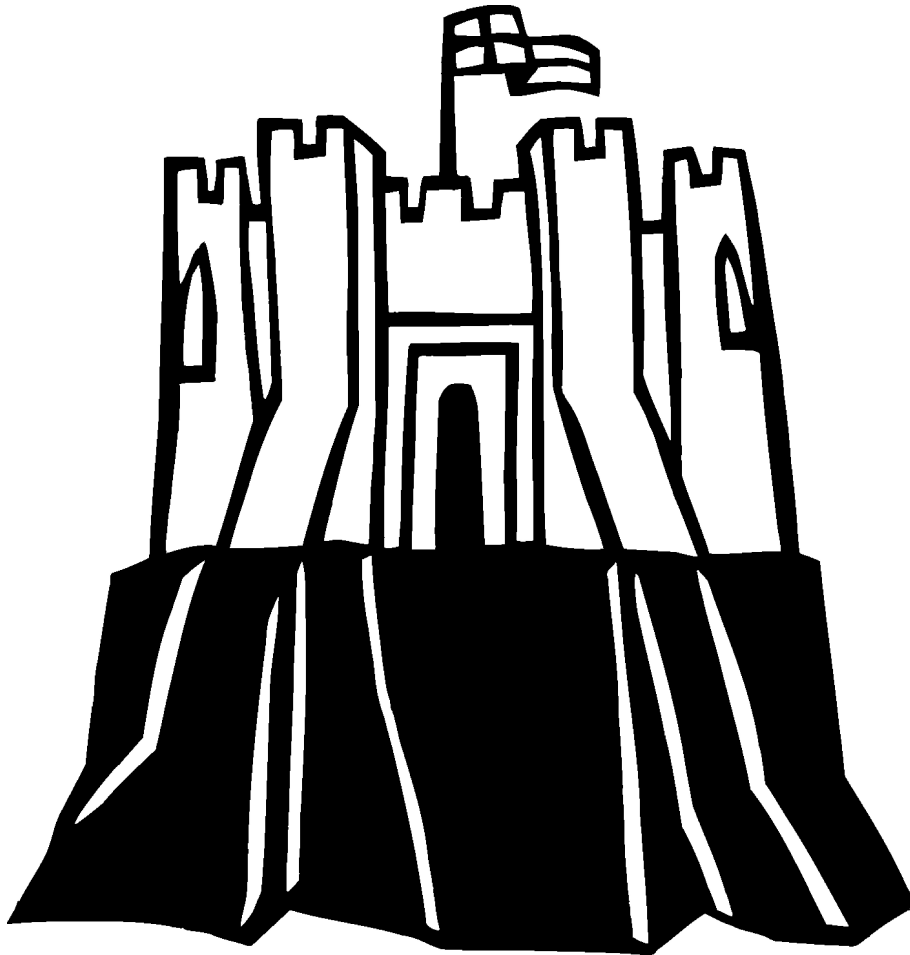


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



31 OCTOBER 2021
Reformation Day

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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31 OCTOBER 2021

REFORMATION DAY

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 8:15 & 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 – Partita on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" based on the music of J. S. Bach

arr. Robert J. Powell

(Bob Banks, soprano saxophone)

REFLECTION FROM MARTIN LUTHER – THE FREEDOM OF A CHRISTIAN

“We are not to preach only one of these words of God, but both; we are to bring forth out of our treasure things new and old, the voice of the law as well as the word of grace. We must bring forth the voice of the law that men may be made to fear and come to a knowledge of their sins and so be converted to repentance and a better life. But we must not stop with that for that would only amount to wounding and not binding up, smiting and not healing, killing and not making alive, leading down into hell and not bringing back again, humbling and not exalting. Therefore we must also preach the word of grace and the promise of forgiveness by which faith is taught and aroused.”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

☞ Amen.



P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P God our comforter:

C like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in \mp Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C Amen.

