

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



18 July 2021
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 8:15 & 10:30

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Luther Memorial is Christ's church that brings its ministry to northwest Pennsylvania within the context of its Lutheran heritage.

As a church that ministers to the community, it seeks to be an inclusive congregation providing a welcoming environment for all to worship, learn, and enhance both personal spiritual growth and fellowship.

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

PRELUDE – "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

Kevin J. Sadowski, Christopher Ahlman,
G. F. Telemann, Wilhelm Rudnick

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – "Triumphal March" (10:30 am service)

Michael Bedford

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.

☛ **Amen.**

☞ Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.



P Eternal God our creator,
C in you we live and move and have our being.
 Look upon us, your children,
 the work of your hands.
 Forgive us all our offenses,
 and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
 By your grace draw us near to you,
 our refuge and our strength;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Since we are justified by faith,
 we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
 God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
 In the mercy of almighty God,
 Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
 and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

C Amen.

This hymn text is the work of a prolific writer from 17th century Leipzig. In addition to plays, song versions, and other scriptural works, his five hymns were extensively used in Germany.

The familiar melody was used by J.S. Bach in six cantatas, his Choralgesänge, and an organ prelude.

ENTRANCE HYMN

LBW 459

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts your work be - gin,
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let your good Word in doubt and strife

And make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine,
 Be in us strong - ly burn - ing, That we be faith - ful un - to death

A - round and in us bright - ly shine, Your strength in us up - well - ing,
 And live in love and ho - ly faith, From you true wis - dom learn - ing,

In your ra - diance Life from heav - en Now is giv - en
 Lord, your mer - cy On us show - er; By your pow - er

O - ver - flow - ing, Gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
 Christ con - fess - ing, We will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606-1673; tr: Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, adapt.
 Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608

GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

Please be seated.

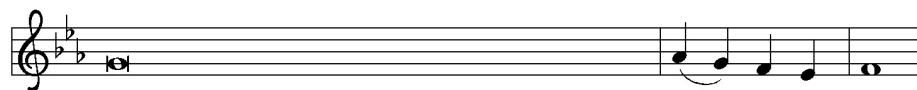
KYRIE *Luke 17:13*



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



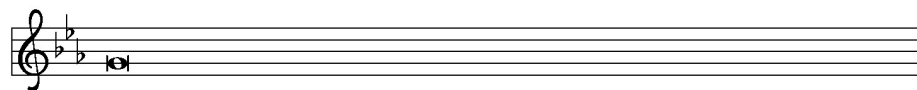
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



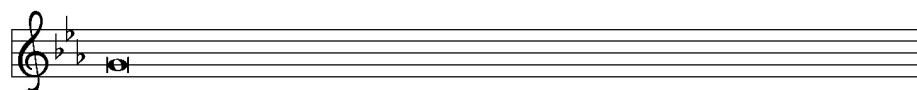
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray,

C O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



CHILDREN'S SERMON – (10:30 am Service)

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

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel.

God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

*The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people.
Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith,
whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.*

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22

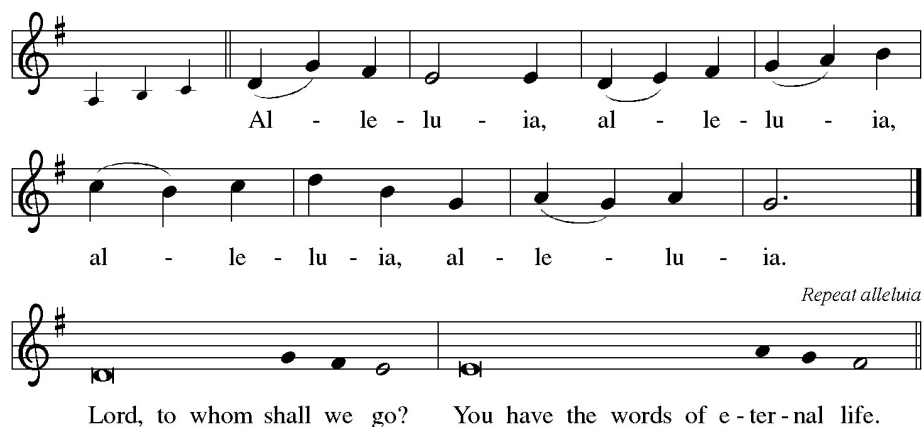
¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

*When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people.
Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.*

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ►

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

- P** The Gospel of the Lord
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Coleman

Please stand as you are able.

