

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



27 June 2021  
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.*

# **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** – Partita on Nicaea Holy, Holy, Holy

Charles Callahan

### **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**

*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 text is from the pen of an English clergyman who, in addition to serving several congregations during his life, edited and published three books of hymnody, of which one was an influential work.  
 The tune was composed by a highly accomplished English musician, conductor, and editor.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 714

### O God of Mercy, God of Light

1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
 organ 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus  
 mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and  
 in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
 word and thought may work a work for you.  
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

## 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.*

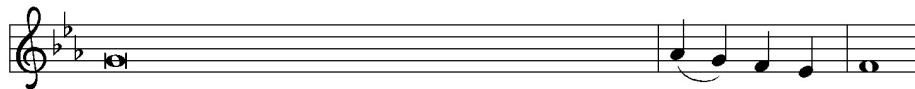
## KYRIE Luke 17:13



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



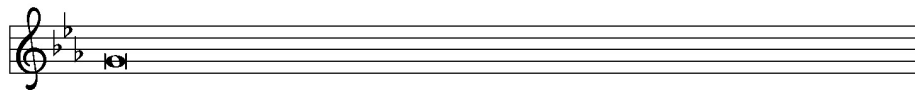
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



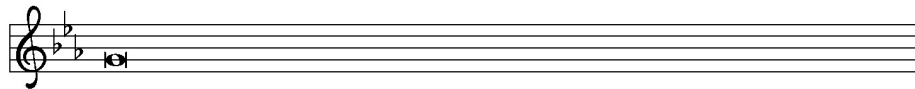
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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,

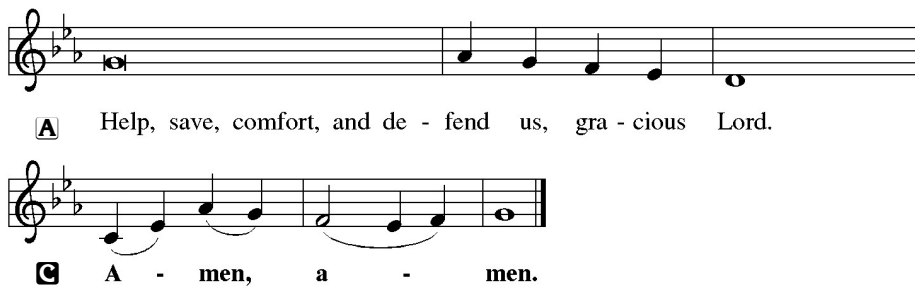


let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.





## PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray,

**C** Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through 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.*”

*The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God’s judgment was just, today’s reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.*

## FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup>“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear  
the yoke in youth,

<sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence  
when the Lord has imposed it,

<sup>29</sup>to put one’s mouth to the dust  
(there may yet be hope),

<sup>30</sup>to give one’s cheek to the smiter,  
and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not  
reject forever.

<sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;



<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict  
or grieve anyone.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 30** (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>**While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup>**I cried to you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;  
O LORD, be my helper."**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

*Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.*

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15**

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.

<sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little."

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 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 fifth chapter.

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

*Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.*

## GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord

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

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Brian Moran

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3: 22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV 771

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in  
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960  
Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE PRAYERS 1 Timothy 2:1

**A** Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

**A** God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and empower us to protect all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick, especially those names on our church prayer list and those names we offer to you now... surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** We pray for Luther Memorial Church and all those gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*



**A** We give thanks for the faithful ancestors in every age whose lives have pointed us towards you, especially those of the Shaner, Hirt and McAfee families, Viola Lintelman and Linda Sutto. Envelop them in your love, that we may be reunited with one another in the last days. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**A** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**C** **Amen.**

