

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



15 OCTOBER 2023
St. Luke the Physician, Evangelist
10:30 am

From the visit of Mary to Elizabeth's house; through the visits of Jesus to Zacchaeus's house, Mary and Martha's house, and Levi's house; to the visit of the risen Christ to Cleopas's house, Luke's gospel is a story of God's hospitality. God is guest and host, and Jesus' meal fellowship is a proclamation of God's inner circle of outsiders, a gathering not of the righteous but of those who have received God's mercy.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN, EVANGELIST

Holy Communion • ELW – *The Deutsche Messe* • 10:30



Luther Memorial Church and Academy is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people, people of the Six Nations Treaty, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

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

PRELUDE – "Toccatà & Fugue in G Minor"
"Toccatà in C Major"

Johann Ernst Eberlin

TEMPLE TALK – Lutherlyn

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☞ Blessed be God the Lord, + the Dawn from on high, the Power of the Most High.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us come before God seeking healing, wholeness, and renewal.

Silence for reflection.

☞ Most High God,

☞ **we confess our sins,**

those things which we know,

those things which we do not know,

those things done on our behalf.

We yearn to be made whole, cleansed and healed.

Overshadow us with your Power,

fill us with your Holy Spirit,

that we may bear your saving and redeeming Word

into all the world.

Amen.



Hear this, you Beloved of God,
 the Dawn from on high has broken upon you,
 the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
 the Power of the Most High does overshadow you.
 Marked with the + Cross of Christ,
 you are forgiven, healed, made whole.
 Rejoice then.
 Bless the Lord.
 Magnify God's name.
 For God has looked upon you in love.

Amen.

Although he wrote this poignant text without any commentary, the author is known to have died the following year of Lou Gehrig's disease. The melody likely began as an 18th century Scottish folk tune, and is reminiscent of pentatonic hymn tunes like Amazing Grace.

The addition of one pitch makes it hexatonic and adds a Romantic feel to its slow lilt.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 617

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in
 bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our
 Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923
 Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824
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GREETING

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

KYRIE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Please be seated.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

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

FIRST READING: Sirach 38:1-4, 6-10, 12-14

¹Honor physicians for their services, for the Lord created them, ² for their gift of healing comes from the Most High, and they are rewarded by the king. ³ The skill of physicians makes them distinguished, and in the presence of the great they are admired. ⁴ The Lord created medicines out of the earth, and the sensible will not despise them. ⁶ And he gave skill to human beings that he might be glorified in his marvelous works. ⁷ By them the physician heals and takes away pain; ⁸ the pharmacist makes a mixture from them. God’s works will never be finished, and from him health spreads over all the earth. ⁹ My child, when you are ill, do not delay, but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you. ¹⁰ Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly, and cleanse your heart from all sin. ¹² Then give physicians their place, for the Lord created them; do not let them leave you, for you need them. ¹³ There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians, ¹⁴ for they, too, pray to the Lord that he grant them success in diagnosis and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

☐ Word of God, Word of Life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 124

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



¹ If the LORD had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;
² if the LORD had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us,
³ then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;
⁴ then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;
⁵ then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.
⁶ Blessed be the LORD
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth. **R**
⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

SECOND READING: II Timothy 4:5-11

⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. ⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ⁹ Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰ for Demas, in love with ►

this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.
¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me in ministry.

☐ Word of God, Word of Life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God in song.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;

to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.

Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while

time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able.

Text for this hymn is the work of a Lutheran pastor who is also a composer and hymnwriter and whose hymns appear in 67 hymnals used by 36 denominations in eight countries. The tune, a shape-note hymn with a repeated rhythm, has been successful since its publication.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813
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APOSTLES' CREED

A Together, let us confess that faith into which we are baptized:

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

A United with the great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church. Make us diligent students of your word and teach us to follow your way. Raise up faithful evangelists, teachers, and leaders in your church. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great. ▶

