

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



1 OCTOBER 2023
St. Michael and All Angels
10:30 am

The archangel Michael is pictured as a prince and a general of the heavenly army, defeating the devil, Satan. It is important, though, to see in Revelation 12:11 that God's victory ultimately comes by Jesus' death and the testimony of his followers. The power of God's truth gives us confidence in the face of evil on earth, even in the face of our own death.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Holy Communion • ELW – *The Deutsche Messe* • 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 – “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

arr. John Carter, Ovid Young,
Lee Dengler, Howard Helvey

TEMPLE TALK – Lutherlyn Campaign

Natalie Montero

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

The text of this hymn is the work of a British scholar of the Eastern churches, an interest reflected in the imagery of the text. The second stanza is a paraphrase of the Greek church's Hymn of Mary.

The tune may be based on an earlier one, perhaps a folk song, and appeared in The English Hymnal in 1906.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

ELW 424



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: “Al - le - lu - ia!
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: “Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the

 pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:

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

 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
 Outside USA: Text from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906. All rights reserved.

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.
 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.

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

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

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, 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: Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

¹⁰ But then a hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. ¹¹ He said to me, “Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you.” So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹² He said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia ¹⁴ and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.” ^{12:1} “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22

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



Bless the LORD, you an - gels of the LORD.

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- ² Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—
- ³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ²⁰ Bless the Lord, you angels, you mighty ones who do God's bidding,
who obey the voice of God's word. **R**
- ²¹ Bless the Lord, all you hosts of God,
you servants who do God's will.
- ²² Bless the Lord, all you works of God, in all places where God rules;
bless the Lord, O my soul. **R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 12:7-12

⁷And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our siblings has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. ¹² Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath because he knows that his time is short!”

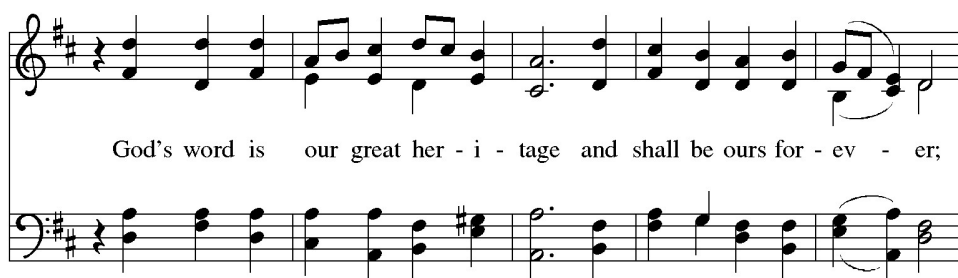
L Word of God, Word of Life.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

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.

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 10:17-20

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸ He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able.

Who are we in the grand plan of God's creation? Hymnwriter John Mason draws on images from Psalms 104 and 139 to express our place in the cosmos and the boundless greatness of God.

The majestic melody from Kenneth Naylor gives us a glimpse of what that greatness might sound like, even though in our earthbound insignificance we can only imagine the eternal Alleluias of heaven.

The melody, COE FEN, is named for a small meadowland east of the River Cam in the city of Cambridge, England. In *All Creation Sings* this tune is also paired with "Christ is the life" (#927).

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 1095

How Shall I Sing that Majesty



1 How shall I sing that maj - es - ty which an - gels do ad -
2 En - light - en with faith's light my heart, in - flame it with love's
3 How great a be - ing, Lord, is thine, which doth all be - ings



mire? Let dust in dust and si - lence lie; sing, sing, ye
fire, then shall I sing and take my part with that ce -
keep! Thy knowl - edge is the on - ly line to sound so



heav'n - ly choir. Thou - sands of thou - sands stand a -
les - tial choir. They sing, be - cause thou art their
vast a deep; thou art a sea with - out a



round thy throne, O God most high; ten thou - sand
sun; Lord, send a beam on me; for where heav'n
shore, a sun with - out a sphere; thy time is



times ten thou - sand sound thy praise; but who am I?
is but once be - gun, there al - le - lu - ias be.
now and ev - er - more, thy place is ev - 'ry - where.

Text: John Mason, 1646–1694
Music: COE FEN, Kenneth Naylor, 1931–1991
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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

☐ God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Please be seated. The sponsor(s) present the candidate for baptism:

☐ I present **Mackenzie Jane Kozyk** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parent(s):



P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Mackenzie Jane baptized into Christ?

R I do.

As you bring Mackenzie to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Mackenzie grow in the Christian faith and life?

R I do.

The presiding minister addresses the sponsor(s):

P Sponsor(s), do you promise to nurture Mackenzie in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

R I do.

