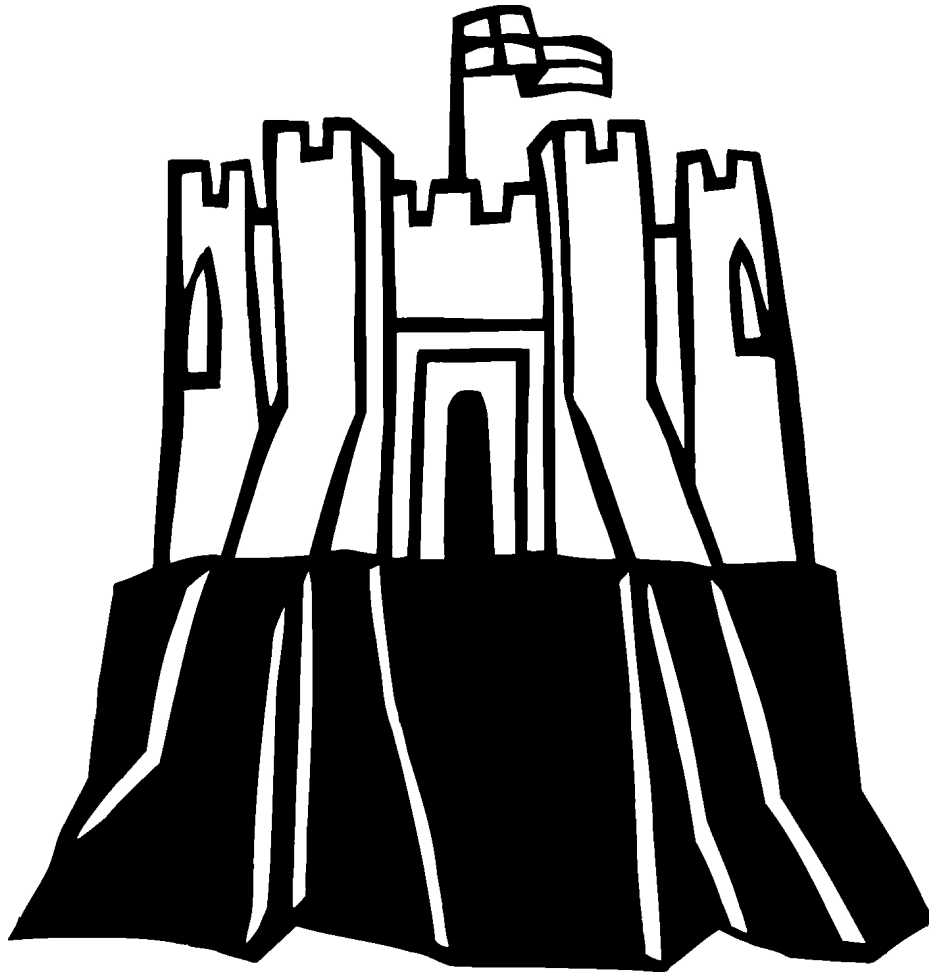


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



30 October 2022
Reformation Sunday
10:30 am

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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REFORMATION SUNDAY

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Three • 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 – "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Paul Kickstat, J. N. Hanff, Cor Kee

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lutheran Book of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

Please turn and reverence the cross of Christ.

As the cross passes you, turn and face the cross as it is carried to the chancel.

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ELW 505

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to
3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -
4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-

fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of
 los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the
 vour us; we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they
 giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,
 one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,
 God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,

for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.
 in fierc - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;
 this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,

is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.
 No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the bat - tle.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.
 they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805–1890, alt.
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546
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GREETING

☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☞ And also with you.