The author of this hymn text wrote it on request, and it took shape in his mind as he prepared a sermon on Matthew 22:9. The melody is the work of an English stocking manufacturer, who marked the tune "Subject from Beethoven," but was unable to point out where. He published several volumes of and about music in his lifetime.

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 429

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
 among these restless throngs abide;
 oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
 and follow where your feet have trod;
 till glorious from your heav'n above
 shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850–1935, alt.
 Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

Please be seated.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – (10:30 am Service)

- P** In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us into the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Parents and sponsors presents the candidate with these words:

R We present **Samantha Claire Stelmack** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

- P** In Christian love you have presented **Samantha** for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her into the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and also the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

R We do.

- P** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that **Samantha** may be given new life. Wash away the sin of **Samantha** who is cleansed by this water and bring her forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.

- P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

- P** Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C I do.

- 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, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

A Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Nourish this congregation, O God. In this upcoming time of change and transition, prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints, especially our loved ones. As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**



A We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P **Samantha Claire**, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Samantha Claire**: 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.

C Amen.

The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.

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

The sponsor responds: "Amen." A lighted candle is given to the sponsor of the baptized.

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon **Amanda and Josh**, the mother and father of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for **Samantha**. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Through Baptism God has made this child a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C We welcome Samantha into the Lord's family. We receive her as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

Please stand as you are able.

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

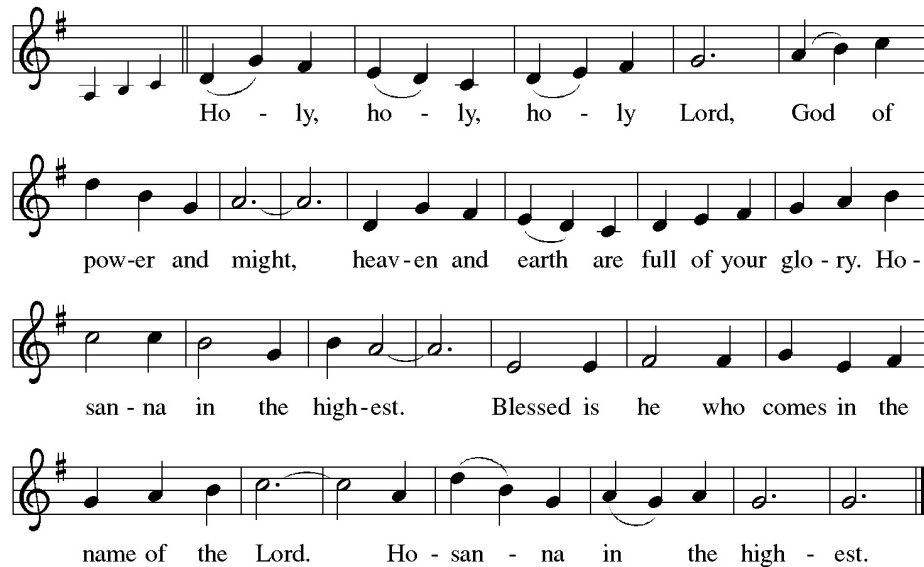
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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 as 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 into life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