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

ENTRANCE 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

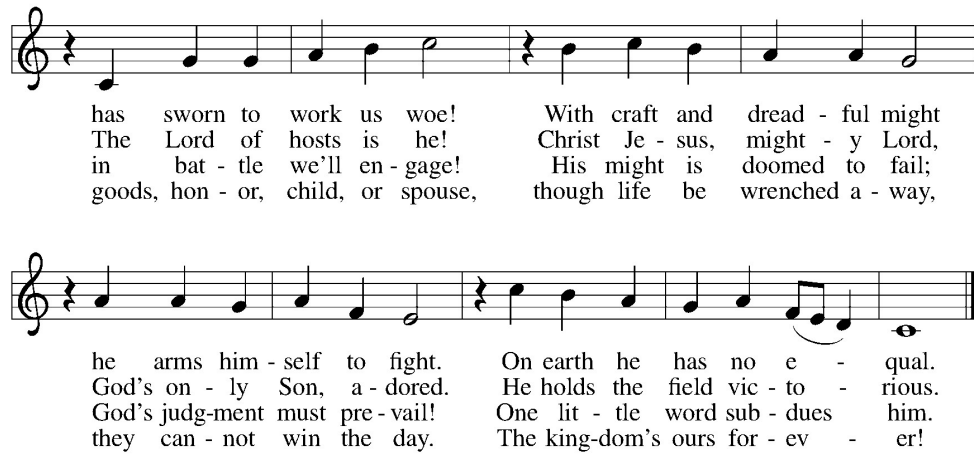


to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



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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GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

- 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.

KYRIE Luke 17:13



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.
A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **B** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE *Luke 2:14*

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

All
 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*

☞ Let us pray,

☞ **Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES – *10:30 am Service*

TUCKER MICHAEL GALLOWAY
RYAN THOMAS ROBIE
VERONICA MAY WOLF

LINCOLN MERRITT THOMAS MCCALL
MADELEINE HARPER WERTZ

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

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

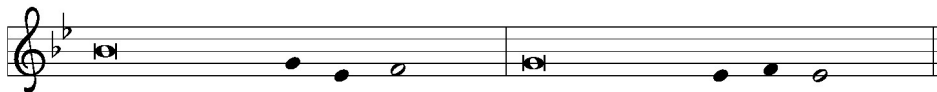
FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 46 (*sung in alternation*) (*8:15 am Service*)



¹God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;**

³though its waters¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,
the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it at the¹ break of day.

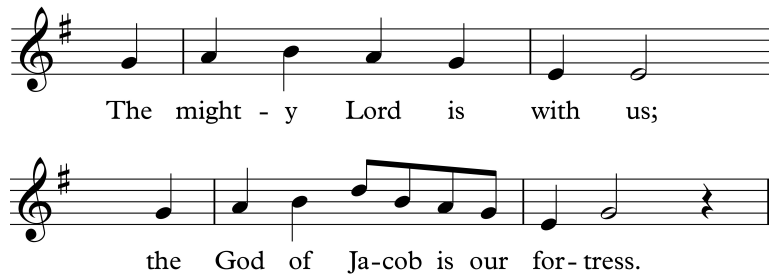
⁶**The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away.**



- ⁷The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.
- ⁸**Come now, regard the works¹ of the LORD,**
what desolations God has brought up-¹ on the earth;
- ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in¹ all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the¹ shields with fire.
- ¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that¹ I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted¹ in the earth.”
- ¹¹The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

PSALM: Psalm (10:30 am Service)

Refrain: (Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by **R**.)



- ¹God is our refuge and strength,
an ever ready help in the time of trouble.
- ²We shall not fear if the earth is shaken,
if the mountains fall into the deeps of the sea;
- ³Even if the waters rage and foam,
and the mountains quake in the surging tide. **R**
- ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the dwelling place of the Most High.
- ⁵God is within her; she cannot be shaken.
God will help her at the breaking of the dawn.
- ⁶Nations are in tumult and kingdoms are shaken;
God speaks and the earth melts away. **R**
- ⁸Come, see the works of the Lord,
the awesome deeds he has done in the earth.
- ⁹He puts an end to wars in all the world;
breaks the bow, shatters the spear
and burns the chariots with fire.
- ¹⁰“Be still and know that I am God,
exalted among the nations, exalted in the earth.” **R**

*Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders.
No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into
a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death.
This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word.
He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Please stand as you are able.

