

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



23 JULY 2023
Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles
10:30 am

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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MARY MAGDALENE, APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 10:30

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Luther Memorial is Christ's church that brings its ministry to northwest Pennsylvania within the context of its Lutheran heritage.

As a church that ministers to the community, it seeks to be an inclusive congregation providing a welcoming environment for all to worship, learn, and enhance both personal spiritual growth and fellowship.

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

PRELUDE – "Signs and Wonders" (*FREU DICH SEHR*)

Alfred Fedak, Anne Krentz Organ, Lee Dengler

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 us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P In the name of God who is Life, + Love, and Liberation.

C Amen.

P Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ►

P Most Merciful God,
C We confess that we are captive to sin
 and cannot free ourselves.
 We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed;
 by what we have done
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart,
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us.
 Forgive us.
 Renew us.
 And lead us.
 That we may delight in your will
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Holy Name.
 Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us; and for his sake God forgives us all our
 sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to
 you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

*Although little is known about the author of this hymn, it is a popular, Caribbean-style
 Easter song reflecting the joy of the Resurrection of the Lord.
 The beautiful poetic text is based on the various Gospels during the Easter Season,
 describing appearances by Jesus to the disciples after his resurrection.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 375

Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen
¡Aleluya! Cristo resucitó

Refrain/Estribillo

¡A - le - lu - ya! Cris - to re - su - ci - tó
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is a - ris - en.
 de ma - dru - ga - da el do - min - go.
 Bright is the dawn-ing of the Lord's day.
 1 Run, faith - ful wom-en, to the grave-side. Mar - vel, the
 2 Rise, Mag - da - len - a, from your weep-ing; Christ stands be -
 3 Gath - er, dis - ci - ples, in the eve - ning: sud - den - ly
 4 Thom-as, where were you on that eve - ning? "I'll not be -
 stone is rolled a - way! Hear from the an - gel, "He is
 fore your ver - y eyes. Quick - ly re - turn to the dis -
 Christ your Lord ap - pears. "Look, it is I, your wound-ed
 lieve un - less I see." Christ comes a - gain, and ev - 'ry



Refrain/Estrillo

ris - en." Christ goes be - fore you all the way,
 ci - ples; bear the good news: "He is a - live."
 Sav - ior. Peace be with you, and do not fear."
 Lord's day: "Touch me and see; have faith in me."

Text: Luis Bojos, b. 1937; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951
 Music: SANTO DOMINGO, Luis Bojos, b. 1937
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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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the





right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,

Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son first entrusted the apostle Mary Magdalene with the joyful news of his resurrection. Following the example of her witness, may we proclaim Christ as our living Lord and one day see him in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ Amen.

Please be seated.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 16:10-13

¹⁰The messenger of the WELLSPRING OF LIFE said to Hagar, “Greatly will I multiply your seed, so they cannot be counted for multitude.” ¹¹Then the messenger of the FOUNT OF LIFE said to her.

“Look! You are pregnant and shall give birth to a son,
and you shall call him Ishmael (meaning God hears),
for the Faithful One has heard of your abuse.



¹²He shall be a wild ass of a man,
with his hand against everyone,
and everyone's hand against him;
and he shall live in the sight of all his kin."

¹³So Hagar named the LIVING GOD who spoke to her: "You are El-Ro'I"; for she said, "Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing God?"

☐ Word of God, Word of Life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 68:4-11 (*Spoken responsively.*)

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to her Name;
exalt her who rides upon the clouds;
HOLY is her Name, rejoice before her!

⁵**Mother of orphans and defender of widows,
is God in her holy habitation!**

⁶God settles the solitary in a home, bringing prisoners into prosperity;
while the rebellious shall live in a wasteland.

⁷**God, when you marched before your people,
when you moved out through the wilderness,**

⁸the earth shook, even the heavens poured down,
as the presence of God, the One of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹**Rain in abundance, God you showered abroad;
when you heritage grew weary you prepared rest.**

¹⁰Your creatures found a dwelling in her;
God, you provided in your goodness for the oppressed.

