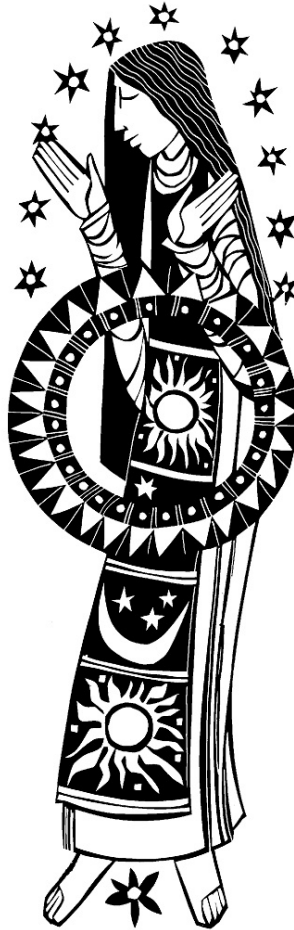


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



13 AUGUST 2023
Mary the Theotokos
10:30 am

Mary's role is not limited to giving birth to Jesus and mothering him in his childhood. In John's gospel, she is among the women standing near the cross; in Acts, she is among the disciples awaiting the gift of the Spirit. Through all that happened she continued to see how God was at work through her son, keeping the ancient promises to her ancestors, brushing aside the rich and powerful, and focusing on those as poor and powerless as Mary herself.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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MARY THE THEOTOKOS

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 – Medley of Well-Known Hymn Tunes

arr. Lee Dengler

Morning Has Broken

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Of the Father's Love Begotten

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”

arr. Bill Wolaver

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.

☞ In the name of God who is Holy, + Mighty, and Immortal.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ 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.

☞ **Amen.**



☐ 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.

☐ Most Merciful God,

☑ **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.

☐ 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.

☑ **Amen.**

Raised in the American Lutheran Church and receiving a BA in psychology from Luther College, this author's first position as a church musician was in a Roman Catholic parish.

More than 400 of his compositions are available from several publishers.

He is composer-in-residence at Mayflower Community Congregational Church in Minneapolis and continues to compose and travel to speak and teach at worship events around the world.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 878

Soli Deo Gloria



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
2 All praise for proph-ets, through grace in - spired to preach and
3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and
4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the
wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it
voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of
wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry





free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
 choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y
 Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic
 love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
 cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
 fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:
 phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:
 space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
 sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



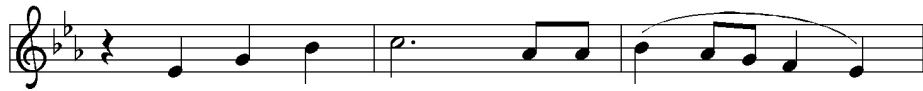
So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: SOLI DEO GLORIA, Marty Haugen
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GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** 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 away 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

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

Please be seated.

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

FIRST READING: Judith 13:18-20

Uzziah said to Judith, “O daughter, you are blessed by the Most High God above all other women on earth, and blessed be the Holy God, who created the heavens and the earth, who has guided you to cut off the head of the leader of our enemies. Praise of you will never depart from the hearts of women and men who remember the power of God. May God do these things for you as an eternal exaltation, and may God visit you with blessings, because you did not withhold your life when our nation was humiliated, rather you rallied against our demise, walking straight before our God.” And all the people said, “Amen. Amen.”

☐ Word of God, Word of Life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: First Samuel 2:1-10 (*The Song of Hannah*)

(Spoken responsively.)

“My heart exults in the HOLY ONE OF OLD;
my horn is lifted up in my God.

My mouth opens wide against my enemies,
for I will rejoice in my victory.

**There is none holy like the MOST HIGH,
none besides you;
there is no rock like our God.**

Speak proudly no more, multiplying pride,
nor let arrogance come from you mouth;
for the AGELESS GOD is a God of knowledge,
and by God deeds are accounted.

**The bows of the mighty are broken,
yet the feeble gird on warrior-strength.**

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
yet those who were hungry are fat.
She who was barren has birthed seven children,
yet she who has many children languishes.

**The CREATOR OF ALL kills and gives life;
brings down to Sheol and raises up.**

The GRACIOUS ONE makes poor and makes rich;
brings low and also lifts up.

