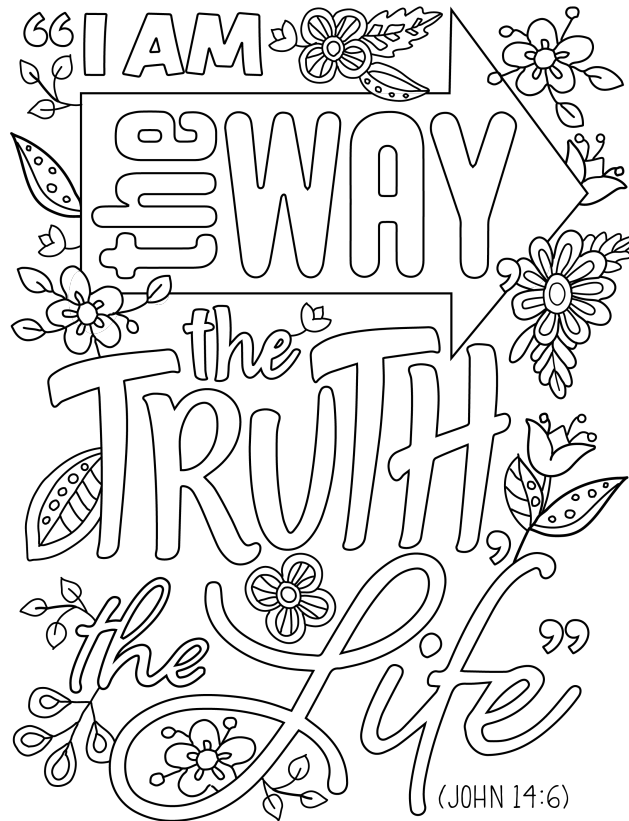


*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



**2 JULY 2023**  
**St. Thomas, Apostle**  
**10:30 am**

*The tag “doubting Thomas” seems unfair; probably if any other of the inner circle had happened to be absent on the night of the risen Christ’s earlier appearance, that person would have been as disbelieving as Thomas. While like Gideon he asked for a sign, when the risen Christ offered his wounds as a sign, Thomas did not wait to touch but trusted the one who offered. He had learned from what Jesus said in today’s gospel: the way is not a set of directions and signs, but a relationship with one we have come to know and trust.*

## LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

### LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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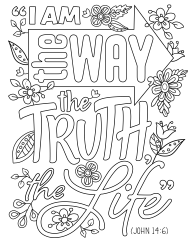
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**2 JULY 2023**

**ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE**

**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 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** – Variations and Finale on "God Bless Our Native Land"

Christian Heinrich Rinck

### 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*

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Please stand as you are able.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

**P** In the name of God who is Mighty, + Merciful, and Mysterious.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ►

**P** Most Merciful God,  
**C** We confess that we are captive to sin  
 and cannot free ourselves.  
 We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed;  
 by what we have done  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart,  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us.  
 Forgive us.  
 Renew us.  
 And lead us.  
 That we may delight in your will  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Holy Name.  
 Amen.

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us; and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*Text for this hymn was written by an Episcopal priest in response to a request from the Episcopal Church. The author of many hymns, he was also executive director of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. The tune is the work of a gifted English lecturer and teacher and a masterly writer on musical subjects, also regarded highly as a composer. The present tune was written to accompany a poem by William Blake; the combination is still heard at many public occasions in England. It also appears in a celebrated recording by Emerson, Lake and Palmer.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**O Day of Peace**

**ELW 711**



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.  
 as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re-lease,  
 Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord;