Please stand as you are able. The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

P People of God, do you promise to support Mackenzie and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the parent(s) and sponsor(s) of the child. The congregation joins in the responses.

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; the powers of this world that rebel against God; and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the parent(s) and sponsor(s) and the congregation.

P 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again, and the eunuch is made wholly a part of your beloved community. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes the child. Water is poured on her head, as the presiding minister says:

P Mackenzie Jane Kozyk, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

Water is poured on her head a second time:

P and of the Son,

Water is poured on her head a third time:

P and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The presiding minister continues:

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

P Sustain Mackenzie Jane with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose is used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P Mackenzie Jane, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to a sponsor of the baptized as the pastor says:

P Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the congregation. The pastor leads the congregation in the welcome.

P Let us welcome Mackenzie, our newest sibling in Christ!

C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

The congregation offers acclamation with applause.

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. For bishops, pastors, and deacons. For all who guide your people and minister in your name. For all the baptized, sent into the world as messengers of your love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A For all creatures, great and small. For animals and fish, birds and insects. For canyons and caverns, deserts and tundra. For lakes and streams, fields and forests. For communities that suffer from drought or flooding, damaging winds or rising sea levels. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A For the nations and their leaders. For all who, like Michael, fight against evil and work for justice. For soldiers, peacemakers, and all who defend the rights of others. For those who protect children and vulnerable adults. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A For those who face dangerous situations and those who come to their assistance. For those accused of wrongdoing. For those who are fearful and for those who struggle with addiction. For those who grieve, and all who are sick, especially Abbie, Winnie, Ann, Lois, Pat, Bob, Brian, Lisa, Jean, Cindy, Ian, Carol, John, Branden, Howie, Melissa, Bertil, Karen, Allison, Audree, Susan, Mark, Michael, Mary, Dean, Bonnie, Suzie, Doug, Jenine, Lisa, Brian, Scott, Cindy, Cassia, Nick, Scot, Robin, Jane, Rose-Marie, Jeannette, Jeff, Matt, Michael, Andrew, Alli, Ben and those whose names and needs we lift up now: _____. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A For this assembly. For Walt and our choirs, poets, artists, and hymnwriters. For those who prepare this space for worship. For hospitality ministers, acolytes, and all who offer welcome and hospitality. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A For the newly baptized. For Mackenzie Jane who we welcome into your beloved family this morning. For her parents and sponsor. For all those who support her in prayer and who strive with her daily to live out the faith. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A With thanksgiving we remember those who have gone before us in the faith, especially Ruth and James Timpe, Miriam and Wilfred Boyd, Catherine Timpe DeFuccia, and Bill Schaal, Sr.. Gather us with them around your heavenly throne, where together with Michael and all the angels, we will join in singing everlasting praise. 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.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

ANTHEM – “Heaven Opened to Isaiah”

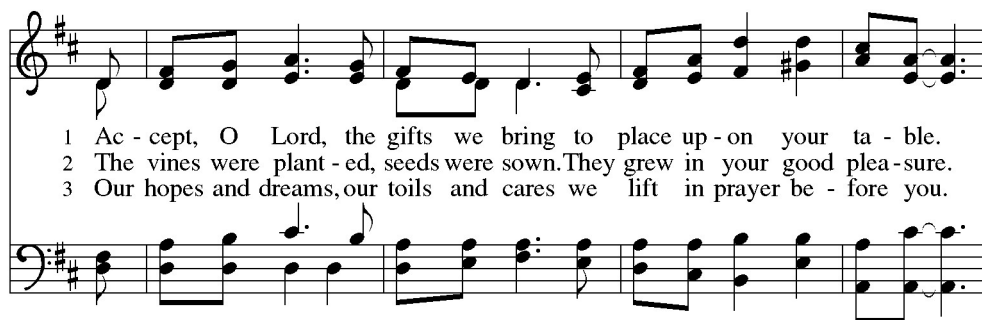
(text and music may be found as the 2nd Distribution hymn)

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

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.

PREFACE

P It is, indeed, right, our duty, and our ... sing the ageless hymn of your praise:

SANCTUS

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

- P O eternal Trinity! O fire and deep well of charity! O you who are madly in love with your creature! O eternal truth! O eternal fire! O eternal wisdom, given for our redemption! In your light we have seen light. Your wonderful works are known because they come forth from you who is light.
- P We are trees of death, but you are the tree of life. When you saw that our tree could bear no fruit, you came to its rescue with the same love with which you had created it. You engrafted your divinity into the dead tree of our humanity. O sweet tender engrafting!
- P Not only did you gift us with creation in your image and likeness, but you created us anew in grace in your Son's blood, and you give us yourself, love immeasurable. You, eternal Father, are the table that offers us as food the Lamb. Your Son is the most exquisite of foods for us, nourishing us in your will and strengthening us pilgrim travelers in this life. And the Holy Spirit is indeed a waiter for us, serving us the teaching of charity for our neighbors.