This hymn holds a strong Lutheran pedigree. The author of the text was Martin Luther's assistant in preparing the collection in which it was first published.

The melody, its composer unknown, was published in the same collection.

J. S. Bach used the tune in five cantatas and also wrote a chorale prelude.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 590

Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and fa - vor;
2 What God did in the law de - mand no one could keep un - fail - ing;
3 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made and brought to us sal - va - tion,
4 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone and rests in him un - ceas - ing;



good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and save us
great woe a - rose on ev - 'ry hand, and sin grew all - pre -
we will re - joice, we will be glad and build on this foun -
and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope in -



nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who did for
vail - ing. Be - cause the law must be ful - filled, Christ came as
da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear Lord, I plead; bap - tized in -
creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; works serve our



all the world a - tone, our on - ly me - di - a - tor.
God in mer - cy willed, for us the law o - bey - ing.
to your death, I'm freed; your life is mine for - ev - er.
neigh - bor and sup - ply the proof that faith is liv - ing.

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 *1 Timothy 2:1*

A Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for your creation, for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, homesteads, and neighborhoods. Write in our hearts a new love and care for creation. Give us the will to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for all who aspire to public office and for all who will vote on Tuesday at local polling places. Pour wisdom and understanding upon all who govern so that communities of justice and peace may thrive. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit. Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you. Guide teaching and learning in confirmation, small groups, Sunday school, youth groups, schools, seminaries, and universities. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You guide us in all times of our lives. In this time of pastoral transition at Luther Memorial Church, strengthen all congregational members and leaders to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We give thanks for all the saints and reformers who have gone before us who dwell in your holy habitation, especially Roberta and William Braendel, John and Robert Braendel, Bill Kent and John Mumford. Give us courage through their example to challenge unjust systems and work toward life-giving reformation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you. *Romans 16:16*

Please be seated.

VOLUNTARY – "Break Now the Bread of Life" (*8:15 am Service*)

arr. Wilbur Held

ANTHEM – "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (*10:30 am Service*)

ELW 517

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

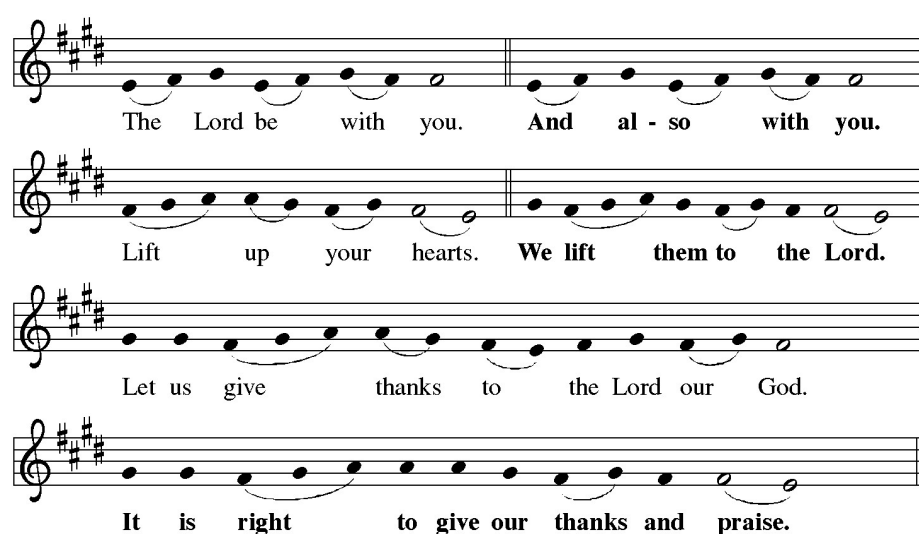
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OFFERING PRAYER

