

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



2 May 2021  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

*This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

## LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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**Holy Communion • Setting II • 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** – "Awake, My Heart, With Gladness"

Friedrich Wilhelm Marpurg, Flor Peeters

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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

*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,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

☩ **Amen.**

☞ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins,  
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



**P** Most merciful God,  
**C** we confess that we are in bondage 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, so that we may delight in your will  
 and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us  
 and, for his sake, 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, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

*This hymn text is from the hand of the great 17<sup>th</sup> century German hymn writer Paul Gerhardt.  
 As it appears today, however, it has been translated and altered considerably by many hands. The melody,  
 written for Gerhard's text, is the work of German composer and hymn publisher Johann Cruger.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**LBW 129**

**Awake, My Heart, with Gladness**



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, see what to - day is done;  
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed when Christ lay in the tomb;  
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—what peace it does im - part!  
 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, of all their pow'r are shorn;



now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes forth the glo - rious sun.  
 but, lo, he now is rout - ed, his boast is turned to gloom.  
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the joy with - in my heart.  
 now I am safe from e - vil, and sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid where our bed must be made  
 For Christ a - gain is free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry  
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, no foe shall ev - er take,  
 Grim death with all its might can - not my soul af - fright;



when to the realms of light our spir - it wings its flight.  
 he who is strong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
 the hope which God's own Son in love for me has won.  
 it is a pow'r - less form, how - e'er it rave and storm.



5 Now I will cling forever  
to Christ, my Savior true;  
my Lord will leave me never,  
whate'er he passes through.  
He rends death's iron chain;  
he breaks through sin and pain;  
he shatters hell's grim thrall;  
I follow him through all.

6 He brings me to the portal  
that leads to bliss untold,  
whereon this rhyme immortal  
is found in script of gold:  
"Who there my cross has shared  
finds here a crown prepared;  
who there with me has died  
shall here be glorified."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. John Kelly, 1833–1890, alt.  
Music: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

*Please remain seated.*

**GREETING** 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 13:14

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



**KYRIE** Luke 17:13

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, 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 u - ni - ty 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 wor - ship 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

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Luke 2:14*

**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:  
 We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
 You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
 You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.  
 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

**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, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**CHILDREN’S SERMON – “Jesus the Vine” / Video Posted to Facebook and YouTube Channel**

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

*Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.*

**FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40**

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31** (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

**Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD,**

**who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,**

**whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

*We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God,  
whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see.*

*Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.*

**SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world.

<sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him.  
Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.*

**GOSPEL: John 15:1-8**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Coleman

*Please remain seated.*

*This hymn text is the work of a 19<sup>th</sup> century American bishop who earned a position as one of the great prelates of his time. The hymn is judged by many to be the first of American hymns. The tune origin is unknown, but it is arranged by an English musician best known for his collections of British folk music.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**LBW 464**

**You Are the Way**



1 You are the way; through you a - lone can we the Fa - ther find;  
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



in you, O Christ, has God re - vealed his heart, his will, his mind!  
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.  
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615



## NICENE CREED

**☩ We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**  
**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**  
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.**  
**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**  
**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**  
**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

**Ⓐ** Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**Ⓐ** For ministries that provide for the needs of others. For the Bethany Outreach Center, for the Erie City Mission, and for the ELCA World Hunger Campaign. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve and make the lives of others better through these service organizations, let us pray.

**☩ Have mercy, O God.**

**Ⓐ** For the beauty and health of the earth. For vineyards and orchards, groves and plains. For those who farm your life giving land and for the waters of Lake Erie, let us pray.

**☩ Have mercy, O God.**

**Ⓐ** For spears to be bent into pruning hooks. For harsh words to be reformed into loving speech. For greed to be turned into generosity. For justice and peace in every land, let us pray.