*On the night before he died,
 our Lord Jesus Christ 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.*

- P By making yourself small, you have made us great. By stripping yourself of life, you have clothed us in grace. By being stretched out on the cross, you have embraced us. For us you have made a cavern in your open side, where we find refuge.
- P Together we proclaim:
- C **We proclaim the power of the eternal God,
 We proclaim the wisdom of the Son,
 We proclaim the mercy of the Holy Spirit.**
- P Power of the eternal Father, help us! Wisdom of the Son, enlighten the eye of our understanding! Tender mercy of the Holy Spirit, enflame our hearts and unite them to yourself. Set our hearts ablaze with your fire, with desire to love and follow you in truth.



- P** Within us is eternal life, and we do not know it! Eternal God, restore health to the sick and life to the dead. Give us a voice, your own voice, to cry out to you for mercy for the world and for the reform of holy church.
- P** O eternal Trinity, our sweet love!
You, light,
- C** give us light!
- P** You, wisdom,
- C** give us wisdom!
- P** You, supreme strength,
- C** give us strength!
- P** O eternal Trinity! O fire and deep well of charity! O you who are madly in love with your creatures!
O eternal truth! O eternal fire! O eternal wisdom, given for our redemption! Grant us your gentle and eternal benediction.



OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- P** **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,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.*

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

arr. William Hussey

The flowering of English hymnody in the 19th century included the rediscovery, translation, and versification of ancient Christian hymns, such as this text from one of the earliest existing Christian liturgies. It is set here to an adaptation of a 17th-century French melody.

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 490

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

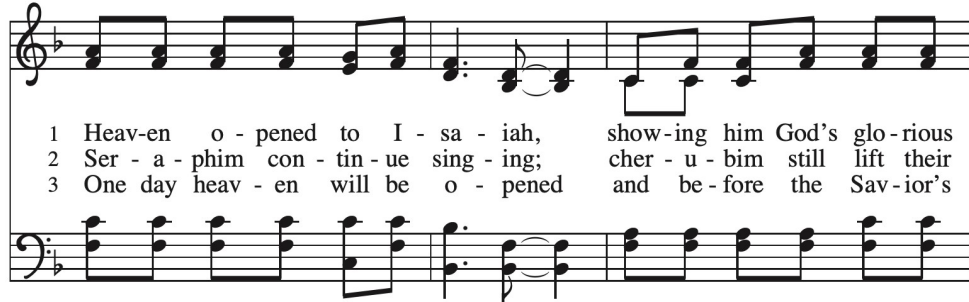
This hymn from Rwanda brings together the vision of Isaiah 6:1-3 and its recollection in John's apocalyptic vision of worship in the new Jerusalem (Rev. 4:8; 5:13).

The last line of stanza two also suggests the "Glory to God" (Luke 2:14).

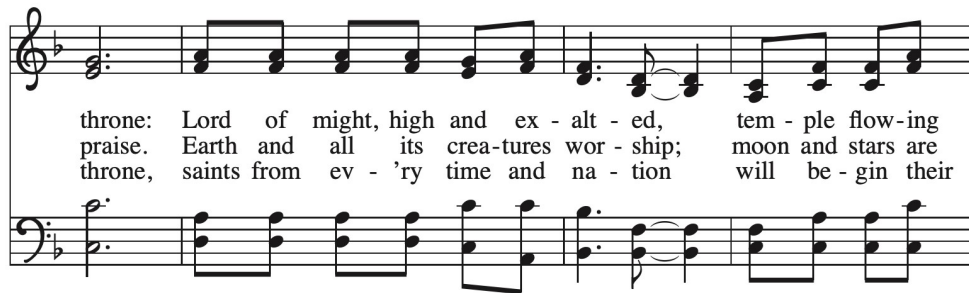
Join the angels and Christians around the world in singing this hymn of praise with all your might!