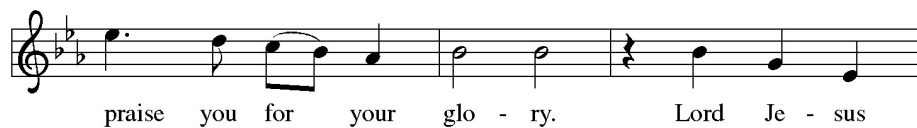
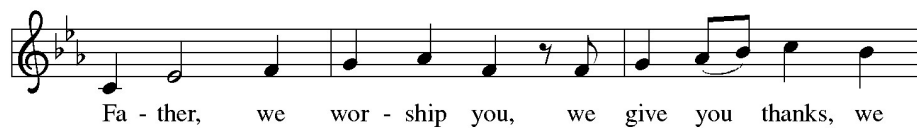
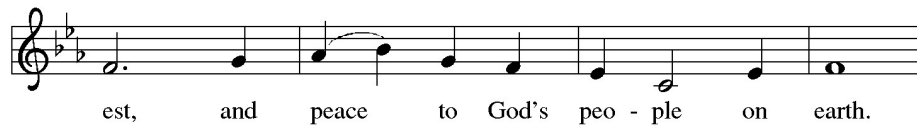
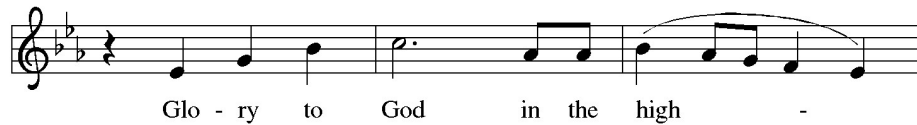
till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.  
 the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

## 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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE





For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Ever-living God, you strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in the resurrection of your Son. Grant that we too may confess our faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, 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: Judges 6:36-40

<sup>36</sup> Then Gideon said to God, ‘In order to see whether you will deliver Israel by my hand, as you have said, <sup>37</sup>I am going to lay a fleece of wool on the threshing-floor; if there is dew on the fleece alone, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that you will deliver Israel by my hand, as you have said.’ <sup>38</sup>And it was so. When he rose early next morning and squeezed the fleece, he wrung enough dew from the fleece to fill a bowl with water. <sup>39</sup>Then Gideon said to God, ‘Do not let your anger burn against me, let me speak one more time; let me, please, make trial with the fleece just once more; let it be dry only on the fleece, and on all the ground let there be dew.’ <sup>40</sup>And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground there was dew.

**L** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 136:1-4, 23-26**

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



<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>3</sup>Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for God's mercy endures forever;

<sup>4</sup>who alone does great wonders,  
for God's mercy endures forever; **R**

<sup>23</sup>who remembered us in our low estate,  
for God's mercy endures forever;

<sup>24</sup>and rescued us from our enemies,  
for God's mercy endures forever;

<sup>25</sup>who gives food to all creatures,  
for God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>26</sup>Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for God's mercy endures forever. **R**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:35-11:1**

<sup>35</sup>Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. <sup>36</sup>For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. <sup>37</sup>For yet  
'in a very little while,

the one who is coming will come and will not delay;

<sup>38</sup>but my righteous one will live by faith.

My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back.'

<sup>39</sup>But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved.

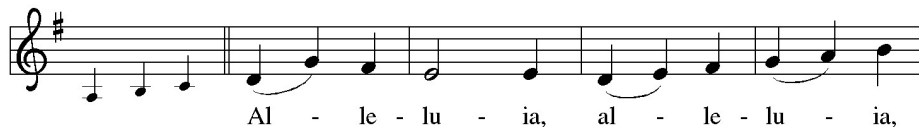
<sup>11</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Word of God, Word of Life.

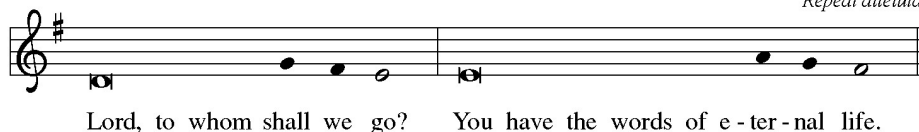
Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*Repeat alleluia*



☐ The Holy Gospel according to John.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 14:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Jay

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Graduating with honors from the Trinity College in Cambridge in 1832, this author was ordained to the Curacy of Ampton in 1833. His literary works extended to every department of literature, but his greatest undertaking was his edition of the Greek Testament, the result of 20 years’ effort. His hymnological and poetical works were numerous, and included the compiling of collections, the composition of original hymns, and translations from other languages.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 635**

**We Walk by Faith**



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e’er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”  
we re - jice, and cry, “My Lord and God!”  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

## 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

**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** Faithful God, create abundant space in your church where people feel free to doubt and question. Encourage us to persist in our seeking even as we confess you as Lord and God. Bless the church in India and all who claim Thomas as a forerunner in the faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Ease the anxiety of all who hope for an abundant harvest in the months to come. Send favorable weather, work side by side with those in fields and orchards, and feed all the world through the abundance that you alone can give. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Direct the nations as they build on traditions yet experiment with new ways of promoting the common good. May leaders govern with a spirit of generosity even in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Prepare a home for people who are isolated, for all who struggle to find their way in life, and for those for whom death draws near. Lead them to Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Lord, in your mercy.

