



*Our Lord has written the promise
of the resurrection not in books alone,
but in every leaf in springtime.*

— Martin Luther —

IN MEMORY OF
THE REV. J. DAVID MUMFORD, II
18 JUNE 1940 – 1 MARCH 2023

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

- ☒ Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world.
We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen,
to remember before God our brother John David,
to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer,
and to comfort one another in our grief.

Please stand as you are able and face the font.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- ☒ All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
In his baptism,
John David was clothed with Christ.
In the day of Christ's coming,
he shall be clothed with glory.
- ☒ Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.
- ☑ **We glorify you.**
- ☒ Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.
- ☑ **We praise you.**
- ☒ Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.
- ☑ **We worship you.**
- ☒ To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
- ☑ **Amen.**



The congregation faces the cross as it draws us into worship.

Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune
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GREETING AND PRAYER

☒ The grace of our Risen Savior, the love of our ever-living God, and the fellowship of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

☒ Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory,
 we remember before you today our brother John David.
 We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love
 as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth.
 In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.
 Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up
 in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call,
 we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints;
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

READING: Romans 8:31-39

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,
 ‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;
 we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’



³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 130

“Out of the Depths”

Kevin J. Sadowski

Antiphon: Sung once by the choir only, then repeated by the congregation and sung after each verse

Antiphon:



Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness within you; therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;

with him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ ¹⁴I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.



16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
 the sun will not strike them,
 nor any scorching heat;
 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
 and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
 and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

GRADUAL

ELW 502

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
 Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune



☐ The Holy Gospel according to John.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-6

¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

Pastor Parsh

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 422

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . .
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
King of glory passes on his way.
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the
5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
ser-vants com-eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the

thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
strong.
blest.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
 Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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CREED

B Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith into which we, with Dave, were baptized.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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.**

Please be seated.

ANTHEM – "I Am the Resurrection and the Life" (*John 11:25-26*)

Kevin Sadowski
(Six Gospel Motets)

*I am the resurrection and the life;
 He who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
 And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.*

Please stand as you are able.

THE PRAYERS

L Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ.

Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ.

God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Give courage and faith to all who mourn,
and a sure and certain hope in your loving care,
that, casting all their sorrow on you,
they may have strength for the days ahead.

God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith,
that, where this world groans in grief and pain,
your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life.

God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand,
to believe and trust in the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that, because he lives, we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

L 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.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

COMMENDATION

Together, we entrust John David to the hands of God.

▣ Let us commend Dave to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humanity; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so you ordained when you created us, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."



All of us go down to the dust, yet e-ven at the grave we



make our song: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Mark Mummert, b. 1965
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The Bishop places a hand on the remains.

- B** Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, John David.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

C Amen.

L Let us go forth in peace.

C In the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSION TO THE COLUMBARIUM

ELW 485


During the singing of the hymn, the ministers and the family process to the columbarium. As space permits, the congregation may join around the columbarium. The choir will sing each verse and the congregation will join in singing the refrain.

I Am the Bread of Life

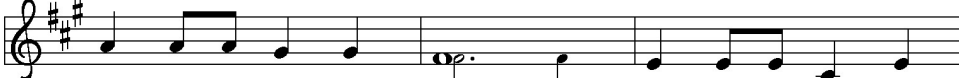
Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less you eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
flesh of the Son of Man and
I am the life. If you be -
you are the Christ, the




lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat of this bread, you shall . . . live for -
drink of his blood, and drink of his
lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
Son of God, who have



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to the world.



Refrain
All



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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COMMITTAL

READING: EZEKIEL 37

- ☐ ¹²Prophesy, and say to [the bones], Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.’

PRAYER OVER THE COLUMBARIUM

- ☐ Let us pray.
- ☐ Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our brother, John David, whose body we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise him up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☐ Amen.

BLESSING OF THE DECEASED

- ☐ In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our brother John David, and we commit his remains to their resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.
- ☐ The Lord bless him and keep him. The Lord’s face shine on him with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon him with gave and + give him peace.
- ☐ Amen.

LAYING TO REST

☐ Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;

☑ **and let light perpetual shine upon him.**

☐ O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

☐ The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may god God's will, working in you that which is well pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit rest upon you now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

ELW 504

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,





he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg-ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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POSTLUDE

*IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS SERVICE, FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE INVITED TO A MEAL
IN THE DOWNSTAIRS CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL.*

— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER

The Rev. Michael Lozano
III Bishop, Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

PREACHING MINISTER

The Rev. Karen Parsh
Interim Pastor, Abiding Hope Lutheran Church, Erie

LECTOR

The Rev. Jay C. Mitchell
Pastor Loci

CRUCIFER

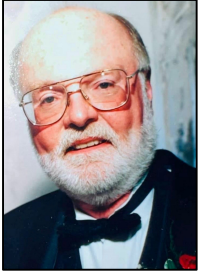
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ORGANIST

Mr. Bryan Timm
Organist, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Erie

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH CHOIR

John David Mumford, II



Reverend John David Mumford II, 82, passed away March 1, 2023 in Palmetto, Florida.

He was born in Bucyrus, Ohio, on June 18, 1940, son of the late John David and Sara Kathryn Bair Mumford.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary Summers Mumford, and daughter, Elizabeth Mumford Cowan, her husband Scott, three grandchildren, Abigail Summer, Lydia Grace, and Jack Caleb Cowan, all of Mattawan, Michigan. Preceding him in death was his son John David Mumford III.

He is also survived by two sisters, Sara Coleman and husband Sterling, of Kirtland, Ohio and Marguerite (Marge) Polkowski and husband, John, of Gainesville, Florida, his Aunt Ann Mumford (Paul) of Richmond, Indiana, and beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is a 1958 graduate of Wadsworth High School, Wadsworth, Ohio. In 1962 he earned his BA from Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA, where he was a member of Sigma Nu and Phi Beta Kappa. He then earned his MDiv from Hamma School of Theology, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio in 1965.

Ordained by the ELCA in May, 1965, David began his career as Assistant Pastor, then Associate Pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Buffalo, NY (1965-1970).

He then served as Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Niagara Falls, NY from 1970-1979, and enjoyed being on the board of the Niagara Falls Housing Authority.

He was Pastor of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Erie, PA from 1979 until he retired in 2007. He sat on boards and committees of numerous community and church organizations including serving many years on the board of Bethesda Children's Home in Meadville, PA, and Lutheran Social Services.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Luther Memorial Church, 225 W. 10th St. Erie, on Friday, April 28th at 4 pm followed immediately by the service of inurnment.

The Rev. Michael Lozano, Bishop of the Northwestern PA Synod, ELCA, will preside with Pastor Karen Parsh preaching.

Friends may greet the family in the church parlor following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Luther Memorial Church, Luther Memorial Academy, or Bethany Outreach Center, 254 E. 10th St., Erie, 16503.



*A*s the Church conducts the new Christian into its fellowship through Holy Baptism and sustains faith through preaching and the sacrament of the Altar, so at death the voice of the Church is again heard. In the Order for the Burial of the Dead, the Church proclaims its glorious hope in the resurrection of the dead through our Lord Jesus Christ.