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb




who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

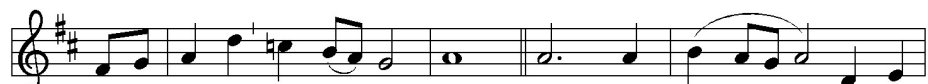


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ 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

TESSA JEANNE BARTLETT	ADALYNN LOUISE O’LEARY
GRANT DAVID STELMACK	CECILIA ROSE ULRICH

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

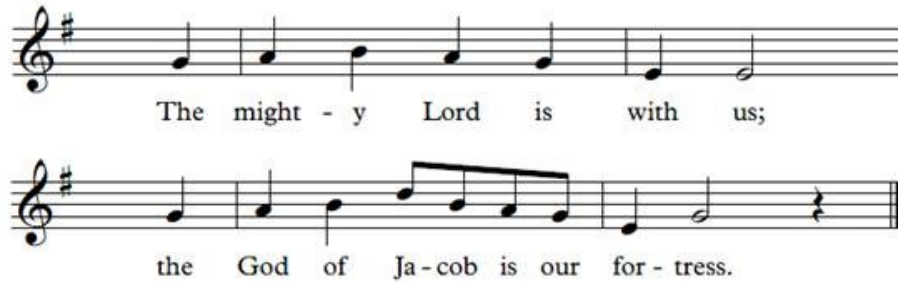
*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16).
The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember 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 once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.*)



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Music: Dale Wood

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- 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.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain: (*Sung once by the choir, repeated by the congregation and repeated after the verse.*)



*If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.
(John 8:31-32)*

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

☑ **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.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lundwall

Please stand as you are able.

Martin Luther wrote the text of this hymn for a service offering prayers for Germany’s protection from the Turkish army, then on the offensive in neighboring countries. The melody, believed also to be the work of Luther, was patterned after a 12th century plainsong. J. S. Bach based his Cantata 126 on this hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

L We present Brody Mitchell Carolus, Gianna Marilyn DiTullio, Grace Evelyn Graffius, Marian Roberta Graffius, Kara Lynne Partusch, and Jeana Lynn Williams who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers,
 whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself,
 enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,
 and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,
 and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
 Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R I renounce them.

P I ask you and this gathered community to confess your faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

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



- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C** **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

- C** **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.**

AFFIRMATION

- P** You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
- 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?

Each person responds:

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

P People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her/his* faith, guide *her/his* life, empower *her/him* in *her/his* serving, give *her/him* patience in suffering, and bring *her/him* to everlasting life.

C **Amen.**

P Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

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 PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

A In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A God our fortress, we pray for the church. Write your law of love on the hearts of your people, that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A For this holy day and for all who gather through faith, reverence, and fear of God. We pray especially for your disciples; Brody, Gianna, Grace, Marian, Kara, and Jeana as they affirm their faith in the living Lord. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God our liberator, we pray for your earth. Bring new life to overused land and contaminated rivers. Reform and reorient our relationship with the environment, that we faithfully care for all of your creation. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God, our refuge and strength, we pray for the nations. Where they are in an uproar, bring wise leadership and comfort for those in distress. Make wars to cease, especially between Russia and Ukraine, and peace to enter every land. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God, our very present help in trouble, we pray for those in need. Show mercy to refugees and all fleeing from danger. Shelter any without homes. Calm all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis and those we name now in our hearts....*silence is kept.* Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God our redeemer, we pray for our congregation, including Tessa, Adalynn, Grant and Cecilia, as they receive their Bibles today. Open their hearts to your Holy Spirit, teach them your Word, and let them know your great love for them. 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, leaders, and the Call Committee 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 God our stronghold, we give thanks for Martin Luther and all those who have gone before us in faith, especially Roberta and William Braendel, John and Robert Braendel, Bill Kent and John Mumford. Renew and reform us as we strive to continue in your word. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

You are invited to greet those around you in your pew with a word or a sign of Christ's peace.

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:

“Jesus said, truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”

Luke 21: 3-4

ANTHEM – "All Glory Be to God on High"

Rachel Aarons (SJMP)

(Linda Melaragno, violin)

*All glory be to thee, Most High, to thee all adoration;
In grace and truth thou drawest nigh to offer us salvation;
Thou showest thy good will to men, and peace shall reign on earth again;
We praise thy Name for ever.*

*O Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, Son of the Heavenly Father,
O thou who hast our peace restored, the straying sheep dost gather,
Thou Lamb of God, to thee on high out of the depths we sinners cry:
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

*O Holy Ghost, thou precious gift, thou Comforter unfailing,
From Satan's snares our souls uplift, and let thy power, availing,
Avert our woes and calm our dread. For us the Savior's blood was shed;
We trust in thee to save us.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

ELW 465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from
all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.