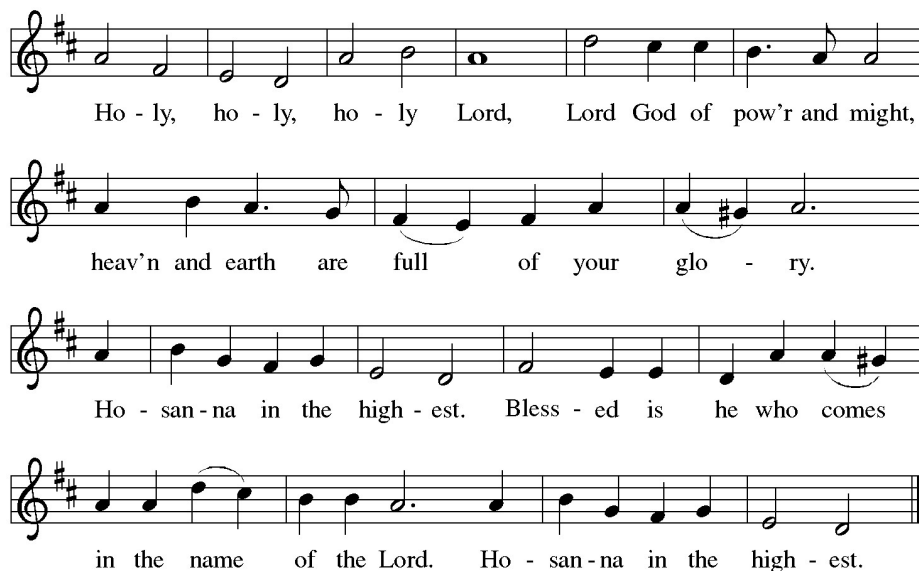
A God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*



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 our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God,
our bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus 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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C Amen.

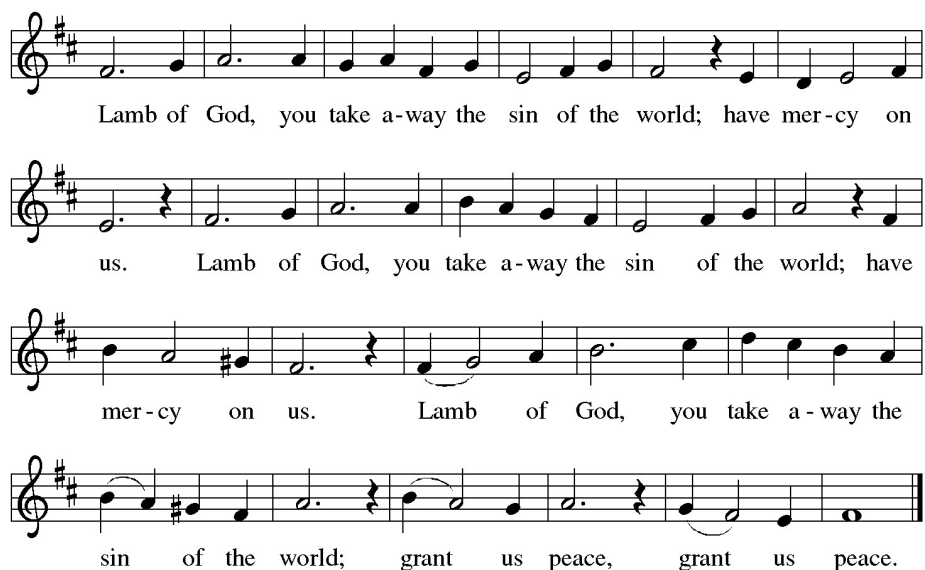
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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. Matthew 6:9

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** All who hunger and thirst, come
the table is ready.
- C** Amen.
- P** Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.
(10:30 am Service)

The congregation is seated.

Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.

Please come forward by the center aisle and maintain appropriate physical distancing.

Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.