A For the creation. For forests and mountains, rivers and streams. For those affected by flooding or drought, and for communities struggling to recover from damaging storms. Fill all creation with your goodness and renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For those who govern the nations and those who serve as leaders in our local community. For diplomats and ambassadors, lawmakers and judges. Grant them wisdom and compassion and lead them to work for the common good. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For those who are in need. For any who are anxious or live with mental illness. For those who are hospitalized or in hospice care, and all who are sick. We pray for Lois, Abbie, Dave, Ann, Pat, Rose-Marie, Jean, Jeannette, Ian, Carol, John, Jeff, Nick, Howie, Melissa, Bertil, Allison, Audree, Melissa, Scot, Robin, Mark, Cassia, Dean, Bonnie, Suzie, Doug, Jenine, Lisa, Brian, Scott, Cindy, Jane, Mitchell, Matt, Michael, Andrew, Alli, Ben and those whose names and needs we lift up now: _____. Heal their wounds and make them whole. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For this assembly. For teachers and storytellers. For parish nurses, health care workers, and veterinarians. For those who care for aging relatives or children with special needs. Guide our ministries of outreach, spiritual care, and advocacy. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A With thanksgiving, we remember Luke and all who have gone before us in the faith, especially Fred Bohn, Becky and Sam Hood, Mary and Erich Bohn and Jean Fulton. Inspire us by their witness and bring us, together with them, to your heavenly banquet to feast with you in paradise. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A In the company of your saints we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

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

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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*O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?*

*From every ailment flesh endures, our bodies clamor to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.*

*In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?*

*Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find.
The wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach and prosper humankind.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

ELW 691

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

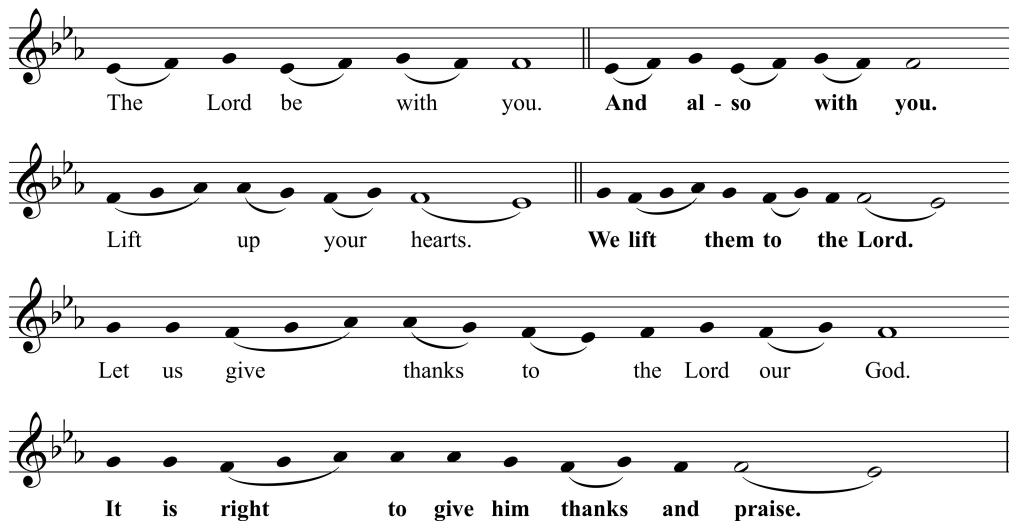
Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957
Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

- ☐ 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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with Mary, your Mother; with Luke and all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

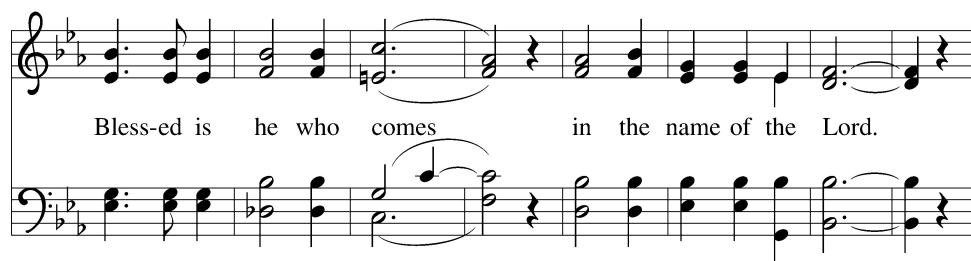


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

☐ Blessed are you, God Most High! We give thanks for your holy covenant, your promise to Abraham, your mercy to the house of David, your word spoken through the prophets, and your beloved Son, the dawn of our salvation.