**God raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the heaps of human waste,
to seat them with nobles and inherit a seat of honor.
For to the CREATOR belong the pillars of the earth,
and on them God has set the world.**

God will guard the feet of the faithful who belong to God,
while the wicked perish in shadow;
for it is not by might that one prevails.



The HOLY ONE OF SINAI!

Those who strive against God shall be shattered;

God thunders against them from heaven.

The FOUNT OF JUSTICE will judge the ends of the earth;

**God will give strength to God's ruler,
and exalt the power of the anointed of God."**

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

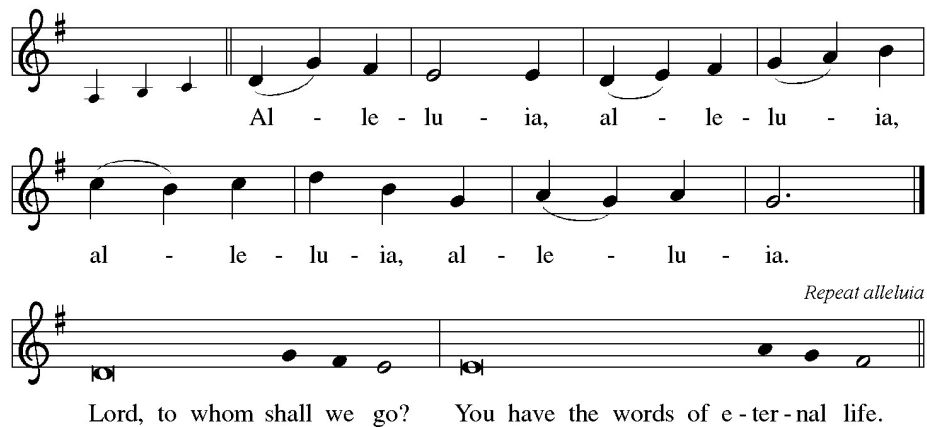
When the fullness of time had come, God sent God's own Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoptions like children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of God's won Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

☐ Word of God, Word of Life.

☑ 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.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-55

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town of Galilee, Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the name of the virgin was Mary. And the angel came to Mary and said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Most High God is with you." Now she was troubled by the angel's words and pondered what sort of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Fear not Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Sovereign God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of this sovereignty there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have not known a man intimately?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit, She will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the one born will be holy. He will be called Child of God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the woman-slave of God; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel left her. Mary set out in those days and went to the hill country with haste, to a Judean town. There she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. Now when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. From where does this visit come to me? That the mother of my Sovereign comes to me? Look! Ass soon as I head the sound of your greeting in my ear, the body in ►

my womb leaped for joy. Now blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of those things spoken to her by the Holy One.” And Mary sang:

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune
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And Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able.

Educated at Derby School and St Edmund Hall, Oxford this author was ordained after a period of study at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield in 1936. After serving as the Oxford Diocesan Inspector of Schools, Sacrist of Southwark Cathedral and Vicar of St Mary, Primrose Hill, he was Rural Dean of Hampstead and then Vicar of St Andrew, Holborn before his Archdeacon's appointment.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Sing We of the Blessed Mother



1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's word,
 2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her through,
 3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en Lord,
 4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was done,



and o - be - dient to the sum - mons bore in love the in - fant Lord;
 when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his weight of suf - fring knew,
 and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed on his prom - ised word;
 and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her to his heav'n - ly home;



sing we of the joys of Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed
 looked up - on her Son and Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree,
 from on high the blaz - ing glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came,
 where, raised high with saints and an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove,



who is Son of God e - ter - nal and the ev - er - last - ing Bread.
 saw the price of our re - demp - tion paid to set the sin - ner free.
 heav'n - ly breath of God's own be - ing, man - i - fest in wind and flame.
 she be - holds her Son and Sa - vior reign - ing as the Lord of love.

Text: *George B. Timms, 1910-1997*

Tune: RUSTINGTON, *C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918*

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

☐ Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

INTRODUCTION

Stan Rose, President of the Congregation, introduces those who come as new members:

Barb Dennison has come to us from St Stephen's Lutheran Church,

Kate Martin and Jeffrey Logan come to us from the Episcopal Cathedral of St Paul,

and Carl and Barb Moore come to us from Hurlbut Church.

APOSTLES' CREED

P 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.**

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

P In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

R *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

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

WELCOME

P Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

The assembly welcomes the new members with applause.