*Prefilled cups with white grape juice for those who prefer it
are located in the tray on the stand in front of the baptismal font.*

Gluten-free wafers are also on the stand in the dish on top of the tray.

Receive the bread and wine and return to your place by the side aisle.

*If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing,
please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.*

COMMUNION John 1:29

The phrase “bread of life” as a metaphor for scripture has misled many people into thinking of this hymn as being connected with the Lord’s Supper, when its true subject is Bible study. Both the author and the composer were active in the work of the Chautauqua assembly.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 515

Break Now the Bread of Life



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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

BLESSING

P People of God,
you are Christ’s body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Originally a tune to a 15th century folk song, this was adopted by the Bohemian Brethren for a 1566 hymnal. The tune was changed from folk use to church use.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 657

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the
might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:
show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

A Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

Wilhelm Rudnick, Donald Johns, Stephen Johnson

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING – Pastor Brian Moran

ACOLYTES – Gabriel & Addison Botelho (10:30 am)

CRUCIFIER – Evelyn Graffius (10:30 am)

BANNER BEARER – Marian Graffius (10:30 am)

ASSISTING MINISTERS – Rob Benacci (8:15 am)

Pat Bellingham (10:30 am)

FIRST READING – Maddie Wertz (10:30 am)

SECOND READING – Ellie Wertz (10:30 am)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Ann Flick, Kathy Weisman (10:30 am)

SAXOPHONIST – Bob Banks

TIMPANIST – Cathie Dugan

MERCYHURST LITURGICAL DANCE ENSEMBLE – Directed by C. Noelle Partusch (10:30 am Service)



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents, Roberta and William Braendel, and our brothers, John and Robert, by the Braendel family.

Columbarium flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the Reformation and in loving memory of John Mumford by Mary and Dave Mumford.

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

Offering plates are located at the doors. You are welcome to use the pew envelopes, designate how your offering is to be used and place in the plate following the service. Thank you.

Baskets are located at the doors for bulletins to be placed in following our 8:15 worship service. If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please place it in the basket. Thank you.

Today's Events

Thank you to the **Mercyhurst Liturgical Dancers**, under the leadership of C. Noelle Partusch, for providing an extra visual component to our celebration of the Reformation during the 10:30 service this morning.

In Case of Emergency

In case of an emergency 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.

Opportunities for Worship and Prayer

Sunday Morning Worship – In-person worship at 8:15am and 10:30am. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel. To watch the service on YouTube, go to YouTube, in the search bar type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA”. Subscribe to the channel. Our worship services are also available on our Luther Memorial Church website. If you have any problems or questions, please reach out to Norma Buerk in our church office.

Pictorial Directory

Pictures are being taken this morning for a new Pictorial Directory. We encourage everyone to have their picture taken so we have a new updated directory, which will also aid a new pastor.

- Pictures will be taken in the church parlor following the 8:15am service by Cindy Hedlund. Ann Flick will be happy to take your picture following the 10:30 am service.
- Pictures will also be taken during the week from 9:00am – 3:00pm. Please stop in our church office and Norma will meet with you to take your picture.
- We also welcome you to email or text pictures. Pictures may be texted to 814-450-7162 or emailed to nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org.

Worship

At Luther Memorial Church we are thankful that we are able to provide at home communion. Understanding that the bread and wine is a sustaining gift from Jesus that is blessed and received in community, we now have available bread and wine in individual packets that, after being blessed on Sunday morning during our worship, will be available for those worshipping from home to pick up at the church during the week. The intention is that you take home enough bread and wine for each member of your family for the month. During our worship service, those worshipping from home would set before them the consecrated bread and wine, and then receive the bread and wine during worship. To make arrangements to pick up the bread and wine from the church please contact Linda Graffius by email at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org, Norma Buerk by email at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

Music Ministry

On Sunday, November 7, the Luther Memorial Handbell Choir will present a Concert Series Mini-Concert for the prelude and voluntary of the 10:30am service. They will play a variety of pieces using our newly expanded 5-octave set of handbells. Please arrive early to enjoy the beautiful music.