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** In the sacrament of holy communion, give us ample opportunity to touch, smell, taste, see, and hear Christ. Through your gifts of grace stir us to trust in Christ's presence with us in this meal and always. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Visit us, O God, as you have Thomas, the apostles, and all the saints. May the presence of the wounded and living Christ cast out our fears and free us to spread good news in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer. ►



**A** In the company of your saints, especially John D. Mumford, III, 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 the Lord is 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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**VOLUNTARY** – “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Charles Callahan

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20<sup>th</sup>-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle Benedicite, omnia opera Domini (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).*

### OFFERTORY

ELW 881

### Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -  
fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise  
till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To  
for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.  
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

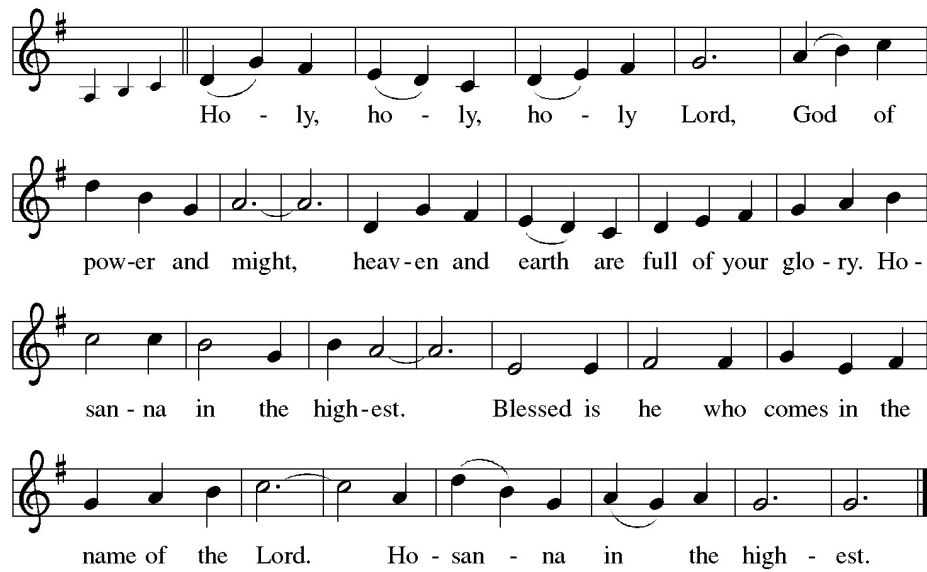
## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

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| <b>P</b> The Lord be with you.                   | <b>C</b> And also with you.                         |
| <b>P</b> Lift up your hearts.                    | <b>C</b> We lift them to the Lord.                  |
| <b>P</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | <b>C</b> It is right to give our thanks and praise. |

## PREFACE

- 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 the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ; who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age. And so, with *Mary, your mother, Thomas, and* the glorious company of the apostles, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: ►

## SANCTUS



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

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

☐ Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

*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-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

