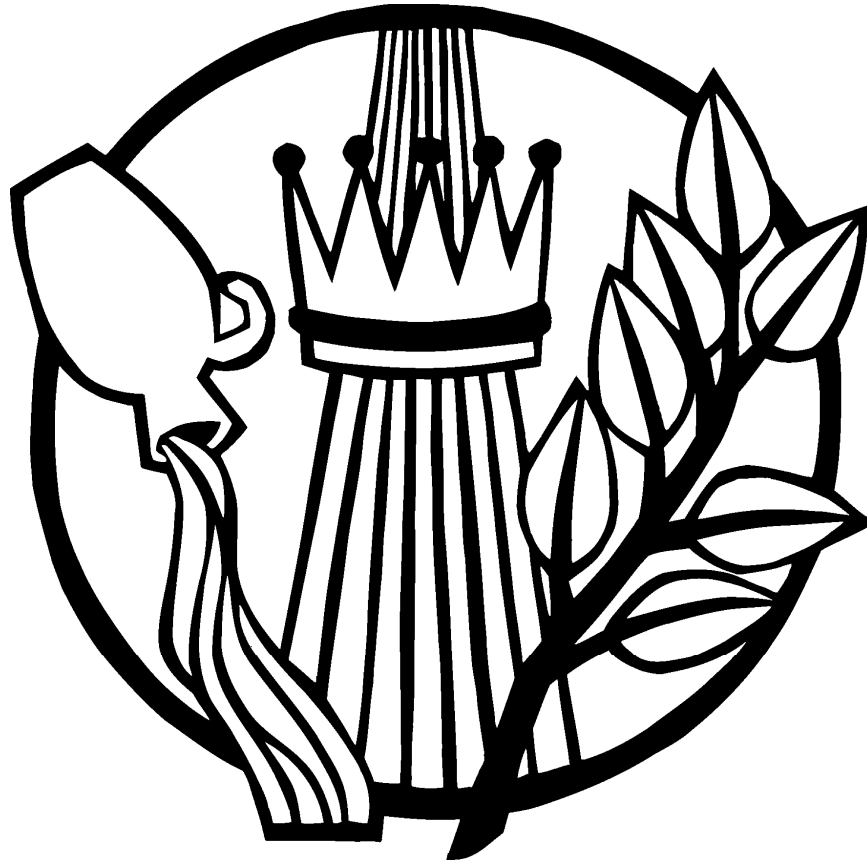


*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



12 SEPTEMBER 2021  
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

## LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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**12 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**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 – "Pastorale"**

"Lift High the Cross"

David Lasky

Robert Below, Trey Clegg, John Leavitt

### 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

**TEMPLE TALK – CROP Walk**

Eric Hedlund

### 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.**

☞ 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.

*This triumphal hymn dates from a 1916 hymnal published in England.  
 It is frequently used as an entrance hymn, as both text and music are well-suited to processions.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 660

### Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956  
 Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947  
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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*

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**    *Ruth 2:4*

**P** Let us pray,

**C** **O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**INSTALLATION OF LAY DISTRIBUTORS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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

*The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah.  
Today’s reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus.  
Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God’s steadfast love.*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.



<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9** (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,  
<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**  
<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.  
<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:**  
**“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**  
<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.  
<sup>6</sup>**The LORD watches over the innocent;**  
**I was brought low, and God saved me.**  
<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul.  
for the LORD has dealt well with you.  
<sup>8</sup>**For you have rescued my life from death,**  
**my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**  
<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

*This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.*

**SECOND READING: James 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless ►

the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

**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. Mark, the eighth chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

*This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

## GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Lundwall

*Please stand as you are able.*

*The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 798

### Will You Come and Follow Me *The Summons*

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
sound in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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## APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.