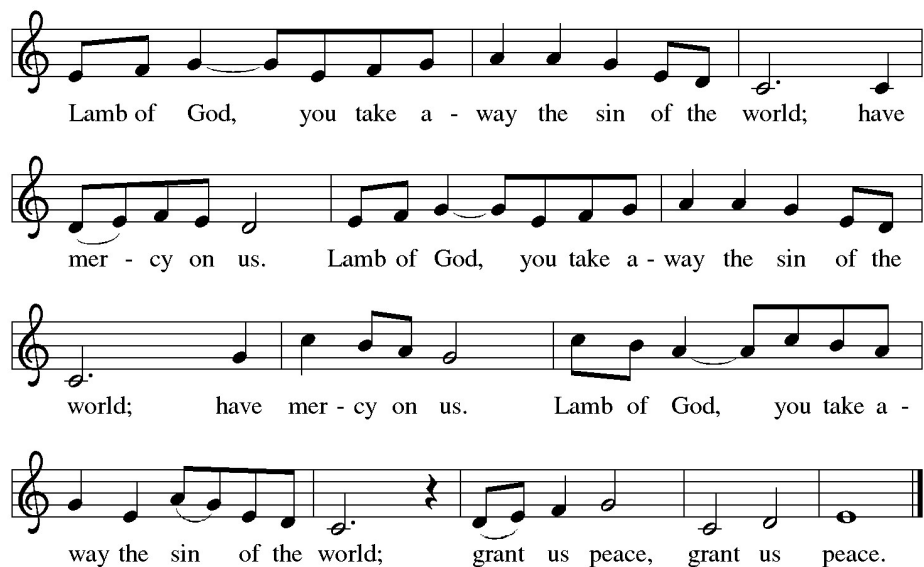
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C Amen.

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

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen. *Matthew 6:9***

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

C Amen.

The congregation is seated.

If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

- A** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
C Amen.

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

BLESSING *Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
C Amen.

This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 789

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



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| 1 | Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; | much we need your ten - der care. |
| 2 | We are yours; in love be - friend us, | be the guard-ian of our way; |
| 3 | You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, | poor and sin - ful though we be; |
| 4 | Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, | ear - ly let us do your will; |



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|---|--------------------------------------|
| In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, | for our use your fold pre-pare. |
| keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, | seek us when we go a - stray. |
| you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, | grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. |
| bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, | with your love our spir - its fill. |



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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, | you have bought us; we are yours. |
| Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, | hear us chil - dren when we pray. |
| Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, | ear - ly let us turn to you. |
| Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, | you have loved us, love us still. |





Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE *Luke 7:50*

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "O Holy Spirit, Enter In", *BWV 739*

J. S. Bach

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor William E. Coleman

ACOLYTES – Gabe & Mitch Stroup

ASSISTANT MINISTERS – Lois Smith (8:15 am)

Liz Stroup (10:30 am)

LECTOR – Lynnette Gustafson (10:30 am)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Jennifer DiTullio, Ann Flick (10:30 am)

Choir:

Patricia Boyd, Molly Gaber,

Carol Carlson, Mary Laver,

Bob Banks, David Ruler,

Jonathan Gaber, Ken Kraut, Otto 'Skip' Meyn



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our children and grandchildren by Martha and Tom Klomp.

Samantha Claire Stelmack will be welcomed into the Fellowship of Luther Memorial Church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 10:30 service this morning. Born August 8, 2016, she is the daughter of Amanda and Joshua Stelmack.

Baskets are located at the doors for bulletins to be placed in following our 8:15 worship service. If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please place it in the basket. Thank you.

Worship Assistance

Altar Guild volunteers are in great need for our 8:15 and 10:30 services. Volunteers set up and put items away following communion. It is our hope to have enough volunteers so each person will help once every 4-6 weeks. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Norma in our church office. Thank you for considering to help in this way.

Opportunities for Worship and Prayer

Sunday Morning Worship – In-person worship at 8:15am and 10:30am. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel using our new camera equipment. To watch the service on YouTube, go to YouTube, in the search bar type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA”. Subscribe to the channel. Our worship services are also available on our Luther Memorial Church website. We understand this will be an adjustment for some, but if you have any problems or questions, please reach out to Pastor Coleman or Norma Buerk.

Opportunities for Fellowship

OWLS are looking forward to gathering together for lunch on Wednesday, August 18 from 12:00 noon – 1:30pm. Please bring a bag lunch and lawn chair and enjoy one another’s company under our magnolia tree in the side yard near 10th Street. Beverages will be provided. In case of rain we will meet in the parlor. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, August 13. Thank you.

Magic Fingers Grace Group will have you looking forward to Tuesdays! Join us August 10 and August 24 from 10:00am- 12:00 noon for great conversation with friends as we work on our knitting and yarn projects. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

Church Upkeep

All floors and carpets throughout the church and school will be cleaned during the week of July 19 and entrances will be blocked off at times. Please contact the church office if you are going to stop down. Thank you.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal Use in Our Worship Services

Luther Memorial has long used two hymnals, the *Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW - green)* and *With One Voice (WOV - blue)*. When the congregation of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church joined with us, they brought with them several copies of the most recent hymnal published by Augsburg Fortress, the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW - red)* hymnal. During the pandemic, our choir has been singing from the ELW. The LBW harmonizations were often more typical of instrumental accompaniments while the ELW versions return to more singable 4-part harmony. In addition, there are some textual changes using more inclusive language norms in the newer hymnal.