**A** 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

**P** 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:

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

**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.

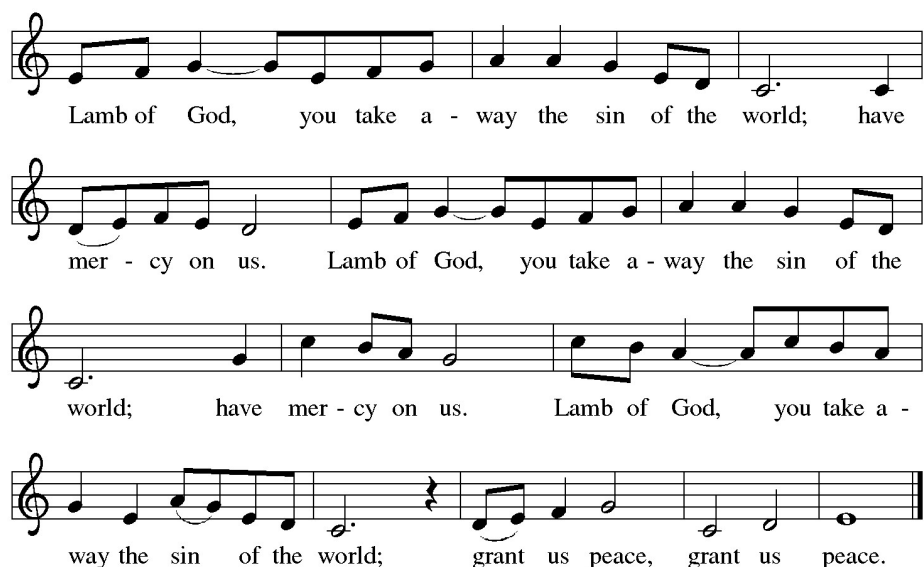
**C** Amen.

**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



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!
- ☐ Amen.

*The congregation is seated.*

*Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.*

*Please come forward by the center aisle **and maintain appropriate physical distancing.***

*Receive the bread and return to your place by the side aisle.*

*Please indicate to the server if you would like to receive the gluten free wafers.*

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

## COMMUNION John 1:29



*The author of this hymn text was a civil servant in Britain who served in World War I.  
He was noted for his happy family, and for his extensive service to the Church.  
The tune hymn is a pentatonic folk melody, one of very few used with solemn texts.*

## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 467

### We Place upon Your Table, Lord



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by  
2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and  
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly  
depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and  
hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er



work, the food of life, the bread and wine.  
toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.  
use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

Text: M. F. C. Wilson, 1884–1944, alt.  
Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

*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.

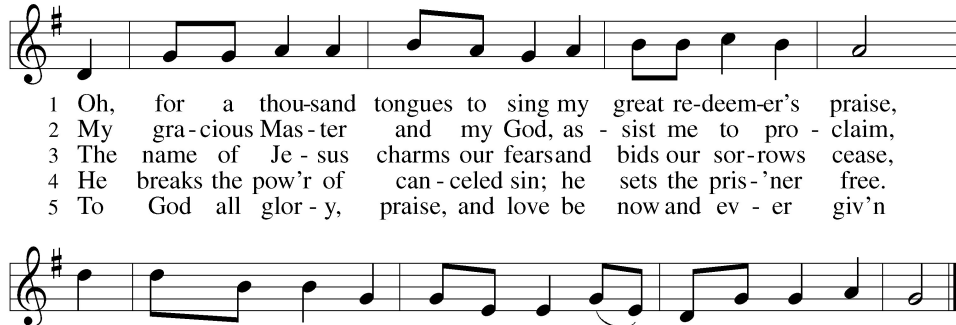
**C** Amen.

*This hymn text, by one of the great hymn-writers of the ages, originally had eighteen stanzas. The tune is from a tune written for a different text but by 1850 appeared as we see it. The composer studied and taught music all his life, composing hymns, motets, school songs, and instrumental music.*

## SENDING HYMN

LBW 559

### Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,  
 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,  
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.  
 5 To God all glor - y, praise, and love be now and ev - er giv'n

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
 sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
 His blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a - vails for me.  
 by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
 Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

## 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 – Toccata on “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

setting by Michael Burkhardt

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PREACHING* – Pastor Brian Moran

*ASSISTANT MINISTERS* – Jan MacInnes (8:15 am)

Emma Chaffee (10:30 am)

*LECTOR* – Jonathan Ulrich (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 memory and honor of the Shaner, Hirt and McAfee families by Sally and Phil McAfee.

**Our love and sympathy** is with the family and friends of Joanne Dahlstrand on the death of her niece, Linda Sutto who died June 15, 2021. Linda's funeral service was held June 24 with Pastor Coleman officiating.

**Our love and sympathy** is with the family and friends of Dave Lintelman on the death of his mom, Viola Lintelman (Charlie's grandma) who died June 16, 2021. Viola's funeral service was held Monday, June 21.