**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS**    *1 Timothy 2:1*

**A** Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**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. Lord in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace, especially Betty Halttunen, Bob Young, Leola Wiest and Ed Wiest. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

*Please be seated.*



**ANTHEM** – "Beautiful Savior" (ELW 838) (10:30 service)

**MEAL** – "God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ."

*Please stand as you are able.*

## 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** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

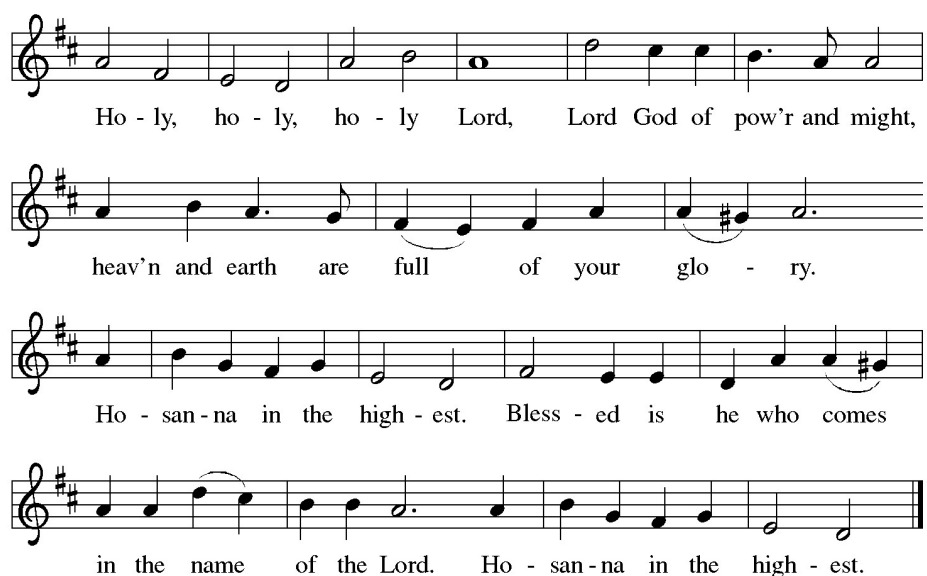
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**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, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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 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

*This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word “take,” resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person’s attributes and possessions and giving weight to the “all” at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in France.*

## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 685

### Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
 Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

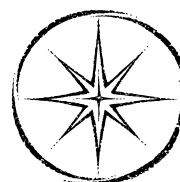
*Please stand as you are able.*

## 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.”*

**A LITANY IN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**


- P** Today we mark the twentieth anniversary of the attacks of September 11. We pray for God’s love, compassion, and healing for all who have been and continue to be affected by the events of that day.
- P** Holy God, Creator of all people and nations, we entrust to your eternal care all who died in the Twin Towers, at the Pentagon, and on United Airlines Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Heal the pain of still-grieving families, friends and all who mourn.
- C** **Hear us, God of love.**
- P** We give thanks to you for the selfless courage of those who ran into burning buildings and who labored in the rubble, and those who responded generously to provide aid and comfort. May any painful memories and lingering illnesses be healed and transformed into new strength and wholeness.
- C** **Heal us, Great Physician.**
- P** Give to the leaders of our nation and of all countries of the world wisdom and discernment. Guide their choices so they work to alleviate terror of all sorts—from genocide to hunger, from natural disasters to bombings. May the hatred of this world give way to your boundless love for all creation.
- C** **Guide us, Prince of Peace.**
- P** You, O God, are our refuge and strength. Work in us so that, in times of fear and despair, we may be your voice of hope; that in times of darkness, we may shine with your light; and may we forgive others, as you have forgiven us.
- C** **Be with us, Good Shepherd.**
- P** This we ask in the strong name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- 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.**

*This celebrated text was inspired by the author's trip to Pike's Peak. She was a decorated member of the Wellesley College faculty. The tune was written for a different text but later paired with the present one, both becoming quite popular during World War I.*

**SENDING HYMN**

**O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**

**ELW 888**



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit-ed plain:  
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,





and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con-trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929  
Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE – "America the Beautiful"

Margrethe Hokanson

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PRESIDING* – Pastor Karen Lundwall

*ASSISTING MINISTERS* – Roberta Lobaugh (8:15 am)

C. Noelle Partusch (10:30 am)

*LECTOR* – Marilyn Rositer (10:30 am)

*COMMUNION ASSISTANTS* – Stan Rose, Elaine Kern (10:30 am)



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Barbaro family.