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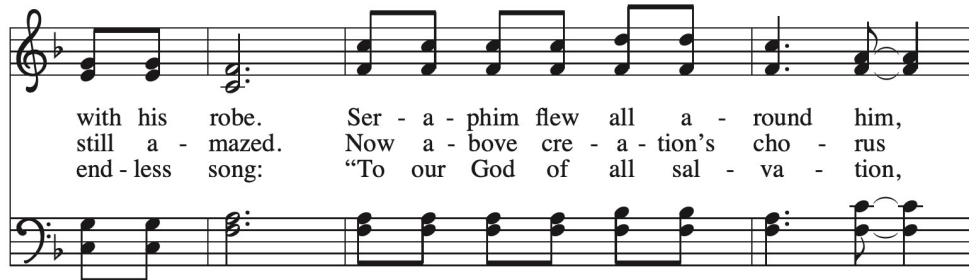
Heaven Opened to Isaiah



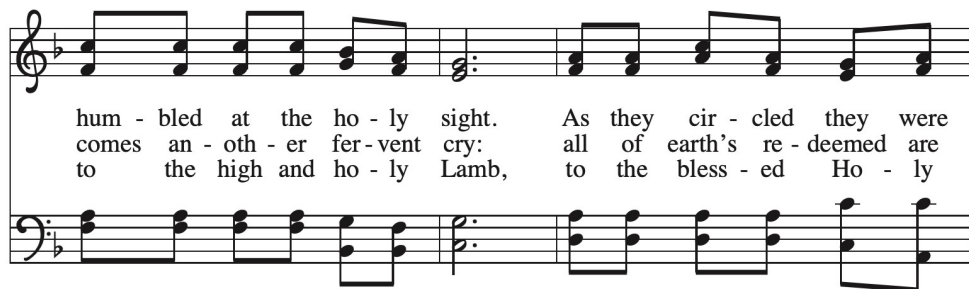
1 Heav-en o - pened to I - sa - iah, show-ing him God's glo-ri-ous
2 Ser - a - phim con - tin - ue sing - ing; cher - u - bim still lift their
3 One day heav - en will be o - pened and be - fore the Sav - ior's



throne: Lord of might, high and ex - alt - ed, tem - ple flow-ing
praise. Earth and all its crea-tures wor - ship; moon and stars are
throne, saints from ev - 'ry time and na - tion will be - gin their



with his robe. Ser - a - phim flew all a - round him,
still a - mazed. Now a - bove cre - a - tion's cho - rus
end - less song: "To our God of all sal - va - tion,



hum - bled at the ho - ly sight. As they cir - cled they were
comes an - oth - er fer - vent cry: all of earth's re - deemed are
to the high and ho - ly Lamb, to the bless - ed Ho - ly



sing - ing, call - ing out with all their might.
sing - ing, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
Spir - it be for - ev - er praise. A - men!"



Refrain

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, you are ho - ly,” ev - 'ry
 an - gel voice pro - claims; “All the earth re - flects your
 glo - ry; ev - 'ry tongue sings out your praise!”

The musical score consists of three systems of staves. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staves.

Text: Anonymous, Rwanda; para. Greg Scheer, b. 1966
 Music: URI UWER' UWER' UWERA, Rwandan melody; arr. Greg Scheer
 English text and arr. © 2008 Greg Scheer, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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!

The musical score consists of two systems of staves. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staves.



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 MÜNTER, 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.

The text by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor, this is a rousing and energetic setting of a popular hymn from Central America. The theme of the text is one of mission and social justice.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 583

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth
Enviado soy de Dios



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America
English text © 1998 Augsburg Fortress.

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

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

POSTLUDE – "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

arr. David Schack

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

GREETER – Liz Stroup

ACOLYTES – Matthew & Mason Snider

ASSISTING MINISTER – Michael Snider

LECTOR – Christy Adams

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Mary Daniels

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

USHERS – Kelley, Nick, Amelia & Elliot Lang



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents, Ruth and James Timpe, our grandparents, Miriam and Wilfred Boyd, and our sister, Catherine Timpe DiFuccia, by their family.

Columbarium flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my beloved husband, Bill Schaal, Sr., by his wife, Carol.

Mackenzie Jane Kozyk will be welcomed into the fellowship of Luther Memorial through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning during the 10:30 service. Born July 22, 2022, she is the daughter of Alexis (Swanson) and David Kozyk.

Today's Events

Join us for Oktoberfest this morning at 11:30 in fellowship hall. A delicious main course of bratwurst & sauerkraut, hotdogs and macaroni & cheese will be provided, as well as beverages. All are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Let's raise a cold glass of beer together and make a toast to Oktoberfest.

Family Scavenger Hunt will begin at 1:00pm today. Fuel up at our Oktoberfest and be ready to solve all the clues and reach the final surprise destination. It is an afternoon of great fun! Please see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski if you plan to join in the excitement.