**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.

**Thank you** to Jamie Emerson for serving as our organist this morning. The hymns and liturgical music continue to be supported by Luther Memorial choir members recording from their homes.

### **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.

**Pastor Coleman** will provide online prayer services and Bible studies at various times throughout the summer on Facebook and YouTube. Please continue to connect with us through your Facebook page and the church's YouTube channel for these times together.

### **Upcoming Events**

**ReCharge contemporary** worship service will be held Sunday, July 11. We will gather for fellowship (socially distanced) and a picnic meal for you and your family. Worship and fellowship will be held in our outdoor green space near 10<sup>th</sup> Street. This will be Pastor Coleman's last ReCharge service with us. **Please note our time change; fellowship from 3:00-4:00pm and outdoor worship from 4:00-5:00pm.**

**Vacation Bible School** will kick off on Sunday, July 11. Join us at 3:00pm for a picnic meal, games and our kickoff for **Rocky Railway VBS**; "Jesus' Power Will Pull Us Through". Family VBS will continue Monday, July 12 – Thursday, July 15 from 6:30-7:30pm. We will gather for our daily message, Bible story, craft or game, and snack. **VBS Rocky Railway** will be held outside (weather permitting), in fellowship hall due to rain. If you have been vaccinated, masks are not required. We request those not vaccinated to wear a mask. We are looking forward to seeing smiling faces and having fun at VBS! Reservations are appreciated to the church office.

### **Presque Isle ProMusica**

**Presque Isle ProMusica** (*a chamber orchestra in residence at Luther Memorial*) will present a series of free concerts throughout the summer. As we all monitor our community's progress and response to the pandemic, they have chosen to ease back into live performances with small ensemble concerts. Our next concert will be Sunday, July 11 at 7:00pm.

The July concert features violinist Jonathan Moser in recital, accompanied by Amber Shay Nicholson, pianist. Jonathan is a well-known local musician, principal second violin with the Erie Philharmonic, director of its Junior Philharmonic and conductor and soloist with the Luther Memorial Bach Cantata Vespers. He teaches music and conducts at Mercyhurst College. Dr. Nicholson, a local teacher and frequent collaborator with other musicians, received her musical training at Eastman School of Music, and now teaches privately and at Jamestown Community College.

The program has been designed around the general theme of 'love' – all kinds: romantic love, friendship, spiritual devotion – as an antidote to the divisions and hostilities that the pandemic has revealed (and perhaps intensified) in our society. It will focus on music by composers under-represented in standard concert programs: female, Black, of nationalities and ethnicities not frequently heard. Among the not-so-obscure composers, the duo will play works by Clara Schumann, Alan Hovhaness and William Grant Still. It will also feature some beginning to become better known, like the English Samuel Coleridge Taylor, dubbed the 'African Mahler'; and virtually unknown ones like the Swedish organist Elfrida Andree' and the Brazilian pop-culture icon Chiquinha Gonzaga.

**Presque Isle ProMusica** concerts are free and open to the public. Free-will donations will be accepted at the door. Please consult future church newsletters and bulletin announcements for more information about the remaining concerts to be held on the second Sunday of the months June through September.

## **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.

### **Opportunities for Fellowship**

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** will make your Tuesday mornings extra special. Join us the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 10:00am-12:00 noon for knitting and your yarn projects – and the fellowship and laughter, too. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. Kick off your morning with us July 13. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

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

### **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 is mandatory until June 28, 2021 according to the PA Department of Health.
3. We will no longer have worship service attendees or others sign in for contact tracing.
4. We will no longer have pews 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.

### 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.

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

## CALENDAR

**MONDAY, JUNE 28**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 29**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30**

<b>THURSDAY, JULY 1</b>	3:00pm	Organ Lesson
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, JULY 2**

**SATURDAY, JULY 3**

**SUNDAY, JULY 4 2021**

**THE SIXTH 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](http://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 Joe Helm	Joyce Zwilling	

**Friends and Family:**

Debbie	Patty Chadwick	Ellen Schauerman	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	Dave Cooney	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
Peggy Petit	Bea Becknell	Meghan Kessler	Rich Hudic

**Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Michael Stickner	Matt Anderson	Stephen Benacci	Andrew Watson
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