**☩ Have mercy, O God.**



**A** For homeless youth and rejected children. For isolated grandparents and lonely nursing home residents. For the shamed, the slighted, and the disregarded members of our communities. For all the sick, especially those people we pray for a miracle, those names on our prayer list and those names we offer to you now.....let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

**A** For all who live with post-traumatic stress disorder and postpartum depression. For all who struggle with uncertainty as we slowly emerge from this pandemic. For all who suffer in silence and all who suffer alone, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

**A** For those who yearn for meaning and community with others, that the Holy Spirit lead them to mentors in the faith; for those worshipping at Luther Memorial Church today; for those who are away with family and friends, and for the faithful people who have walked with us on the mysterious journey of life, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** You gather us with all the saints by the power of your Spirit, especially Wayne Heidt, Jane Heidt, Sonia Thompson, Frieda Halstenberg, Eleanore Uglow, and John Fetrow. With them, may our hearts live forever in your keeping, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

**A** In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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** God of love,  
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.  
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.  
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

**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. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: ►

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
 Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover  
 from death into life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

- P** O God of resurrection and new life:  
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
 Bless this feast. Grace our meal with your presence.

- C** **Come, Holy Spirit.**

- P** Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
 Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
 Breathe new life into us.  
 Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

- C** **Come, Holy Spirit.**

- P** With your holy ones of all times and places,  
 with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,  
 we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,  
 now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**



☒ 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

☐ The risen Christ invites us to this table.  
Come, eat and be satisfied.

☒ Amen.

*Please be 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.*

*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 is a tremendously accomplished musician and author who was born in Ashtabula, OH. The text is based on John 15:3, "I am the vine, you are the branches." The melody was composed for this text by a distinguished composer and Lutheran pastor who had attended a workshop with the author of the text.*

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

WOV 695

O Blessed Spring

1 O bless-ed spring, where Word and sign em-brace us  
2 Through sum-mer heat of youth-ful years, un-cer-tain  
3 When au-tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
4 As win-ter comes, as win-ters must, we breathe our  
5 Christ, ho-ly Vine, Christ, liv-ing Tree, be praised for

in-to Christ the Vine: here Christ en-joins each one to  
faith, re-bel-lious tears, sus-tained by Christ's in-fus-ing  
heav-y har-vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
last, re-turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
this blest mys-ter-y: that Word and wa-ter thus re-

be a branch of this life-giv-ing Tree.  
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a-gain.  
move with gifts of beau-ty, wis-dom, love.  
wing and trust the prom-ise of the spring.  
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953  
Music: BERGLUND, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

*Please remain seated.*

**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** Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us,  
and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

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

**BLESSING** Numbers 6:24-26

- A** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.
- C** Amen.

*This hymn begins by quoting an ancient Christian hymn based on Ephesians 5:14,  
and was first published as an anthem. The tune is the work of German church musician.*

**SENDING HYMN**

**WOV 745**

**Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death**



- 1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
4 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



- so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984  
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!  
**A** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE – "Awake, My Heart, With Gladness"**

Aaron David Miller

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— SERVING TODAY —

*PREACHING* – Pastor William E. Coleman  
*ASSISTANT MINISTERS* – Lois Smith (8:15am)  
Emma Chaffee (10:30am)  
*LECTOR* – Les Fobes (10:30am)

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 loving memory of my sisters, Sonia Thompson, Frieda Halstenberg and Eleanore Uglow, by Ann Louise Bitzer.

**Lectern flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my father, Wayne Heidt, and my sister, Jane Heidt, by Ann and Gary Flick.

**Our love and sympathy** is with the family and friends of Sharon Burke on the death of her dad, John Fetrow, on Saturday, April 24.

**Pastor Mumford** continues to receive care in a long-term rehab skilled nursing facility. Cards and notes for Pastor are much appreciated and Mary asks that they be mailed directly to the rehab facility as her visitation is limited; Riviera Palms Rehab Center, Room 155, 926 Haben Blvd., Palmetto, FL 34221. Thank you.

**Altar flowers** are available on Sunday, May 30. If you would like to place flowers on the altar please contact Norma in the church office, 454-0106, ext. 221. Thank you.

**In Person Worship and In Person Ministry Activities**

**Luther Memorial Church** has re-opened our building for **worship and ministry activities** (following all health and safety protocols as done previously). Sunday services are held in person at 8:15am and 10:30am in the main church. The 10:30am service will continue to be offered on Facebook live and will also be available to watch on Luther Memorial Church’s YouTube channel and church website at [www.luthermemorialonline.org](http://www.luthermemorialonline.org) at 12:00 noon or any time after.