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 Guide your church in the path of obedience to your word. Strengthen the ministry of all who respond to your call to service in this and every generation. Empower us to bear Christ's presence into the world. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**



- A** Watch over the earth and teach us to live in harmony with all creation. Rebuild environments damaged by disaster or neglect. Nurture and sustain gardens, fields, and orchards. Bring forth abundant harvests in due season. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- A** Cultivate peace among nations and turn us away from warfare and violence. Cast down all forms of injustice, and lift up the ways of compassion and peace. Protect those who have left their homes in search of safety for their families. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- A** Look with favor upon those in need. Raise up those who are weak. Fill the hungry with good things. Bless mothers and all who care for children. Comfort the grieving and heal the sick. from war, shelter any who are in poverty, clothe the naked, soothe all who grieve, and heal the sick. We pray for Abbie, Winnie, Shirley, Marilyn, Lois, Debbie, Elizabeth, Craig, Mark, John, Michael, Mary, Archer, Carol, Elayne, John, Nichole, Melissa, Kevin, Karen, Jean, Kate, Roger, Bob, Diane, Dean, Susan, Ian, Bernie, Branden, Caitlyn, Meghan, Bonnie, Michele, Cindy, Allison, Audree, Bertil, Howie, Matt, Ben, Michael, Andrew, Alli and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- A** Inspire the work of hymnwriters, poets, and musicians. Fill us with hope and a sense of wonder as we ponder the mysteries of your word. Open our hearts to rejoice in you and proclaim your greatness. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- A** We give you thanks for our new members: Barb, Kate, Jeffrey, Carl, and Barb, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great..**
- A** With thanksgiving, we remember Mary and all those who have gone before us in the faith, especially Cecilia. Inspire us by their witness and bring us, together with them, into your eternal kingdom to dwell with you 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.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

VOLUNTARY – “What Child Is This?”

arr. Jan Sanborn

Please stand as you are able.

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
Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.

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.

*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:

C **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
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:

C **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
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.

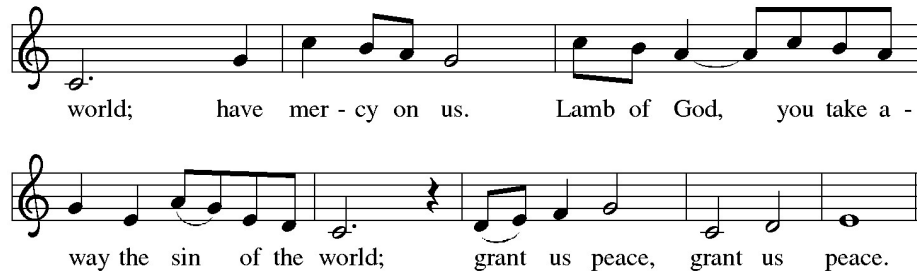
C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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 and drink what is good.
- ☐ Those communing at home: take, eat, drink: the body and blood of Christ for you.

The congregation is seated.

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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 Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!"
The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.*

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 296

What Child Is This



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.





Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898
 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

Ordained in 1981, Rev. Susan Briehl has written numerous books, hymns and worship songs. She has served as Executive Director of Holden Village in Washington State. She and her husband served for 8 years as campus pastors at Pacific Lutheran University and 5 years at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Bellingham, WA. Rev. Briehl has also been a program associate at Valparaiso University.

ELW 474

Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1	Break	now	the	bread	of	Christ's	sac - ri - fice;	giv - ing
2	Seek	not	the	food	that	will	pass a - way;	set your
3	Love	as	the	one	who,	in	love	for you,
4	Dwell	in	the	one	who	now	dwells	in you;
5	Drink	of	this	cup	and	de - clare	his	death;
								eat this



thanks,	hun - gry	ones,	gath - er	round.	Eat,	all	of	you,	and	be
hearts	on	the	food	that	en - dures.	Come,	learn	the	true	and
self	for	the	life	of	the	world.	Come	to	the	one
home	in	the	life - giv - ing	Word.	Know	on - ly	Christ,	Ho - ly		
bread	and	be - lieve	Eas - ter	morn;	trust	his	re - turn	and,	with	



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 THE COLLEGE-BOUND

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

- P** The God who brooded over the waters that birthed creation,
who danced in the waters of Mary’s womb,
who is outpoured into your heart with abundance,
God, Majestic, + Mighty, and Mysterious,
bless you now and always.
- C** Amen.

Text of this hymn, based on the Magnificat, is the work of an accomplished contemporary liturgist and musical director in Illinois. He also arranged the Irish Traditional melody.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 723

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.