☐ **Amen.**



## OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

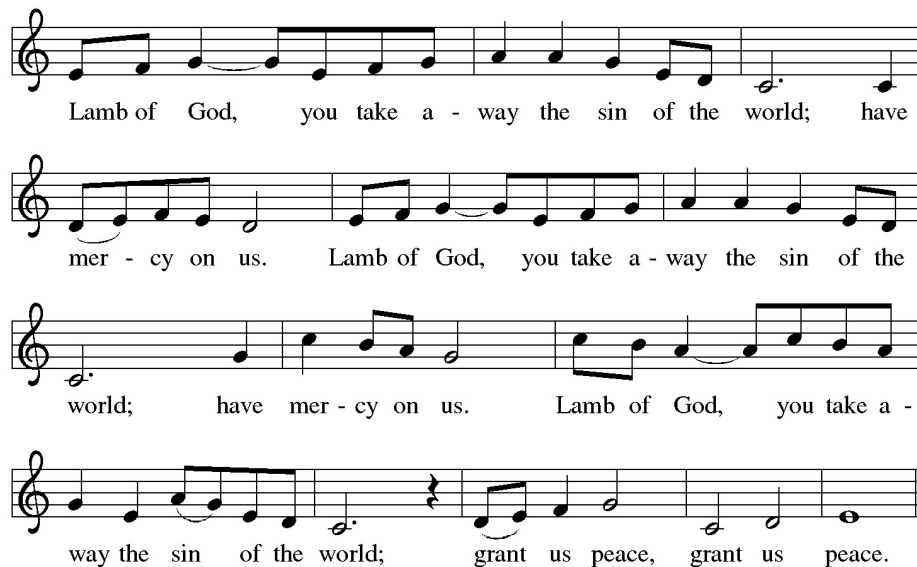
☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

☑ **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



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

☐ All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.

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

*The congregation is seated.*

## SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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.

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## 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.*

*Originally attending the University of Southern California with plans of becoming a teacher,  
the author of this text joined a circus bound for Hawaii and remained there  
for the rest of his life writing poems and songs.*

*The melody comes from a symphonic tone poem by Jean Sibelius.*

*This song is also known as "A Song of Peace".*

## HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 887

### This Is My Song



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;





with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3  
 Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957  
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*This hymn about the Eucharist is based on John 14/15. The text was written and translated by various people, based on a French-language hymn, J'ai reçu le Dieu vivant.*

ELW 477

## I Received the Living God



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous  
 Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

*Please stand as you are able.*

### TABLE BLESSING

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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 who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
‡ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age.

**C** Amen.

*This hymn, often referred to as “The Black National Anthem”, was written as a poem in 1900.  
The music was written by the author’s brother and a choir of 500 schoolchildren first  
performed the song in public in Jacksonville, Florida to celebrate  
President Abraham Lincoln’s birthday.*

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 841

### Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty,  
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938  
 Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE – Finale on "God Bless Our Native Land"

Edward Fisher

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PRESIDING MINISTER* – Pastor Jay Mitchell  
*GREETER* – Pat Young  
*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer  
*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Stan Rose  
*LECTOR* – Jane Moran  
*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Ann Flick  
*ALTAR GUILD* – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels  
*USHERS* – Sue Cappelletty, Eric Hedlund, Martha & Tom Klomp





**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John D. Mumford, III by mother Mary and sister Elizabeth.

**Columbarium flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John D. Mumford, III by mother Mary and sister Elizabeth.

### Today's Events

**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.

**Valuable information** on the aging brain and how it functions from Dr. Karen Mitchell, Pastor Jay's mom, is available in the parlor this morning. We encourage you to stop in and pick up some pamphlets.

### 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.

### Where Is Pastor Jay?

**For the week of July 2**, Pastor Jay's drop-in hours will be on Thursday from 2-3:30pm in the office. As always you can make an appointment at a different time by e-mail: [JMitchell@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:JMitchell@luthermemorialonline.org) OR by using: [calendly.com/TheRevJCM](https://calendly.com/TheRevJCM).

### 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.

### Opportunities for Fellowship

**Kenneth Snider Memorial Car Cruise** will be held Sunday, July 16 from 1:00-4:00pm in our parking lot. We invite everyone to join us for a fun filled afternoon. We will have a variety of show cars to check out along with DJ Bill Mason, Magic Steve, food truck, bake sale, 50-50 Raffle, and a Chinese Auction with over 100 baskets. Monies raised will benefit Shriners Children's Erie and Luther Memorial's youth who will be traveling to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2024. For more information, contact Gina at 814-602-7679 or Mike Snider at 814-602-7036.

**Set sail** with the OWLS on the Victorian Princess on Wednesday, July 19. Enjoy a delicious lunch and beautiful scenery. Boarding begins at 11:30am. The cost is \$43.28 (tax and tip included) per person and due before boarding begins. Reservations and payment in cash or check are due to Jan MacInnes no later than July 14. Checks are to be made payable to Jan MacInnes. Thank you.