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 acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, 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.

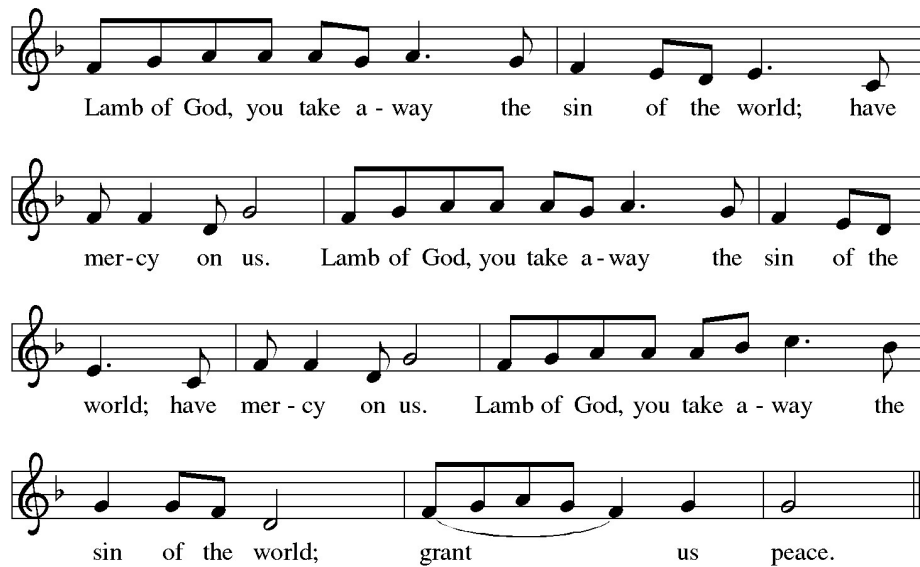
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

C Amen.

P Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

The congregation is seated.

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

O Jesus, our great high priest, be present with us as you were present with your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread. Lutheran Book of Worship

COMMUNION

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.

Forming 2 lines, please come forward by the center aisle and maintain appropriate physical distancing.

Receive the bread from the pastor then proceed to the assisting minister who will be holding a tray of cups with wine, and also cups with grape juice.

Take a cup and then return to your seat.

Gluten-free wafers are on the stand in front of the baptismal font.

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.

The text of this hymn arose out of an ecclesiastical controversy in 19th-century England, with the author among the debaters. He subsequently wrote "Twelve Hymns on the Twelve Articles of the Apostles' Creed," to affirm the articles of the Creed with Biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though created for a wedding hymn, the tune was soon joined with today's text, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 654

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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** God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

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

BLESSING

- P** God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
- C** Amen.

Born in an English manse, this author was the daughter of a Primitive Methodist clergyman and came to America when she was 9. Graduating from Brown University in 1904, she retired in 1949 after nearly a half century of teaching.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 507

O God of Light

1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,
shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,
and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,
and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.
may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

☞ Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

☞ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Stephen P. Folkemer

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor Karen Lundwall
GREETERS – Jennifer DiTullio, Mary Mumford
ACOLYTES – Brody Carolus, Grace Graffius
CRUCIFER – Jeana Williams
BANNER BEARER – Gianna DiTullio
BIBLE BEARER – Kara Partusch
ASSISTING MINISTER – Julie Ditz
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Mary Daniels, Pam Masiroff
FIRST READING – Jeana Williams
SECOND READING – Kara Partusch, Gianna DiTullio, Brody Carolus
VIOLINIST – Linda Melaragno
LITURGICAL DANCE – Mercyhurst Liturgical Dance Ensemble
C. Noelle Partusch, Director
USHERS – Jane & Dave Kinzig, Betty Pletz, Marilyn Rositer
ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke



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.