**Lectern flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Betty Halttunen by her daughter, Janet Kent.

**Bulletins** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Young, who passed away five years ago on September 8, 2016, by his wife, Pat.

**Our love and sympathy** is with the family and friends of Lois Schultz. Lois' sister, Leola Wiest, died on September 6, 2021 and her brother-in-law, Ed Wiest, died on September 7, 2021.

**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.

**Youth** are off to a new adventure as they begin college. Please contact the church office with their school and email address so we may continue to keep in touch with them. We would like to be sure they receive our newsletters and a card from time to time.

### 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.

### Today's Events

**Acolyte Training** will be offered this morning at 9:30 in the main church. This is a wonderful way for your children to be a part of our worship services. If your son and/or daughter would like to serve as an acolyte, please join Beth Keller in the main church for this training and refresher for those who currently acolyte.

**The fourth of the free Presque Isle ProMusica Summer Concerts** will be performed at Luther Memorial at 7:00 this evening. The adventurous program, called "Music for a New World" is underwritten by a generous grant from the Erie Community Foundation, in the interests of supporting our city and region's efforts toward greater diversity, equity and inclusion. The music on the program comes from a wide variety of composers, styles, nationalities and periods. Violinist Louis Nicolai, cellist James Pearson and drummer Sonny Froman will perform solos, duets and trios from the classical era to the works of Moondog (*Louis Hardin*), the 1970's street composer of New York and Munster. In Nicolai's words, "We hope that Bruce Morton Wright, the founder of the Erie Chamber Orchestra (*the PIP's predecessor*), and a lover of the offbeat and the obscure in music, would enjoy this concert, and we think you will too." This concert continues ProMusica's summer series of recitals featuring "the offbeat and the obscure in music", as well as the more usual concert repertoire. This evening's concert is the last in the summer series, in which listeners have been introduced to composers and compositions they might never have encountered before, and been delighted by the beauty of this repertoire.

### Worship

**In times** when there is no ordained pastor available to preside at Holy Communion, our synod has trained and appointed lay members of our congregations to distribute the sacrament. These members of Luther Memorial will be installed today to this ministry:

Cheryl Brown	Mary Daniels	Ann Flick	Linda Graffius
Dave Griswold	Martha Klomp	Tom Klomp	Sally McAfee
Stan Rose	Linda Young		

**The Apostles' Creed** was written in Latin in the 8<sup>th</sup> century. The original apostles did not write it, but it was taken to represent the authentic apostolic tradition. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* uses ecumenical texts developed by an international consultation of many church bodies. The use of these worship texts is a visible sign of the unity we share with all Christians around the world. Most of the changes made from the version of the Apostles' Creed used in the green Lutheran Book of Worship were made to better reflect the original Latin.

"He descended into hell" has been modified to "He descended to the dead." The Latin word for *hell* has little or nothing to do with a place of eternal punishment. *To the dead* emphasizes the reality of Jesus' death and his entering into the depth of the human condition.

**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](mailto:lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org), Norma Buerk by email at [nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org), or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

### Christian Education

**Children's Church Kick-off** will be held Sunday, September 19 at 9:30am in our fellowship hall. All children and their families are invited to join us for donuts (individually wrapped) and juice as we come together to prepare for another wonderful year of ministry with our children and youth. Classes for Children's Church will begin on Sunday, October 3 at 9:30am. Our classes will be held as follows:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month
- Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month
- LYO – third Sunday of the month
- Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month

### Opportunities for Fellowship

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** is a wonderful way to begin Tuesday mornings. Bring any knitting, crocheting, or crafty project you'd like to work on and spend some time with us the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Laughter and friends make this a super fun morning. We look forward to seeing you on September 14 and 28 from 10:00am- 12:00 noon. 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 be treated to a visit from the Tamarack Wildlife Center on Wednesday, September 15. Wildlife experts will share amazing information about a variety of majestic birds they will share with you up close. Lunch will be provided following the presentation. Due to travel costs (Saegertown) and transport of the birds a donation of \$5-\$10 is appreciated. **Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office this morning as a minimum of 20 people is needed for this program.** Thank you.