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** has a great way to beat the summer heat; join us in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month for knitting and crocheting. We'll gather July 11 and July 25 from 10:00am-12:00 noon for a wonderful morning and hope to see you. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes and let us know if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

### Bethany Outreach Center

**Thank You!** The Bethany Outreach Center continues to serve the underprivileged in our community, and *we are so thankful for the help that the Luther Memorial congregation has been giving us* -- in all forms: money, food & clothing donations! Right now (and almost always) our Clothes Closet could use Baby clothes, Kids clothes, and Adult male clothes (as a priority). However, clothing of all types is always welcome. If you would like to donate clothes or food, please bring them in a bag or box and place them near the white cupboard in the Luther Memorial Parlor area. Someone will deliver them to Bethany each week or so, as needed.

**Are you a Golfer** who Enjoys a Good Scramble? Join us at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Harbor Ridge Open, this year in Support of the Bethany Outreach Center!

**Save the Date: Sunday, July 30 Time: 10:00am**

*Location: Harbor Ridge Golf Course at 3730 Harbor Ridge Trail in Erie, PA 16510*

Highlights of this “Fun” Fundraiser:

- 16 Teams will compete in two 9-hole “Scramble” Rounds
- 9 optional “Fun” Skill Contests, such as Hole-In-One, Closest-To-The-Pin, etc.
- ***Even if you’re not a golfer***, you can still enjoy the Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Pull-Tab Prizes/Games in the Club House during and after golf
- Hot dogs and drinks at the turn
- All Proceeds go to support the Bethany Outreach Center
- Cost is \$300 per Foursome

To sign up see the registration information at the Bethany Outreach Center website ([www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org](http://www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org)). Call, text, or email Eric Hedlund if you have any questions, at (814) 898-1233 or (814) 722-7732 or [eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org](mailto:eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org).

### **Items to Note**

**Parking** in the lot across from 11<sup>th</sup> Street is not permitted. Please do not park in this area as your car will be towed. Thank you.

**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.

### **– PRAYER LIST –**

<b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b>			
<b>Our Members:</b>			
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon	Winnie Lyons		
<b>Friends and Family:</b>			
Debbie	Elayne Morphy	Kate Collins	Bernie Wiest
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie	John Semonis	Roger Smith	Branden Jones
Mark Smith	Nichole Jones	Bob Guenther	Caitlyn Kessler
John Varner	Melissa Pierce	Diane Henry	Meghan Kessler
Michael Collins & Mary	Kevin		Bonnie Ford
Baby Archer Bardwell	John Semonis	Karen Chilcote	Susan Brooks
Michele Seifert	Carol E.	Jean C.	Ian Minner
<b>Grief:</b>			
Ann Coleman family	Thelma Fetrow family	Adam Surovick Family	
<b>Our Military Service Men &amp; Women:</b>			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

## CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY, JULY 3</b>	Church offices closed
<b>TUESDAY, JULY 4</b> <i>Independence Day</i>	Church offices closed
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 5</b>	
<b>THURSDAY, JULY 6</b>	
<b>FRIDAY, JULY 7</b>	
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 8</b>	

### SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023 THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

#### WEEKLY READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS

##### 2 July

Psalm 47; Genesis 22:15-18; I Thessalonians 4:9-12

##### 3 July – Thomas, Apostle

*Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.*

Judges 6:36-40; Psalm 136:1-4, 23-26; Ephesians 4:11-16; John 14:1-7

##### 4 July - Independence Day (United States)

Jeremiah 29:4-14; Psalm 20; Romans 13:1-10; Mark 12:13-17

##### 5 July

Psalm 47; Genesis 24:10-52; Mark 7:1-13

##### 6 July – Jan Hus, Martyr

*Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.*

Job 22:21-30; Psalm 119:113-120; Revelation 3:1-6; Matthew 23:34-39

##### 7 July

Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:1-17; Romans 7:7-20

##### 8 July

Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:18-29; Luke 10:21-24

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Ellen DiPlacido
	10:30am	Julie Ditz
Communion Assistant	10:30am	Mary Daniels
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Jean McMillin
	10:30am	Dave Kinzig
Counters	10:30am	Skip Meyn, Gina Snider