☑ **We praise and magnify you, O God!**

☐ Blessed are you, Jesus Christ, forgiving Savior, merciful Lord. We trust in your tender compassion. You are the good Samaritan, we the wounded traveler. You are the sweeping woman, we the lost coin. You ate with Mary, Martha, and Zacchaeus, and you filled Emmaus with your resurrection.

☑ **We praise and magnify you, O God!**

*On the night in which our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed,
he 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.*

☐ For this meal and for your presence within it, we sing.

☑ **We praise and magnify you, O God!**

☐ Blessed are you, Holy Spirit, Power of the Most High. As you came to Mary, come to us and to this meal. Welcome us home, that together we may feast on your love. Feed us with the body of Christ, that we may be holy and righteous before you. Heal us, that with Dorcas we may rise to serve those in need. Send us into all the world, preaching the power of your peace.

☑ **We praise and magnify you, O God!**

☐ Blessed are you, Mighty One, Father, Son, and Spirit, Shepherd of forgiveness, Author of life, Light in our darkness. We join with the multitude of angels to praise and magnify your name, singing, Glory to God in the highest heaven, today, tomorrow, and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

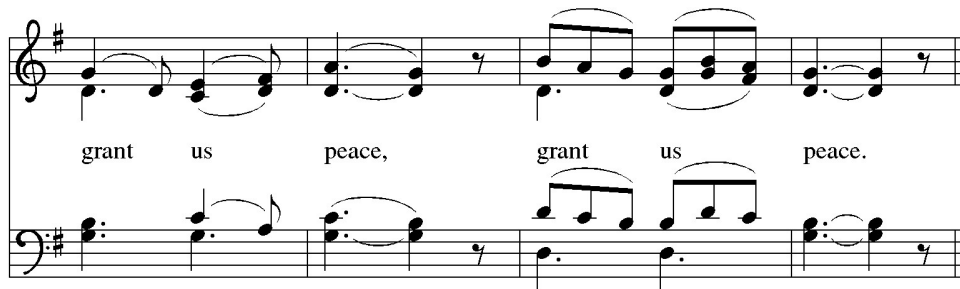
AGNUS DEI

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,





INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ Jesus invites you to this table.
Come, eat and live.
- ☐ Those communing at home: take, eat, drink: the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

The congregation is seated.

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!
We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.

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

White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know.

Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.

As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.

*All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine,
please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

*Born in Dublin, Ireland, this author showed an early interest in music and acting.
He was a writer, poet, entertainer, and composer. His "Memoirs, Journal, and Correspondence"
were published by Lord John Russell in 1855.*

He is remembered for his highly-praised lyrics written for Irish melodies.

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 607

Come, Ye Disconsolate

1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;
2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing

come to the mer - cy-seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
 hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;
 forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
 here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
 "Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
 earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Text: Thomas Moore, 1779–1852, sts. 1-2; Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, st. 3
 Music: CONSOLATOR, Samuel Webbe Sr., 1740–1816

*This hymn text is the work of a Benedictine sister who has taught music, served as a parish musician, and written hymns published internationally. The very familiar melody, an English ballad first published in 1580, is mentioned in Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.*

What Feast of Love

ELW 487

- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?

What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.





Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939
 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.
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Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

☐ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
 strengthen you, keep you in all goodness and health,
 and bring you to everlasting life.

☑ Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 501

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.

And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!

Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;

but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891
 Music: WERDE MUNTER, Johann Schop, 1600–1665; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus,
the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good
so that you may do God's will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight;
through Jesus Christ, to whom by the glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the + Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be yours now and always.

C Amen.

*This hymn text comes from the pen of a contemporary freelance writer and musician,
a graduate of Wittenberg University, author of numerous widely-published texts and several books.
The tune, the work of a contemporaneous author, was written for the text.*

SENDING HYMN

ELW 548

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;
af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
God has called us to re - ceive;
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion

whose we are, and whose, our praise.
to re - lease and to con - sole.
Spir - it - ed then let us live.
from this day and un - to death.