Front altar flowers are given in memory and honor of the 100th anniversary of our great-grandmother, Evelyn Bengston-Gustavson's Confirmation in 1922 at Bethany Lutheran Church, by Grace Evelyn Graffius and Marian Danielle Graffius.

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

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

Rose on the altar is in celebration of Lydia Rose Stickner born October 22, 2022 to parents, Michael Stickner and his wife, Nichole Yuhas. Congratulations to grandma, Pat Bellingham, Michael's mom. Michael continues to serve in the U. S. Air Force at Fort Carson in Colorado.

Welcome to our Visitors!

We extend a warm welcome to those who are visiting with us today. Your presence with us is a blessing! If you have any questions about our congregation or its ministries, please call the church office at 814-454-0106. We are glad to help you in any way we can. Please worship with us again soon!

Our Prayer Lists are ever-changing and we do a daily check on all those listed. Please remember to contact Linda Graffius at 454-0106, ext. 229 or lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org if you have someone to be removed or added to the prayer list.

Today's Events

A **beautiful hand painted** chair is being raffled off with all proceeds to assist those affected by Hurricane Ian. All donations will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Donations to Lutheran World Relief are also accepted. Last chance to purchase tickets is this morning; our winner will be notified promptly. Thank you.

The 2022 Bethany Bash Bingo will be held today at the Polish Falcons, 431 East 3rd St. This is the major fall fund-raiser for the Bethany Outreach Center. Tickets are \$25 each and include 10 games of Bingo with cash prizes of \$100 and finale of \$300. Besides Bingo, there will be other games of chance such as a Basket Auction, Tips, 50/50 and Pull Tabs. **Doors open at noon and Bingo starts at 1:00pm. Don't miss the fun!** *Please see Pat Bellingham or Eric Hedlund. Tickets will also be available at the door today.*

ELCA World Hunger is able to reach communities in need by working with Lutheran congregations in the United States. More than 820 million people are hungry. As members of the ELCA we are called to help. This morning your gifts to ELCA World Hunger will help make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. Your donations may be placed in the offering plate marked "World Hunger". Thank you.

Worship

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.

Stewardship

The new church year ends on November 20, Christ the King Sunday. Our tradition at Luther Memorial has been to pause on that Sunday to consider our financial support of ministry for the coming year and to submit a commitment of our intention to do so. We urge you to complete a commitment form and to place it in the offering plate on November 20. Our worship service on that Sunday will include a prayer of dedication of all commitments. God has blessed Luther Memorial Church beyond measure and God rejoices in our promise to participate in God's mission through our worship offerings.

Christian Education

Children's Church will have a different schedule beginning Sunday, November 13. Prek - Kdg., 1st - 3rd grade and 4th - 6th grade will all meet on the second Sunday of the month from 9:30 - 10:15am. Our youth in grades 7 - 12 will continue to gather on the third Sunday of the month; the time will be determined.

Teachers and helpers are needed for our Children's Church classes. This will only be the second Sunday of each month. If you are able to help monthly or on a rotating basis it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the church office with any questions. Thank you.

Music Ministry

After two years of reduced musical activities at Luther Memorial, we hope to celebrate a more normal Advent and Christmas season this year. Certainly, music plays a central role in Advent and Christmas worship as well as the St. Lucia festivities. We are in need of more singers and handbell ringers to return to pre-COVID ensemble strength and programming.

We continue to use masks while ringing and singing together and everyone is very conscientious about testing and isolation upon any evidence of viral symptoms.

Please consider joining us for the next two months to enhance our worship at Luther Memorial. No auditions are required but a short conversation with our cantor (*Walt Gaber, 814.602.2755, WaltGaber@gmail.com*) will help in our planning and provide an opportunity to ask questions and obtain more information. Ask any of our current participants about their reasons for participating and the benefits of making music together. Note that handbell rehearsal times are now Thursdays at 5:30pm and choir following immediately at 6:30pm.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-12:00pm. Join us November 8 and 22 for to visit with friends, chat and enjoy our knitting and crocheting. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes and let us know if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will gather for a unique history lesson on Wednesday, November 16 as we welcome Sabina Freeman from the Fairview/Girard Historical Society. She will share the history about the B'nai B'rith Orphanage that was built in Fairview in the 1900's. Please join us at 11:30am and bring a bag lunch. Reservations are appreciated to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Sunday, November 13.