Confirmation students will meet with Pastor Jay following the Oktoberfest this morning. Families are invited to take part in the scavenger hunt.

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 **Luther Memorial Concert Series** is once again hosting the "**Second Sunday Family & Friends Prelude**" series. On the second Sunday of each month, October through May, the prelude to the 10:30 service will feature instrumentalists, vocalists and dancers, highlighting the talents of members within our fellowship - congregational musicians as well as others who have a close association with Luther Memorial. The first such prelude will be presented next Sunday, **October 8 by violinist Linda Melaragno**. Please plan to arrive by 10:15 to hear the entire prelude.

Blessing of the Animals will be held Sunday, October 8 at 1:00pm in our outdoor green space. Bring you furry, finned, feathered and friendly pets to receive their blessing as we give thanks for all of God's creatures. All animals must be either leashed or crated. If your animal companion(s) cannot make it, bring a picture of them and share in the blessing!

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.

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. However, if you just want to drop in on him, for the week of October 2, Pastor Jay's drop-in hours will be Monday from 8-9:30am at Pressed Coffee Shop (8th and Greengarden) OR Wednesday from 4-5:30 in the office.

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 RSVP to Jan MacInnes by Friday, October 13.

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 10 and 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. There will be lots of 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.

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

B.A.D. (Bible After Dark) will be held on October 4 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 Adults* 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 October 11 at 5:30pm for worship experience. The service will be about 60 minutes and center around sharing a meal. We will begin by preparing the meal and the worship space together and end with dessert and clean-up. All part of the worship experience. We will also share in Communion. Come on out for something new and a unique encounter with the Divine!

Cash Bingo will be held 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.

One Morning Assist

Help is needed on Saturday, October 7 at 9:30am to load books and deliver them to the Blasco Library. The books are here at Luther Memorial. Please contact Norma in the church office or Linda Graffius if you are able to help. Trucks or SUV's are helpful for ease of loading. Thank you.

Luther Memorial Academy

Candy is Needed! LMA will be participating in the Erie ZooBoo October 12 – 30. This is an opportunity to spread the word about our great school. Many small treat bags will be prepared to hand out during ZooBoo, and we are in need of approximately 30,000 pieces of candy. Donations may be dropped off in the church or school office. Thank you.

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 2 – Psalm 28; Judges 14:1-20; Philippians 1:3-14

October 3 – Psalm 28; Judges 16:1-22; Philippians 1:15-21

October 4 – Francesco d'Assisi, renewer of the church, 1226 – Job 39:1–18; Psalm 121; Matthew 11:25–30 -- *Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.* **Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, 1864** – Psalm 82; Romans 16:1-2; Luke 22:24-27 -- *Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.*

October 5 – Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:14-22; Colossians 2:16-23

October 6 – William Tyndale, translator, martyr -- James 1:19–27; Psalm 15; John 12:44–50 – *Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.*

October 7 – Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, first Lutheran pastor in North America, 1787 – Ezekiel 34:11-16; Psalm 84; I Peter 5:1-4; John 21:15-17 -- *Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.*

CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2	12:00pm	Adult Forum
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3	12:00pm	Deborah & W/ELCA Circle General Meeting
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4	6:30pm	Bible After Dark (Brewerie)
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5	1:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	Grief Support Group Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6		LMA Closed
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7	2:00pm	Baby Shower

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023
THE NINETEENTH 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.

Sunday School for PreK – grade 5 will be held at 9:30am.

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

Second Sunday Family and Friends Prelude featuring violinist Linda Melaragno begins at 10:15am.

Blessing of the Animals will be held at 1:00pm in our green space area.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Linda Swanson
Communion Assistant	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	Linda Graffius
Counters	10:30am	Gina Snider, Liz Stroup

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon	Winnie Lyons	Bob Giannelli	Ann Flick
Lois Fobes	Pat Gilbert		
Friends and Family:			
Brian & Lisa Davis	Jean C.	Cindy Hessinger	Ian Minner
Carol E.	John Semonis	Jeff Granger & family	Branden Jones
Howie	Melissa	Bertil Carlson	Karen Chilcote
Allison, Audree & family	Melissa Pierce	Susan Brooks	Mark Hadzega
Michael Collins & Mary	Dean Scalise	Bonnie Ford	Suzie Hosterman
Doug & Jenine	Lisa & Brian Adams	Scott Coleman	Cindy B.
Cassia Cabaday	Nick	Scot & Robin	Jeannette Bowers
Grief:			
Shelley Sandquest family	Gloria Rosthauser family	Shirley Brown family	Mike Daniels family
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			