**It's Oktoberfest season.** Join us Sunday, October 3 at 11:30am in our fellowship hall for a delectable feast of pulled pork, bratwurst (hotdogs), sauerkraut, and macaroni & cheese. Wash all that down with beer, cider, coffee or water. It just makes your mouth water. Please bring a side dish or dessert to contribute to our meal. Reservations are appreciated to the church office by Sunday, September 26.

### Upcoming Events

**CROP Walk** is coming up on Sunday, September 26. Did you know that George Washington dug a tunnel under an Episcopal Church on the Mason Dixon line? This was an escape route during the French and Indian War and was also used to transport slaves to the north. Plan on joining us for the CROP Walk on September 26 and we'll explore the history of Erie's Underground Railroad in our neighborhood while walking to help end hunger. Registration will be in the Luther Memorial parking lot at 1:30pm. This is a 2 mile walk, but a 1 mile walk will also be made available. If you would like to make a donation to CROP, you are welcome to use the pew envelopes and mark "CROP" on the envelope. Thank you.

### Your Health

**Blood pressures** will be offered following the 10:30 service on Sunday, September 19. Please stop in the library; it's good for your health.

**Homemade chicken noodle soup**, also good for you, will be on sale for \$6/quart following services on Sunday, September 19. Proceeds benefit our youth.

### Outreach

**If you would like** to help those affected by Hurricane Ida, you can make a contribution to Lutheran Disaster Response in several ways. To give online, go to [Lutheran Disaster Response.org](https://www.lutheran-disaster-response.org). To give by phone, call 800-638-3522. Checks may be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009; write "Hurricane Ida" on the memo line.

### 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 now 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. We are pleased and thankful that our members have been so cooperative during this difficult time and we thank you for your continued cooperation.





## CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13</b>	6:00pm	Legos
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14</b>	10:00pm 6:00pm	Magic Fingers Grace Group Church Council
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15</b>	11:30pm 3:00pm	OWLS School Board
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16</b>	5:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Select Meeting Legos Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18</b>		

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Michael Snider** 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](http://www.luthermemorialonline.org) by clicking on the tabs of “Resources & Online Worship” and “Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study”.

**Children’s Church** kick-off, for the whole family, will be held in fellowship hall at 9:30am.

**Blood pressures** will be offered in the library at 11:30am.

**Chicken noodle soup** will be on sale for \$6/quart.

**VASA** will be held at 1:00pm.

**— 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
Brent Young	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Lois Fobes	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Steve Narusewicz
Tim Houston	Dave Mumford	Joyce Zwilling	Mark Lechner
Wilda Sundberg			

**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	Amanda Toms	Rich Hudic
Carol & Frank V.	Edna Pett	Bea Becknell	Katrina Foltz
Theresa & Cameron Abrams	Jeff F.	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingram	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Hildy	Paul Spierling	Joan Torrelli	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. F.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Brandy Dyne
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Joyce DiMichele
Conor Chadwick	Lucia Doyle	Jeff F.	Sue Kuhn
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Stephany Bourne	Michele Black	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Missy & Jeff	Sue Agens	Patty Meadowcroft	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Mike B.	Paula Bauda
Marilyn Schultz	Theresa Abrams	Sonya Kisak	Frank Nalepa
Scott Respecki	Bryan & Bev	Andrew Dahlstrand	Logan
Sidney	Meghan Kessler	Dorothy McCarty	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Steve & Leah W.	John Wilson
Judy Oosterkamp	Amy	Patrick L	Pete Battersby
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Frank S.	Shelly	Jack Wong
Josie W.	Dick Lechner		

**Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson
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**Grief:**

Amy Peters Hoffer family	Cheryl Albert family	Leola & Ed Wiest family
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