You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat
 Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

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

POSTLUDE – “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

arr. Lee Dengler

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

GREETER – Linda Graffius

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Linda Swanson

LECTOR – Emma Chaffee

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

USHERS – Diane Banks, Martha & Tom Klomp, Carl Moore



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Cecelia Chesley Szczypinski by Pastor Jay and Chaz Mitchell.

Today's Events

A **joyous welcome** is extended to those who will be received as new members this morning during the 10:30 service:

- ❖ **Barbara Dennison**
- ❖ **Barbara and Carl Moore**
- ❖ **Kate Martin and Jeffrey Logan**

All are invited to join us in the parlor for light refreshments following the 10:30 service to greet our newest members.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year! As part of our celebration at Luther Memorial, consider buying a T-Shirt (Long or Short Sleeve)! Short sleeve t-shirts are \$10 and long sleeve t-shirts are \$20. You can buy in English, Spanish, or Arabic! See Beth Keller, Pastor Jay, or call the church office! All orders must be received by August 14 (that's tomorrow) for timely delivery!

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.

Worship

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.

*This morning after worship, those who are currently serving as and are interested in **READING** in our services will meet. Please meet Pastor Jay in the front two rows of Faith Chapel after the Postlude.*

Following the 10:30 service we will gather in the main church.

Sessions will not be held on Sunday, August 20. On August 27 those interested in acolyting are encouraged to attend.

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.

Youth Event

All youth grades 6 – 12 are invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast together on Sunday, August 20 from 9:30 – 10:15am. Join us in the parlor and get a great start to your morning.

Where Is Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay will be on vacation from August 17-26. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the church office. Pastor Gail Zackrison will be our guest preacher and presider on Sunday, August 20.

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 August 13, Pastor Jay's drop-in hours will be Monday from 9-10:30am at Pressed Coffee Shop (8th and Greengarden) OR Wednesday from 4-5:30 in the office.

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!

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 see Jan MacInnes with any questions.

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 August 22 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.

Worship Space

St. Zita's Day! All are asked to lend a hand for any time you can share to help with our Cleaning Day on Saturday, September 30 beginning at 9:00am. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Carpets and floors have been cleaned, painting has been done, and now those cleaning touch ups are needed. Please join us. You are welcome to contact the church office or Les Fobes with any questions. Thank you.

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

LMA would like to invite our church and school families to a **Back to School Picnic** on Tuesday, August 15 at Presque Isle's Rotary Pavilion from 4:00 – 8:00pm. If you haven't met Pastor Jay yet, now will be a great time. Meet our new principal, Mrs. Thom. Bring your beach gear along, too. Face painting will be done by Connie. A delicious picnic meal will be provided along with fun and games.

B.A.D. (Bible After Dark) will begin on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30pm at the Brewerie. Join together with folks from Mt. Calvary as we share in Bible Study and fellowship (with some adult beverages if you would like). Every **first** Wednesday, we will gather to share from *Bible Stories for Adults* and discussion of what these stories we learned in Sunday School still mean for us today. RSVP is not necessary but helpful. Let Pastor Jay or the church office know if you're interested.

ALT Worship (A Lutheran Table) will be offered on the **second** Wednesday of every month beginning September 13 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! Proceeds will benefit our youth traveling to the National Youth Gathering in July 2024.

Cash Bingo date has changed to Sunday, November 5. Doors open at 12:00 noon with Bingo beginning at 12:30pm. 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!

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.

WEEKLY READINGS AND COMMEMORATIONS

August 13 – Florence Nightingale, 1910; Clara Maass, 1901; Renewers of Society – Jeremiah 30:12-17; Psalm 73:23-29; Luke 10:29-37 -- *Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.*

August 14 – Maximilian Kolbe, 1941; Kaj Munk, 1944; Martyrs – Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 116:10-13, 16-17; John 15:12-16 -- *Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.*

August 15 – Mary, Theotokos – Isaiah 61:7-11; Psalm 34:1-9; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 1:46-55 -- *The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.*

August 16 – Psalm 28; Genesis 40:1-23; Romans 9:14-29

August 17 – Psalm 133; Genesis 41:14-36; Revelation 15:1-4

August 18 – Psalm 133; Genesis 41:37-57; Acts 14:19-28

August 19 – Psalm 133; Genesis 42:1-28; Matthew 14:34-36