¹¹**The AUTHOR OF LIFE gave the word;
the women who proclaim the good news are a great army.**

SECOND READING: Romans 16:1-16

¹I commend to you all our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae, ²so that you all may receive her in Christ as is worthy of the saints, and stand by her in whatever thing she may need of you, for she has been a benefactress of many, and of myself as well. ³Greet Prisca and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus, ⁴and who for my life risked their necks, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles, ⁵and the church in their house. Greet Epaphroditus my beloved, who was the first fruit in Asia for Christ. ⁶Greet Mary, who has worked much among you all. ⁷Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kin and my fellow prisoners; they are eminent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. ⁸Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in Christ. ⁹Greet Urbanus, our coworker in Christ, and Stachys my beloved. ¹⁰Greet Apelles, who is proven in Christ. Greet those who belong to Aristobulus. ¹¹Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those who belong to Narcissus in Christ. ¹²Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa who toil in Christ. Greet the beloved Persis who has worked much in Christ. ¹³Greet Rufus, chosen in Christ, and greet his mother who is also mine. ¹⁴Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the sisters and brother who are with them. ¹⁵Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints with them. ¹⁶Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Repeat alleluia

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 20:1-2, 11-18

¹Now it was the first day of the week. Mary Magdalene came, early on while it was still dark, to the tomb and saw the stone removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Messiah out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ¹¹Now Mary stood outside, facing the tomb, weeping. As she wept, she bent down to see in the tomb. ¹²Then she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why do you weep?” She said to them, “Because they have taken my Savior, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why do you weep? For whom do you look?” Thinking that he was the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. Rather, go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Abba and your Abba, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Savior”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able.



Text for this hymn is the work of poet Susan Palo Cherwien, who wrote it in 2006.
The melody dates from the 16th century, and was used by J. S. Bach in several cantatas.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 672

Signs and Wonders



1 Signs and won - ders lead the danc - ing from the heart God frees from fear:
2 Hope and free - dom join the cir - cle: Mar - y to the gar - den came,
3 Cast a - side all fear and hid - ing; hand in hand we dance the round.



wings of an - gels greet the mai - den, and God finds a dwell - ing here;
saw the ra - diance of the mar - vel, heard the Ris - en call her name;
God is with us, Christ, a - bid - ing, and the Spir - it's gifts a - bound.



bold - ly may we lift our hands, bow the head, and voice A - men;
bold - ly may we heed Christ's call, step be - yond the gar - den wall:
Called by God to ho - li - ness, let us bold - ly serve and bless;



thus does glo - ry shine at mid - night: o - pen hearts in - vite the star - light.
beau - ti - ful the feet pro - ceed - ing with good news of death's de - feat - ing.
and to hearts that sigh and hun - ger may our lives dance signs and won - ders.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551
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APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A United with the great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Inspire us by the witness of Mary Magdalene and make us eager to share the good news of Christ. Encourage all who respond to your call to ministry. Open our hearts to receive them as evangelists, pastors, and teachers. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Teach us to cherish all creation as your garden. Protect fragile environments and human dwellings at risk of damage from disaster or storm. Shelter all creatures from danger. Renew places affected by drought or flooding. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Grant wisdom and compassion to those who govern and to all in positions of authority. Establish peace among the nations and harmony within our communities. Mend divisions caused by misunderstanding and mistrust. Bring an end to discrimination and prejudice. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Uphold all who are stereotyped because of gender or maligned by false assumptions about their character. Comfort those who weep. Heal all who are burdened by illness, in particular: Abbie, Winnie, Shirley, Debbie, Elizabeth, Craig, Mark, John, Michael, Mary, Archer, Michele, Elayne, John, Melissa, Kevin, Kate, Roger, Bob, Diane, Dean, Karen, Bernie, Branden, Caitlyn, Meghan, Bonnie, Susan, Nichole, Carol, Jean, Cindy, Ian, Matt, Michael, Andrew, Alli, Ben, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts _____. Hold them close in your tender embrace. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Bless all whose generosity supports the ministry of this congregation. Energize us to live out our faith in the Risen Christ. Breathe your Holy Spirit into us and send us forth into our community to love and care for our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A With thanksgiving we remember Mary Magdalene and all the faithful who have gone before us and now rest in you, especially Bill Kent. Inspire us by their witness and example, and bring us at last to dwell with them in your presence forever. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A In the company of your saints we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

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

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings. 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 humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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OFFERTORY

ELW 881

Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 still guides us on to the end of our days.
 God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.
 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** 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.
- C** Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

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.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through 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 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:

SANCTUS

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

P All praise to you, glorious God of grace. Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith. With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life. With Ruth, we praise you for family and food. With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe. Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets. Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water. Remembering Junia, we thank you for those who minister among your people. One with the daughter of Jairus, we wake to life in you.

P With Mary, your servant, we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

C my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

P Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal. Living, he healed the bleeding woman; dying, he cared for his mother; risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission. ►

*On the night before he died,
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.*

P With Mary, your mother, again we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

C **my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

P Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us. Send your Spirit on this bread and wine, that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world. Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Phoebe, we serve one another with zeal. Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy. Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas, we care for the poor and needy.