Outreach Opportunities

LYO is preparing Thanksgiving dinner bags which will be distributed to help families that need a little "lift". Items being collected are:

Cranberry sauce/gravy

Stuffing mix

October 30: Boxed mashed potatoes

November 6: Juice (in plastic bottles)

November 12: Sweet potatoes (canned) – last day to donate all items.

Donations may be dropped off in the church office or in the box near the welcome table. After the final collection date of November 12, the LYO will shop for the remainder of needed items. Thank you so much for your help with this project.

Family Christmas Dinner will be served to area neighbors on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00pm at the Bethesda Center, 18th and Walnut Street. This is the 24th year that St. Matthew's began the tradition of serving a Christmas dinner to those in need, and we now continue to share that Christmas spirit. Monetary donations are needed to purchase hams, scalloped potatoes, green beans, beverages and paper products. Donations of cookies are also needed. A volunteer sign-up sheet is located at the welcome table as approximately 20 people are needed to assist beginning at 5:00pm that evening. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate marked "Family Christmas Dinner" or dropped off in the church office. Please feel free to contact our church office with any questions. Thank you.

Safety Preparedness

Active Shooter and Stop the Bleed Training will be offered Wednesday, November 9 at 6:00pm at the Erie County Department of Public Safety Building, 2880 Flower Road, Erie. Learn what to expect in an active shooter event and how to react. Participants will learn three (3) quick actions in order to save a life. Registration is necessary by Friday, November 4 by calling 814-823-5205.

Luther Memorial Church Policy

Masking at Luther Memorial Church is now optional.

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.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1	12:00pm	Deborah Circle
	3:00pm	W/ELCA
	5:30pm	Endowment Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2	10:00am	LMA to Erie Philharmonic
	6:00pm	LMA Legos

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3	5:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		LMA Picture Retake Day

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4	10:00am	Balance Class
	6:00pm	LMA Family Bingo

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**

Pastor Brian Moran will preach at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and the 10:30am service in the main church.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Pam Masiroff
Altar Guild	8:15am	Jane Moran
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeters	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	John Bartlett, Natalie Montero

– PRAYER LISTS –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Jan & Skip MacInnes	C. Noelle Partusch	Jane Kinzig	Chickie Braine
Dave Parsh	Walt Gaber	Mark Howell	
Friends and Family:			
Amy Daugherty	Marie Checkley	Tammy Fuller	Linda F.
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie	Mary Correll	Judy Skoog	Sue O'Mahony
Edie Jackman	Melissa Geiser	Bob Guenther	Christine Norris
Jessica & Damian Ream	Brittani H.	Tom McGrail	Meghan Kessler
Susan Brooks	Kevin		
Grief:			
Bob Sadowski Family	Marilyn Schultz family		
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WITH ONGOING NEEDS:			
Our Members:			
Shirley Brown	Mike Daniels	Nancy Downey	Lois Fobes
Bill Grande	Laura Beth Kraut	Mark Lechner	David Ruler
Pastor Dave Mumford	Linda Soles	Kathy Weisman	Brent Young
Joyce Zwilling	Bev Held		
Our Friends And Family:			
Rev. Fred Heitzenroder	Ray Polasky	Larry E.	Juan Esparza
Mary Ann Kellogg	Jim Berger	Tom Ridge	Kirsten Braley
Abby & Madison	Scott Respecki	Jim Haskins	Kayle Prinzi
Naomi & John Howard	Hildie Polasky	Sam Ruma	Tom Kraut
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Ed Hokaj	Linda Grimm	Elijah Montero
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Bill	Amanda Toms
Rev. Ralph Storm	Ben Young	Sue Gerke	