



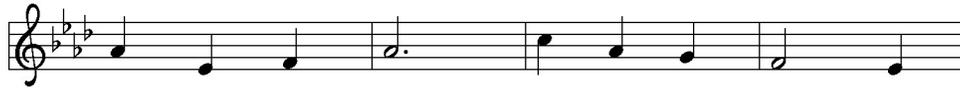
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The Third Annual Erie-Wide Celebration of
LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN

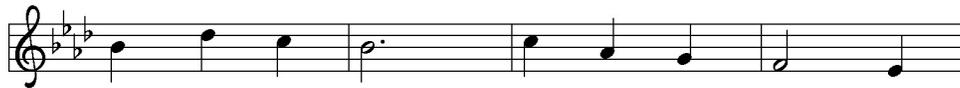
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1	Earth and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!
4	Class - rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!
5	Knowl - edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound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

PRAYER OF THE DAY/The Luther Memorial Prayer

Let us pray:

(hands over head)

(hands in front)

(hands to side)

(hands behind)

(point to head)

(show hands)

(take steps in place)

(point to heart)

God be above me to protect me.

God be in front of me to guide me.

God be beside me to befriend me.

God be behind me to encourage me.

God be in my head and in learning.

God be in my hands and in my helping.

God be in my feet and in my going.

God be in my heart and in my loving. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

MESSAGE

Pastor Ryan

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

I will call upon the Lord.

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Who is worthy to be praised.

Who is worthy to be praised.

So shall I be saved from my enemies.

**So shall I be saved
from my enemies.**

The Lord liveth!

And blessed be the Rock

and my the God of my salvation

be exalted! (x2)

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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 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.

We thank you for loving us and making us brave. Brave to care for our family and friends and neighbors; brave to tell people about you; brave to be your people no matter our age. When we try our best, when we tell people about you and remind people how much you love them, we make such a big impact on the whole world! And we're thankful you are with us always to help us be brave.

We especially thank you for Jesus. He was created to be just like us! 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.

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.

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:

Thank you, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, 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 COMMUNION

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

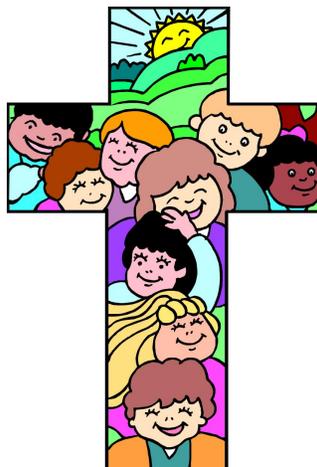
You may be seated.

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. Receive the bread in your open palm and then hold your cup steady for grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who have need. Please let Pastor Jay 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.



Child of God

Child of God and source of Wis - dom, be our fu - ture as our past.
 Child of Ma - ry, God as child, to the eld - ers you were kind,
 Child of Heav - en, still a child, still you grew in age and height.
 Child of Earth en - throned in heav - en, we who now your I - mage bear:
 Child of God and source of Wis - dom, mov - ing for - ward from our past,

O - pen to us worlds of know - ing, fill our minds with vi - sions vast.
 still you taught them all they need - ed, through your teach - ing op - ning minds.
 E - ven like us, with all Wis - dom, sought to share with us God's light.
 hold us, help us, list - en to us, we who lift to you our prayer.
 you walk with us, help - ing, teach - ing, in - to fu - tures blest and vast.

You come to us, young and hum - ble, from your heart cre - a - tion flows,
 Child of Naz' - reth, stu - dent, rab - bi, in your words we hear God speak,
 For us, in us, by us, through us, may we al - so God's light share,
 As you've guid - ed gen - er - a - tions, learn - ing, grow - ing, shaped by you,
 In our learn - ing, in our grow - ing, in our play - ing, in your plan,

be a - mong us, in our play - ing, that through you our know - ledge grows.
 "I have come to love the out - cast, home - less, hun - gry, sick, and weak."
 that for neigh - bors, friends, and fam - i - ly, we for love may be pre - pared.
 so now guide us, by your Spir - it, as you've made us, keep us true.
 keep us ev - er as your child - ren, 'til be - fore you we shall stand.

BLESSING

...remain with you always.

Amen.

LMA SCHOOL SONG

*Our voices we are raising
in songs ever praising
to Luther Memorial our tribute we give.
Your truth and your honor
we wear as a banner
learning to serve well as long as we live.
The ideals will be forever.
Your gifts will sustain us ever.
We'll cherish each blessing
and mem'ry so dear.
God's blessing is o'er us,
he e'er watches o'er us,
as forward we travel
the paths far and near.*

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

Go in peace. Be Brave!
Thanks be to God. And we will!

POSTLUDE

— SERVING TODAY —
PREACHER – Pastor Ryan
PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay
MUSICIAN – Cantor Bryan
PRAYER-ERS – Apollo B. & Naomi K.
Ren W., Carson D., William B.
FIRST READING – Paytyn B., Alanna R., Mitchell B.
GOSPEL – Jaiyana D., Braxton Y., William G.
DISMISSER – Yanis B.
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>

LMA Students (K-5) 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 at normal dismissal time; 2:25pm.

All guests and members (and LMA Middle School) 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. Boyd (Pres. PTL), Mr. Fobes (Pres. Council), and Mrs. Montroy (Vice-Pres. School Board) are going head-to-head for this Second Annual competition!

To get to the Fellowship Hall, follow our middle schoolers 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.

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!