The publisher has been reducing its support of the LBW in their worship planning resources... understandable for a hymnal first published more than 40 years ago. You will notice that most of the hymns used in our services going forward will be from the ELW. In addition to the familiar LBW liturgies which are preserved in the ELW, there are some new ones, one of which we are now using throughout the summer. We will continue to print the melody and text of all hymns in the bulletin, but if you wish to sing harmony, please use one of the red hymnals located at the end of most of our pews.

If you would like a copy of the LBW hymnal for use at home by you and your family, please obtain one from the church office during the next few weeks. If you know of another church that may be interested in multiple copies, please let us know.

Worship

At Luther Memorial Church we are thankful that we are able to provide at home communion. Understanding that the bread and wine is a sustaining gift from Jesus that is blessed and received in community, we now have available bread and wine in individual packets that, after being blessed on Sunday morning during our worship, will be available for those worshipping from home to pick up at the church during the week. The intention is that you take home enough bread and wine for each member of your family for the month. During our worship service, those worshipping from home would set before them the consecrated bread and wine, and then receive the bread and wine during worship. To make arrangements to pick up the bread and wine from the church please contact Linda Graffius by email at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org, Norma Buerk by email at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, or by calling the church office at 814-454-010, ext. 221.

Luther Memorial Church Policy –
Following the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines

1. People who have been fully vaccinated (at least 2 weeks after receiving the vaccine) do not have to wear a mask when entering the church building. (If you choose to wear a mask that is your personal choice.)
2. If you have not been vaccinated then mask wearing was mandatory until June 28, 2021 according to the PA Department of Health.
3. We no longer have worship service attendees or others sign in for contact tracing.
4. Pews are no longer blocked off, but of course we respect your choice to continue physical distancing.

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

Erie Gives Day – 12 Hours of Giving
Tuesday, August 10 from 8:00am – 8:00pm

Participating Nonprofits: Your organization must be a 501(c)(3), serve Erie County and either be a member of [The Nonprofit Partnership](#) or have an Agency Endowment with the Erie Community Foundation to participate in Erie Gives. **Luther Memorial Church, Luther Memorial Academy and Bethany Outreach Center appreciate your support.**

Gift Amount: The minimum gift is \$25. There is no limit to the amount of money you may give. There is no limit to the number of organizations you can donate to in a transaction.

Making a Donation: Simply log on to www.eriegives.org or call the Erie Community Foundation at 454-0843.

Credit Cards: Only Visa, MasterCard and Discover will be accepted. The credit card processor charges a nominal fee per transaction. The Erie Community Foundation does not receive any fees. (Credit card gift cards will not be accepted.)

Checks: Donors can write a check for their Erie Gives donation.

- Checks must be made out to The Erie Community Foundation;
- All check donations must be accompanied by a Check Donation Form. The Check Donation Form will be available for download beginning June 21, 2021. A Check Donation Form can be mailed to you by contacting the Foundation and requesting this;
- Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) no later than Monday, August 9, 2021.

Prorated Match: The Erie Community Foundation and our sponsors will enhance each donor's gift by providing a prorated match to each gift made to a nonprofit.

Your Receipt: You will receive an email receipt of your gift; please retain it for tax purposes. Unless you choose to remain anonymous, your donor information will be sent to the appropriate organizations.

When the Nonprofits receive your donation: Due to COVID-19, we will not host our annual Check Distribution Day at the Erie Zoo. This year, all Erie Gives donations will be mailed to nonprofits.

Support the Luther Memorial Concert Series

The LM Concert Series 2020-2021 season was cancelled due to the pandemic. We hope that all of you have missed attending live music events and are looking forward to the resumption of those in the near future. At this time, we are beginning to plan our 2021-2022 season which will hopefully include the return of our **Bach Cantata Vespers** services. We will also continue hosting the **Presque Isle ProMusica** chamber orchestra. This Luther Memorial ministry is made possible through the donations of our supporters. Although we have enough funds to begin this next season, we require your support to continue into 2022 and beyond.

