread and gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to his friends and said: Take this, my friends, and eat it. This is my body and it's given for you. Do this when you remember me. He also took a cup and gave it to his friends to share and said, take this, friends, and drink some of it. This cup is a new promise from God for you to let you know that your sins are forgiven. Whenever you share this drink, remember me.
- P** And still today when we share bread and a cup, we remember not just that one time Jesus shared this meal, but that Jesus is here with us now and everywhere. And for that we are so thankful.
- P** Our thanks we give to you, O God, along with our honor and respect and love and when we give that to you we join our voices and our hearts with all those who have come before us and with all your angels and say:
- C** Thank you, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** And now, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- C** Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** Whenever we share this bread and cup, Jesus is here. Come to the table!
- C** Amen.

The congregation is seated.

COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!
We believe this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.
If you receive Communion in your home congregation,
you are welcome to receive Communion here.*

Please come forward by the center aisle.

Take a small empty cup from the tray at the front of the aisle.

White grape juice is available in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.

Receive the bread in your open palm and then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister.

Gluten-free wafers are available for those who have need. Please let the pastor know.

All are invited to participate in the Meal this morning.

*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 from the pastor.*

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

Jesus Loves Me!



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Come, Let Us Eat



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL WORDS FROM BISHOP LOZANO

LMA SCHOOL SONG

BLESSING

- B** ...remain with you always.
- C** Amen.

HYMN

Guide My Feet



1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart



Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart



Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- P** Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the road!
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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— — SERVING TODAY — —

PREACHER – BISHOP LOZANO

PRESIDING MINISTER – PASTOR JAY

GREETERS – SHANNON CROSBY, ISLA POWELL, MADDIE WERTZ, JAILEELE WILLIAMS

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Jeanne Gaber

PRAYER-ERS – JAIDA FRIED, NAKAI TAYLOR, MITCHELL BOYD

FIRST READING – KALEAH JOHNSON, LUCIA GOELLNER,

WYATT NOYES, REN WIECZOREK

GOSPEL – TALIA KING, BEN BURLING, LOUISA MCCORMICK, ELLIANA SANDS

ALTAR GUILD – PASTOR JAY



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome our friends from Faith Lutheran Preschool who are joining us to celebrate Lutheran Education in Erie! Check them out online:
<https://faithlutheranerie.com/home/preschool/>

We also welcome our friends from St. Paul's Child Development Center and St. Paul's Pre-School who are also helping us celebrate Lutheran Schools Week! You can find them online:
<https://www.stpaulserie.org/child-development-center> and
<https://www.stpaulserie.org/pre-school>

We thank Bishop Lozano for being present for our celebration this morning.

LMA Students (K-7) will return to their classrooms immediately following worship for a treat from the congregation. All students must return to their classrooms from where they will be dismissed.

All guests and members (and LMA Grade 8) are welcome to a reception in Fellowship Hall. Please plan to stay at least long enough to vote on the SOUPPPPPER Ladle Soup Cook-Off. Pastor Jay, Mrs. Thom (Principal), Mrs. Wertz (Pres. PTL), Mr. Fobes (Pres. Council), and Mr. Bartlett (Pres. School Board) are going head-to-head for this First Annual competition!

To get to the Fellowship Hall, follow our 8th graders or head out either door on the sides of the altar and to the stairwell near the elevator. You may use the stairs or the elevator to go down to the 1st floor.

LMA's celebration of Lutheran Schools Week continues!

+Tuesday: Hats off to Lutherans

-Writing Competition Entries due:

“How can you be the change you want to see in the world?”

-Middle School Bake Sale at Student Lunches

-Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser (3:00-9:00pm)

+Wednesday: Celebrate Friendship

-Writing Competition Winners Announced

- Middle School Bake Sale during Lenten Luncheon

+Thursday: Dress to Impress

-8th Grade: Annual Etiquette Luncheon

-3rd-5th Grade: Asbury Woods Presentation

-Kindergarten-2nd Grade: Lyle the Crocodile Field Trip

+Sunday: PTL Trivia Fundraiser

-Registrations due by tomorrow to Mrs. Wertz (PTL President). \$50 per team of 4;
\$15 for individuals.

BYO Snacks @Lavery Brewing 2:00-4:00pm

And don't forget about our next **OPEN HOUSE**! Coming up on April 16 from 4:30-7:00pm.
A gem of an opportunity to check out this gem of a school in the Gem City!

You are invited to join in the celebration! Palm Sunday worship at 10:30am with dancers
and procession and Easter Sunday worship at 10:30am with festive music and children's
sermon. All ages are welcome!

Support our Luther Memorial Youth Group with two upcoming fundraisers for their
journey to the Youth Gathering this summer:

Spring Craft Fair is this Saturday, March 9 from 10:00am-3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
\$2 admission fee.

Luck of the Irish Bingo is on Sunday, 17 March at 1:00pm. \$20 for entry in advance, \$25
at the door. \$50 cash prize each round plus other prizes and raffles.