P With Mary, chief of your saints, once more we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

C **my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

P All praise to you, powerful God of peace. We adore you, our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you who mother and feed and comfort us, today, tomorrow, and forever.

C **Amen.**

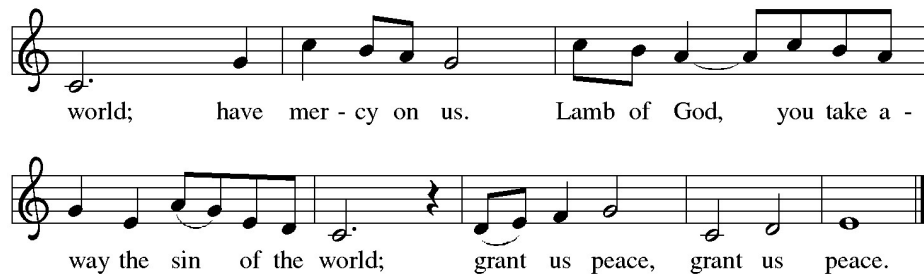
OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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.**

AGNUS DEI





INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ All people are called to Christ's table.
Come, eat what is good.
- ☐ Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

The congregation is seated.

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

COMMUNION



*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!
We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

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.

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

Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know.

Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.

As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.

*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 from the pastor.*

This hymn text is the work of a Moravian clergyman working in Germany, who also wrote and published two collections of hymn texts. The composer of the tune was an organist in Norway, who played the dedication of the new organ at Royal Albert Hall in London, and also founded what is today the Oslo Conservatory.

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 380

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
 5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
 Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
 joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
 lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
 Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
 Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

The gospels clearly tell us that it was women who were the first witnesses to Christ's resurrection and the first evangelists spreading that good news. Dan Damon, internationally published writer of hymn texts and tunes and ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, expresses this reality beautifully in this joyful Easter text.

Thomas Pavlechko is a church musician and composer who has written more than six hundred psalm settings in addition to hymn tunes, choral anthems, and instrumental music.

ACS 935

Woman, Weeping in the Garden



1 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, who has
 2 Wom - an, wait - ing in the gar - den, af - ter
 3 Wom - an, walk - ing in the gar - den, Je - sus
 4 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, weep for
 5 Wom - an, danc - ing from the gar - den, find the





pushed the stone a - side? Who has tak - en Je - sus'
 men have come and gone, af - ter an - gels give their
 takes you by sur - prise; when the gar - d'ner calls you,
 joy, for you have seen Je - sus, the Mes - si - ah,
 oth - ers and pro - claim Christ is ris - en as he



bod - y, Je - sus Christ the cru - ci - fied?
 wit - ness, si - lent - ly you watch the dawn.
 "Mar - y!" faith and joy meet in your eyes.
 ris - en; Christ, of whom the proph - ets dream.
 prom - ised; tell the world he knew your name!

Text: Daniel Charles Damon, b. 1955
 Music: CEDARWOLF, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962
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SILENT PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

☐ May 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 CANTICLE

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881



2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

Please be seated.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS, PRAYER SQUARES AND PRAYER STONES

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

- P** The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.
- C** Amen.

The wonder and delight of this holy day is always something to sing about. A spritely sixteenth-century Italian dance tune beckons us to sing the story of our salvation and join in dancing with all creation in praising the triumph of life over death. Fasting turns to feasting, water from Jesus' side makes new saints at the font, and sunlight breaks through the night. As participants in the paschal mystery of Christ's suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension, we sing again and again: Alleluia!

SENDING HYMN

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded



1 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded" (IN DIR IST FREUDE) Johannes Matthias Michel

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

GREETER – Skip Meyn

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Pat Bellingham

LECTOR – Marilyn Rositer

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Pam Masiroff

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

USHERS – Diana Alvaro, Linda Graffius, Bill Lasher



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our children and grandchildren by Martha and Tom Klomp.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in lasting and loving memory of my husband, Bill, by Janet Kent.

Today's Events

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.

Get your car washed this morning following service from 9:00 – 10:15am. Youth will be ready and waiting for you in our parking lot near the school playground to wash the dust and grim off your car. If you'd rather wait till next Sunday, July 30, we'll be happy to wash your car from 11:30am – 12:30pm.

Worship

Service of Healing will be held in Faith Chapel on Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00pm. Join together in a service of Holy Communion with prayer and anointing for healing.