To become a supporter of the Luther Memorial Concert Series please complete the attached form and send it to the church or place it in the Sunday offering plate. Your sponsorship is fully tax deductible as allowed by law.

Please accept my donation for the current 2021-2022 season.

(\$500 or more) ☐ Guarantor (\$200 - \$499) ☐ Benefactor (\$75 - \$199) ☐ Donor (up to \$74) ☐ Friend

Name: _____
(as you want it listed in program and on our website)

Name: _____
(for mailing acknowledgement, if different)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Complete this form, enclose cash or check and return to the church at 225 West Tenth Street, Erie PA 16501. Thank you.

Luther Memorial Concert Series: 2021-2022 Donations

Guarantor (\$500 +)

Walt & Jeanne Gaber

Jean McMillin & David Morphy

Carol Schaal

Benefactor (\$200-499)

Jonathan & Molly Gaber

Brian Hubbard & Carol Nile

Dee Lasher

John & Mary Laver

Susanne J. Makay

Linda Melaragno

Brian & Jane Moran

Lois K. Smith

Donor (\$75-199)

Marilyn Bohn

Eric & Cindy Hedlund

Marjorie Johnson

Bill & Colleen Lasher

Carol Nile

Dorothy Y. Overberg

Dorothy J. Youngman

Friend (up to \$74)

Helen & Robert Collins

IMO Rick Diehl

Ann & Gary Flick

Donald & Janice MacInnes

Gary & Diane Parsons

Lee Swensen

CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 19		Carpet & Floor Cleaning
TUESDAY, JULY 20		Carpet & Floor Cleaning
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21		Carpet & Floor Cleaning
THURSDAY, JULY 22	3:00pm 6:00pm	Carpet & Floor Cleaning Organ Lesson Handbell Rehearsal
FRIDAY, JULY 23		Carpet & Floor Cleaning
SATURDAY, JULY 24		

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021 THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor William E. Coleman will be preaching at the 8:15am and 10:30am services in the main church. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel; go to YouTube, in the search bar type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA”. Subscribe to the channel.

The recorded service is also available on Luther Memorial Church’s website at www.luthermemorialonline.org by clicking on the tabs of “Resources & Online Worship” and “Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study”.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Joanne Dahlstrand family	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Roy Washill	Bill Grande
Bob Peterson	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Brent Young	Grace Petron	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Lois Fobes	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Steve Narusewicz
Dave Mumford	Family of Jim Koenig, Sr.	Joyce Zwilling	Jane Tell
Mark Lechner			

Friends and Family:

Cecily DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	Bobbi MacInnes
Patrice DiTullio	Kristen	Larry E.	Leola Weist
John & Naomi Howard	Jonathan	Jesse McFadden	Joe Gross
Madison & family	Ed Hokaj	Elijah Montero	Ray Polasky
Marianella	Linda Grimm	Amanda Toms	Johnny Heubel
Carol & Frank V.	Edna Pett	Philippe Pierre	Katrina Foltz
Amy Johnson-McDougall	Jeff F.	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingram	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Hildy	Paul Spierling	Joan Torrelli	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. F.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Jennifer Young (not related to Pat)	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Brandy Dyne
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Joyce DiMichele
Suleski family	Lucia Doyle	Jeff F.	June Madurski
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Stephany Bourne	Jay Henry	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Grace	Sue Agens	Patty Meadowcroft	Nancy Ritzmann
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Mike B.	Ben Nalepa
Marilyn Schultz	Theresa Abrams	Sonya Kisak	Frank Nalepa
Scott Respecki	Brian & Bev	Andrew Dahlstrand	Logan
Kirsten Braley	Conner Hickey	Dorothy McCarty	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Liam	Steve & Leah W.	Daisy C.
Judy Oosterkamp	Amy	Patrick L	Pete Battersby
Seamus S.	Greta Staton	Sue Kuhn	Tom Ridge
Michele Black	Bea Becknell	Meghan Kessler	Rich Hudic
Christine Caceres	Frank S.		

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Michael Stickner	Matt Anderson	Stephen Benacci	Andrew Watson
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