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

God, the won - der of our days.
Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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Music: SURGE ECCLESIA, Timothy J. Strand, b. 1958
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A Go in peace. God is at work in you.
- B Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Trumpet Tune in D Major"

C. S. Lang

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

GREETER – Dave Kinzig

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Pat Bellingham

LECTOR – Linda Graffius

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

ALTAR GUILD – Loretta Deeds

USHERS – Jeanne Gaber, Dave Griswold, Dave Kinzig, Bill Lasher

LIVESTREAM CAMERA – Sarah Prylinski



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, Fred; our parents, Becky and Sam Hood and Mary and Erich Bohn; and my sister, Jean Fulton, by Marilyn Bohn.

Today's Events

Adult Forum will gather at 9:10 this morning.

LYO (Grades 6-8) will meet at 9:30 this morning.

Confirmation class will be held from 11:30am – 1:00pm.

Stuffed pepper soup is available following the 10:30 service this morning. At only \$8/quart it will make the perfect lunch. Proceeds benefit our youth.

Orders for delectable pies and goodies will be accepted through Sunday, November 5. Payment is due at the time of order. Items will be available for pickup from church on Sunday, November 19. Staying local, these treats are from Stanganelli's. Proceeds benefit our youth. Thank you.

Greeting cards can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

Worship

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.

Christian Education

Bibles will be presented to our third grade children on All Saints' Sunday, November 5. Please contact the church office if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. If your child has not yet received a Bible, please let us know so a Bible can also be prepared for them. Thank you.

Where Is Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay would love to meet with you! You don't just need to have an emergency to have a great chat. If you want to get together, because Pastor Jay is often away from his desk doing other pastorly things, you should probably call the church office or e-mail Pastor Jay directly at JMitchell@LutherMemorialOnline.org. Pastor Jay will be out of town at the Bishop's Convocation and therefore will not hold drop-in hours this week.

Stump the Pastor

You will notice a stand in the parlor lobby with many tree stumps on it. You (whoever you are of all ages) are invited to use these to try and stump Pastor Jay. You may ask your question anonymously or you can put your name on the stump. Either way, look for Pastor Jay's response once your stump "sprouts" a tree!

Opportunities for Fellowship

OWLS will welcome Diane Giannelli on Tuesday, October 17. She will offer a presentation on Erie's Underground Railroad and many interesting facts we may not know. Join us from 11:30am-1:00pm for a little history and a delicious lunch (provided). Please see Jan MacInnes this morning if you would like to attend.

Magic Fingers Grace Group gathers in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month for knitting and crocheting. We'll be meeting and visiting on October 24 from 10:00am-12:00 noon for a creative and fun morning. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Calling All Trunks! Decorate your car trunk, fill it with treats and join us for our 3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat in our parking lot on Sunday, October 22. Car set up will be from 12:30-1:00pm. Treating is held from 1:00-2:30pm. Halloween fun with music by DJ Mason, dancing, costume parade and more. Great treats come out of the trunk of your car! Reserve your space today by contacting the church office, Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski.

Cash Bingo is coming up on Sunday, November 5. Doors open at 12:00 noon with Bingo beginning at 12:30pm. All games are cash prizes of \$50. Tickets are \$20 each and available on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.

Paving Project

Parking has improved dramatically with the addition and improvements made over the last few weeks. We continue to ask for your financial support as our Capital Campaign moves forward. Additional commitments are needed as we look to fulfilling our financial goal. Your help and all that you do at Luther Memorial is appreciated; thank you.

Faith Formation

Dinner With Our Flock, a relaxed evening together, will be held on Wednesday, October 18. At 5:30 we will gather for dinner; the main dish will be provided, please bring a dish to share. A Bible lesson and a craft or activity will be held following our meal. Held the third Wednesday of the month, this is a wonderful time for everyone.