Worship Leader Information Sessions are offered Sunday after each worship service. Brochures explaining the worship opportunities are located at the hospitality tables and in the church office. See the brochure for the sessions you might be interested in. Attendance is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged to ensure you are up-to-date on our shared worship practices. We will also be making a rotation for scheduling purposes from those in attendance.

*Today after worship, those who are currently serving as and are interested in **ALTAR GUILD** will meet. Please meet Pastor Jay in the front two rows of Faith Chapel after the Postlude.*

Blessing of the Backpacks, our school bound students and teachers will be offered during worship services on Sunday, August 27. We would like to send you off with lots of prayer and many blessings. Bring your backpack and get a tag. The tag will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year.

The Prelude brings us together for the beginning of our worship service each Sunday morning. Our worship time together concludes when the Postlude is complete. We ask that the chancel area remain unoccupied during these times of music as live video streaming continues through the entire worship service. Thank you.

Stump the Pastor

You will notice a stand in the parlor lobby with many tree stumps on it. You (whoever you are of all ages) are invited to use these to try and stump Pastor Jay. You may ask your question anonymously or you can put your name on the stump. Either way, look for Pastor Jay's response once your stump "sprouts" a tree!

Where Is Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay would love to meet with you! You don't just need to have an emergency to have a great chat. If you want to get together, because Pastor Jay is often away from his desk doing other pastorly things, you should probably call the church office or e-mail Pastor Jay directly at JMitchell@LutherMemorialOnline.org. However, if you just want to drop in on him, for the week of July 23, Pastor Jay's drop-in hours will be Monday at the Tippy Bean from 3-4:30pm.

Opportunities for Fellowship

OWLS will be venturing to the Arundel Winery, 11727 E Main St, North East, on Tuesday, August 15. Join us for a delicious lunch and beautiful scenery from 11:30am – 1:00pm. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes by Friday, August 11.

Magic Fingers Grace Group has a great way to beat the summer heat; join us in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month for knitting and crocheting. We'll gather July 25 from 10:00am-12:00 noon for a wonderful morning and hope to see you. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Paving Project

Parking has improved dramatically with the addition and improvements made over the last few weeks. We continue to ask for your financial support as our Capital Campaign moves forward. Additional commitments are needed as we look to fulfilling our financial goal. Your help and all that you do at Luther Memorial is appreciated; thank you.

Look What's Coming

ALT Worship (*A Lutheran Table*) will be offered on the first Wednesday of every month beginning September 6 at 5:30pm for a new worship experience. The service will be about 60 minutes and center around sharing a meal. We will begin by preparing the meal and the worship space together and end with dessert and clean-up. All part of the worship experience. We will also share in Communion. Come on out for something new and a unique encounter with the Divine!

Indoor Yard Sale will be held Saturday, September 9 from 8:00am – 1:00pm in our fellowship hall. Items for the sale may be dropped off beginning August 13. Books, TV's or large electronic items and soft furniture will not be accepted. C'mon down and catch the great deals!

Cash Bingo is scheduled for Friday, September 15. Doors open at 5:30pm with Bingo held from 6:00 – 9:00pm. All games are cash prizes of \$50. Tickets are \$20 each and available on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.

The month of October promises to be lots of fun with our Family Scavenger Hunt on Sunday October 1 and Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 22. There's always something happening at Luther Memorial!

Bethany Outreach Center

Are you a Golfer who Enjoys a Good Scramble? Join us at the 6th Annual Harbor Ridge Open, this year in Support of the Bethany Outreach Center!

Save the Date: Sunday, July 30 Time: 10:00am

Location: Harbor Ridge Golf Course at 3730 Harbor Ridge Trail in Erie, PA 16510

Highlights of this "Fun" Fundraiser:

- 16 Teams will compete in two 9-hole "Scramble" Rounds
- 9 optional "Fun" Skill Contests, such as Hole-In-One, Closest-To-The-Pin, etc.
- **Even if you're not a golfer**, you can still enjoy the Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Pull-Tab Prizes/Games in the Club House during and after golf
- Hot dogs and drinks at the turn
- All Proceeds go to support the Bethany Outreach Center
- Cost is \$300 per Foursome

To sign up see the registration information at the Bethany Outreach Center website (www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org). Call, text, or email Eric Hedlund if you have any questions, at (814) 898-1233 or (814) 722-7732 or eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org.

Items to Note

Parking in the lot across from 11th Street is not permitted. Please do not park in this area as your car will be towed. Thank you.