**Live Streaming 10:30am Worship Service**

Beginning this morning **our 10:30am worship service will be live streamed on our church YouTube Channel using our new camera equipment.** The service will not be on Facebook Live. As you will be able to see, the new camera equipment will allow for more movement of our worship leaders, along with a much enhanced sound quality. We would like to thank Don and Cathy MacGregor, the memorial fund for Bill Schaal, Sr. and a Northwestern PA Synod Technology grant for their generosity in paying for the new camera system!

To watch the worship service on YouTube live, go to YouTube, and in the search bar, type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie Pa”. Subscribe to the channel. 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 Worship and Prayer**

**Sunday Morning Worship** – In-person worship at 8:15am and 10:30am; also live streamed on our church YouTube channel at 10:30am, with the recording posted to the Church Webpage by 12:00 noon.

**Tuesday Morning Prayer** – Live on LM Facebook Group page at 9:00am, and available to watch a recorded version on our Church Webpage and YouTube Channel on or before 10:00am.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** – Live on LM Facebook Group page, Church Webpage and YouTube Channel at 10:00am.

**Thursday Evening Prayer** – Live on LM Facebook Group page at 6:00pm, and available to watch a recorded version on the Church Webpage and YouTube Channel on or before 7:00pm.

### Music Ministry

**We know that most of you** (*hopefully everyone*) has greatly missed singing as a congregation in our worship services. Once it became suspected - and then obvious - that the COVID-19 virus is most commonly spread through aerosols exhaled from an infected person, we decided that we should forego singing whenever we gathered for worship. Now, we need to decide when and how to reintroduce that essential part of our worship.

The two mitigating actions we think will have the most effect on reducing the risk of singing in church are **vaccinations** and **ventilation**. As more and more of us have been vaccinated, all indications are that a return to previous practices is becoming safer, although the impact that COVID-19 variants may have in the next few months is unknown. As the weather permits, we will also be able to return to worshipping in a room with open windows and fans providing better ventilation.

When we begin to ease back into congregational singing, you can expect the following:

- Begin to sing parts of the liturgy since the liturgy is the "work of the people" and most of those are short and involve relatively quiet, meditative singing.
- Sing the "Sending Hymn" since everyone will leave the building within a few minutes of that activity.
- Sing fewer verses of hymns to reduce the singing duration.
- Continue to be led by the recorded organ and choir music so that we can experience a full sound without increasing our exhalation and exposure.
- Continue with our practices of mask wearing and distancing while beginning to gently raise our voices, albeit in a subdued manner.

Our choir is also considering when and how to resume rehearsals and singing together. When asked how they, as individual singers, will decide when it is safe to sing together, the most common response has been "when everyone in the choir has been fully vaccinated." We also plan to hold shorter rehearsals in well-ventilated rooms (*or even out-of-doors, weather-permitting*) and will gather in church as a choir only for the duration of a psalm or anthem. Otherwise, the choir members will participate in worship as a congregant under the constraints listed above.

Worship practices during the pandemic have been a core discussion of the monthly church council meetings and recently we have been discussing this return to singing. When a consensus has been reached that the risk has sufficiently decreased (*through decreasing incidence of the virus in our community and through our proposed mitigation practices*) you can expect that we will move forward. Please continue to pray for wisdom and guidance for those that must make these decisions and for all of us who desire both to worship as fully as we can while considering the health and well-being of our neighbor.

### Opportunities for Christian Education

**First Holy Communion** classes have begun and are held on Sundays, April 25-May 23 at 9:15am in fellowship hall. Classes are offered in person and on Zoom by our instructors, Ann Flick and Beth Keller. Masks are worn and all safety protocols are followed. Children will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, June 6 at the 10:30am service.

**Pastor Coleman** will meet with 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade youth of Luther Memorial Church on confirmation class Zoom meetings at 1:00pm on the following Sundays.

- May 9 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
- May 16 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- May 23 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Children's Church families** are meeting weekly via Zoom from 6:30-7:00 on Wednesday evenings. We look forward to seeing you at our next gathering on Wednesday, May 5.

**Luther Memorial Church's** 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending **Confirmation Camp at Camp Lutherlyn** from June 13 to June 17, 2021. Information has been sent to all parents and students about the details of Confirmation Camp. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

**Luther Memorial Church's** 10<sup>th</sup> students will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday during the 10:30am service, on Sunday, May 23, 2021.