B.A.D. (Bible After Dark) will be held on November 1 at 6:30pm at the Brewerie. Join together with folks from Mt. Calvary as we share in Bible Study and fellowship (with some adult beverages if you would like). Every **first** Wednesday, we will gather to share from *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups* and discussion of what these stories we learned in Sunday School still mean for us today. RSVP is not necessary but helpful. Let Pastor Jay or the church office know if you're interested.

ALT Worship (A Lutheran Table) will gather on November 8 at 5:30pm. Offered the **second** Wednesday of every month we invite you to join us for a new worship experience. The service is about 60 minutes and centers around sharing a meal. We begin by preparing the meal and the worship space together and end with dessert and clean-up. All part of the worship experience. We also share in Communion. Come on out for something new and a unique encounter with the Divine!

Youth

Popluck fundraiser, a delicious way to help our youth, will be held on Thursday, October 19 throughout the entire day. "Pop" in to the Popluck store at 1535 West 8th Street and pick up some popcorn. With so many different flavors, you may need to get more than one. Let them know your purchase is supporting Luther Memorial and a percentage of your cost will go toward our youth.

Items to Note

In case of an emergency and unable to reach Pastor Jay, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162 or Linda Graffius at 440-5458. Thank you.

WEEKLY READINGS AND COMMEMORATIONS

October 16 – Psalm 34; Exodus 19:7-20; Jude 17-25

October 17 – **Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, martyr, c.115** – Psalm 116:1-8; Psalm 31:1-5; Romans 8:35-39; Philippians 3:17-41; John 12:23-26 -- *Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.*

October 18 – **LUKE THE PHYSICIAN, EVANGELIST** – Isaiah 43:8-13; Isaiah 35:5-8; Psalm 124; II Timothy 4:5-11; Luke 1:1-4, 24:44-53 -- *Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.*

October 19 – Psalm 96:1-13; Judges 17:1-6; III John 9-12

October 20 – Psalm 96:1-13; Deuteronomy 17:14-20; I Peter 5:1-5

October 21 – Psalm 96:1-13; Isaiah 14:3-11; Matthew 14:1-12

CALENDAR

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| MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 | 3:30pm | Prayer Group |
| TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 | 11:30am 3:00pm | OWLS School Board |
| WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 5:30pm | Dinner With Our Flock |
| THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 1:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm | Grief Support Group Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal |
| FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 5:30pm | Episcopal Diocesan Mass |
| SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 10:00am 10:00am | Julia Hospice House Meeting Quilt Gathering |

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship with us at 8:15am in Faith Chapel or 10:30am in the main church.

Adult Forum will be held in the library at 9:10am.

Confirmation Class for youth in grade 10 will begin at 11:30am.

Trunk-or-Treat setup at 12:00 noon; treating begins at 12:30pm.

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| SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 | | |
| ASSISTING IN WORSHIP | | |
| Assisting Minister | 8:15am | Pam Masiroff |
| | 10:30am | Julie Ditz |
| Communion Assistant | 10:30am | Jeanne Gaber |
| Altar Guild | 8:15am | Nancy Benacci |
| | 10:30am | Jessica Copfer/Mary Daniels |
| Greeter | 8:15am | Vicky Blasco |
| | 10:30am | Gina Snider |
| Livestream Camera | 10:30am | Nick Lang |
| Counters | 10:30am | Pat Bellingham, Emma Chaffee |

— PRAYER LIST —

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| PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: | | | |
| Our Members: | | | |
| Lois | Dave Parsh | Ann Flick | Rose-Marie Rose |
| Abbie (Treiber) Dixon | Pat Gilbert | | |
| Friends and Family: | | | |
| Mitchell & family | Jean C. | Jeannette Bowers | Ian Minner |
| Carol E. | John Semonis | Jeff Granger & family | Nick |
| Howie | Melissa | Bertil Carlson | Jane Rose |
| Allison, Audree & family | Melissa Pierce | Scot & Robin | Mark Hadzega |
| Cassia Cabaday | Dean Scalise | Bonnie Ford | Suzie Hosterman |
| Doug & Jenine | Scott Coleman | Cindy B. | |
| Our Military Service Men & Women: | | | |
| Lt. Col. Matt Anderson | Michael Stickner | Andrew Watson | Alli Brown |
| Ben Dixon | | | |