Christian Education

Children's Church classes are held Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. Masks are worn and all safety protocols are followed. We hope to see many of our children join us. Our class schedule is as follows:

Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month (November 7)
Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (November 14)
LYO – third Sunday of the month (November 21)
Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (October 24)

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group is looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, November 9. Join us from 10:00am – 12:00 noon and enjoy working on any knitting, crocheting, or crafty project you'd like. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. **Learn how to crochet** with a lesson from Cathy Beck on Tuesday, November 9. Bring a crochet hook (any size) and yarn. If you're just starting out and need yarn, we'll have some for you. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

OWLS will receive important information as Kathy Sahlmann, a pharmacist, presents a drug program on Tuesday, November 16. Bring along a list of medications you currently take and Kathy will be happy to answer any questions. We will gather in the parlor at 11:00am and are looking forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, November 12.

Outreach

Thanksgiving baskets will be assembled and distributed by our youth on November 21. These baskets will be delivered to some families who could use a helping hand. The following items are needed and may be dropped off in the church office at your convenience. Thank you.

October 31	Corn & Cranberry Sauce (canned only)
November 7	Stuffing & Potatoes (boxed please)
November 14	Gravy & Pumpkin (packet or canned)

Many military servicemen and women are unable to be home for the holidays. We want them to know they are in our thoughts and prayers and would like to send them some comforts of home and good wishes. If you have a loved one serving in the military, please contact our church office with the name and mailing address so we can send them a care package. Thank you.

Youth Fundraiser

Orders are being taken through Sunday, December 5 for Gahr's Hamloaf. Locally owned in Titusville, this will make the perfect Christmas dinner. Order forms are available in the church office and at the hospitality tables. Your orders may be dropped off in the church office or with Beth Keller. Thank you.

Reminder

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 7. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 6.

Luther Memorial Church Policy – Following the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines

In accordance with the Pennsylvania mask mandate in place, it is necessary for all those worshipping at Luther Memorial Church wear a mask regardless of your vaccination status. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1	6:00pm	Legos
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2	12:00pm 4:00pm	Deborah Circle W/ELCA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3		
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4	6:00pm 6:00pm 7:15pm	Handbell Rehearsal Legos Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5		
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6		

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Pastor Karen Lundwall will preach at the 8:15am and 10:30am services in the main church. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel; go to YouTube, in the search bar type in "Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA". Subscribe to the channel.

The recorded service is also available on Luther Memorial Church's website at www.luthermemorialonline.org by clicking on the tabs of "Resources & Online Worship" and "Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study".

Children's Church for grades Prek-Kindergarten will be held from 9:30-10:15am.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Sarah Prylinski	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Roy Washill	Bill Grande
Bob Peterson	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Joyce Zwilling	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Lois Fobes	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Mark Lechner
Tim Houston	Dave Mumford		

Friends and Family:

Cecily DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	Bobbi MacInnes
Loraine Pond	Kristen	Larry E.	Kirsten Braley
John & Naomi Howard	Amy Valentine	Jesse McFadden	Abby
Madison & family	Ed Hokaj	Elijah Montero	Ray Polasky
Marianella	Linda Grimm	Shelly	Rich Hudic
Kim Robertson	Edna Pett	Bea Becknell	Katrina Foltz
Josie W.	Jeff F.	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingram	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Bob Fisher	Paul Spierling	Frank S.	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. S.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Amy
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Dick Lechner
Conor Chadwick	Lucia Doyle	Jeff F.	Sue Kuhn
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Paula and Chet Bixby	Pete Battersby	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Missy & Jeff	Sue Agens	Bob Fisher	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Patrick L	Paula Bauda
Marilyn Schultz	Ron Trisket	Sidney	Frank Nalepa
Scott Respecki	Bryan & Bev	Judy Oosterkamp	Logan
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Meghan Kessler	Dorothy McCarty	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Steve & Leah W.	Shaffer family

Grief:

Betit family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson
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