## 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.

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** would love to see some more familiar faces join us on Tuesday mornings to knit and crochet. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. We gather in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Put a spring in your step and join us May 11 and May 25 from 10:00am-12:00 noon. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

## Supporting our Youth

**Homemade soup** is available for purchase this morning. Made fresh, it's sure to hit the spot for your lunch or dinner. Stop and pick some up after worship.

## Opportunities for Service

**Pastor Coleman** receives many requests for help and service so below are some of those requests. If you are interested in hearing more about them, or letting him know you are willing to help, please let him know and he can give you details and connect you to these service opportunities.

- Luther Memorial Church is looking for a representative to the "Our West Bay Front" organization. Luther Memorial Church is part of this organization as it serves our neighborhood. The responsibilities would include communicating West Bay Front events and service opportunities to the people of Luther Memorial Church. *(Position filled! Barbara Chaffee has agreed to serve. Thank you Barbara!)*
- Lutheran House at Chautauqua Institution is looking for help painting rooms inside the house on Saturdays, May 1 and May 15.
- Church member, Ellen DiPlacido leads the Emmaus Garden which grows food for the Emmaus food pantry. If you like to garden and have time on Saturday morning, this would be a great way to serve.

## Health Information

**Contact** phone numbers and websites to help with obtaining information on how and where to obtain the Covid-19 vaccine is below.

AHN (St. Vincent)	814-CONNECT	814-266-6328	AHN.org
UPMC(Hamot)	844-UPMCVAC	844-876-2822	vaccine.upmc.com
LECOM	866-LECOM19	866-532-6619	lecom.eventbrite.org

## Summer Camp

**Registration** for summer camp at Lutherlyn has begun. Information can be found at the welcome tables at each entrance and also by visiting [www.luthelryn.com](http://www.luthelryn.com). For additional information, please contact the camp office at 724-865-2161 or [registrar@lutherlyn.com](mailto:registrar@lutherlyn.com).

## CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY, MAY 3</b>	6:00pm	Lego League
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 4</b>	12:00pm 4:00pm	Deborah Circle W/ELCA Tuesday Circle
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 5</b>	6:30pm	Children's Church via Zoom
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 6</b>	6:00pm 7:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal Handbell/Choir Zoom Chat
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 7</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 8</b>	1:00pm	Marriage Blessing

### **SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021** **THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Pastor William E. Coleman** will be preaching at the 8:15am and 10:30am services in the main church. The 10:30am service will also be live streamed on our church YouTube Channel. The recorded service will be available by 12:00 noon and can be viewed 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".

**First Holy Communion class** will be held at 9:15am in person and via Zoom.

**Grade 7** confirmation students will Zoom with Pastor Coleman at 1:00pm.

– PRAYER LIST –

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Our Members:**

Joanne Dahlstrand family	Dorothy Overberg	Judy & Robert Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mary & Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Roy Washill	Bill Grande
Bob Peterson	David Ruler	Bill Brandt	Pat & Henry Gilbert
Brent Young	Grace Petron	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Cindy Treiber	Jack Tell	Linda Soles	Steve Narusewicz
Dave Mumford	Jessica Copfer	Lois Fobes	Suzanne Franks
Chickie Braine			

**Friends and Family:**

Debbie	Patty Chadwick	Ellen Schauerman	Bobbi MacInnes
Patrice DiTullio	Kristen	Larry E.	Tom W.
John & Naomi Howard	Jonathan	Jesse McFadden	Betsy
Madison & family	Ed Hokaj	Elijah Montero	Ray Polasky
Linda Sutto	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	Vicki
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Matt Kinzig	Paul Spierling	Joan Torrelli	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
Baby Mike Campbell	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.	Nicole Galloway
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
Sherry Johnson	Sue Daniels	Andrew Dahlstrand	Logan
Tricia Swinehart	Shannon Walters	Dorothy McCarty	Ron Ruff
Bishop Michael Lozano	Chris Wygant	Steve & Leah W.	Daisy C.
Judy Oosterkamp	Chris Hunter	Patrick L	Amy
Bob Guenther	Jim Schumacher	John King	Liam
Roger Smith & family	Leola Weist	Joe Gross	June Madurski

**Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Michael Stickner	Matt Anderson	Stephen Benacci	Andrew Watson
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