In case of an emergency and unable to reach Pastor Jay, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162 or Linda Graffius at 440-5458. Thank you

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon	Winnie Lyons	Shirley Brown	
Friends and Family:			
Debbie	Elayne Morphy	Kate Collins	Bernie Wiest
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie	John Semonis	Roger Smith	Branden Jones
Mark Smith	Nichole Jones	Bob Guenther	Caitlyn Kessler
John Varner	Melissa Pierce	Diane Henry	Meghan Kessler
Michael Collins & Mary	Kevin	Dean Scalise	Bonnie Ford
Baby Archer Bardwell	Ian Minner	Karen Chilcote	Susan Brooks
Michele Seifert	Carol E.	Jean C.	Cindy Hessinger
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

WEEKLY READINGS AND COMMEMORATIONS

July 24 – Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 32:3-21; Revelation 14:12-20

July 25 – James (the Elder), Apostle – I Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 7:1-10; Acts 11:27-12:3a; Mark 10:35-45 *James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).*

July 26 – Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 35:16-29; Matthew 12:15-21

July 27 – Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:1-8; I Corinthians 4:14-20

July 28 – Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians – II Chronicles 5:11-14; Psalm 150; Luke 2:8-14 *These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts; as are many of his other oratorios such as Judas Maccabeus from which the tune to Thine Is the Glory is taken.*

July 29 – Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany – I Samuel 25:18-38; Psalm 36:1-5; Luke 10:38-42 *Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.*

AND Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 24

TUESDAY, JULY 25 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group
 10:00am Study Group for Pastors

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 Newsletter Mailing

THURSDAY, JULY 27 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal

FRIDAY, JULY 28

SATURDAY, JULY 29

During the week of July 24 floors and carpets throughout the church and school will be cleaned. Access to the building will be limited due to hardwood floors being waxed and carpets scrubbed. Please contact the church office if you will be stopping down. Thank you.

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Emma Chaffee
Communion Assistant	10:30am	
	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
Altar Guild	10:30am	Loretta Deeds
	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
Greeter	10:30am	Stan Rose
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham, Emma Chaffee



ERIE GIVES DAY 2023

Your Opportunity to Help a Non-Profit

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 8:00am – 8:00pm
12 Hours of Giving

Day and Time: The online event takes place on August 8. You have 12 hours to make your donation between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm.

Participating Nonprofits: Your organization must be a 501(c)(3), serve Erie County and either be a member of [The Nonprofit Partnership](#) or have an Agency Endowment with the Erie Community Foundation to participate in Erie Gives. **Luther Memorial Church, Luther Memorial Academy and Bethany Outreach Center appreciate your support.**

Gift Amount: The minimum gift is \$25. There is no limit to the amount of money you may give. There is no limit to the number of organizations you can donate to in a transaction.

Making a Donation: Simply log on to www.eriegives.org or call the Erie Community Foundation at 454-0843.

Credit Cards: Only Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover will be accepted. The credit card processor charges a nominal fee per transaction. The Erie Community Foundation does not receive any fees. (Credit card gift cards will not be accepted.)

Checks: Donors can write a check for their Erie Gives donation.

- Checks must be made out to The Erie Community Foundation;
- All check donations must be accompanied by a Check Donation Form. The Check Donation Form will be available for download beginning June 8, 2023. A Check Donation Form can be mailed to you by contacting the Foundation and requesting this;
- Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) no later than Monday, August 7, 2023.

Prorated Match: The Erie Community Foundation and our sponsors will enhance each donor's gift by providing a prorated match to each gift made to a nonprofit.

Your Receipt: You will receive an email receipt of your gift; please retain it for tax purposes. Unless you choose to remain anonymous, your donor information will be sent to the appropriate organizations.

ERIE GIVES CHECK CONTRIBUTION FORM

Please make checks payable to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) and deliver with this completed form no later than August 8, 2023.



By writing a check to The Erie Community Foundation 100% of your donation will be given to your designated nonprofit(s).

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED.

Donor First Name(s): _____

Donor Last Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Your email is collected for receipt purposes only.

Check Number: _____ Contribution Total: _____

Please list how you wish to be identified in print: _____

Example: Jayne & John Doe | John Doe | Anonymous

Does your employer match donations? Yes No Company Name: _____

Please note, the employee is responsible for completing the employer's company match paperwork.

Erie Gives Nonprofit Name (s) <small>All nonprofits listed below must be listed on the Erie Gives website</small>	Gift Amount <small>\$25 minimum</small>

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