

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



25 April 2021
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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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 – "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

arr. Dale Wood

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 20th-century Easter text is both a song of encouragement (stanzas 1–3 directed to the congregation) and a song of praise (stanza 4 addressed to the risen Christ), all ending with joyous alleluias.
It was written specifically for the dancelike 17th-century tune found here.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 385

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.
Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615
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Please remain seated.

GREETING

2nd 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.



B 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 Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – "The Lord is my Shepherd" – Posted to Facebook and YouTube Channel

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

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today’s reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus’ name to the religious authorities.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ 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.**

Jesus’ death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love.

This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds.

In sharing such love we fulfill God’s commandments.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

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

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Coleman

Please remain seated.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when The English Hymnal, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 456

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
choir 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear
fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if I am
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant pas - tures
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der gent - ly
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my com - fort



his and he is mine for - ev - er.
grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877
Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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*

A Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

A Loving Shepherd, you know your own and your own know you. Your voice calls us to your loving embrace. Strengthen your church throughout the world that we bear witness to your expansive love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Restore your creation to wholeness so that cities and towns, countryside and wilderness, may abound with life. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Hope-giving Shepherd, the nations and peoples are your heritage. Place into the hearts of all leaders and rulers the passion to serve. Crucify any desire to overpower others and give leaders joy in lifting up the lowly. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Abiding Shepherd, your love flows as we reach out to those around us. Move us with your Spirit, so that we lay down our lives for those in need, especially those names we offer to you now....Help us love one another in truth and action. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Saving Shepherd, you restore us to wholeness. Help our community in our life together and give us vigor as a people of faith. In the midst of challenges and opportunities fill us anew with your Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Faithful Shepherd, we pray for an end to the Covid-19 virus, the end to gun violence in our nation, the end of children who are being abused or neglected, for those who do not have their daily bread, and for enough faith for this day. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Eternal Shepherd, you hold us securely in your loving hands. In the assurance of resurrection hope, we remember our loved ones who have died in you, especially Bob Halttunen and Constance Jean Erickson Cadden. We also give thanks this day for the faithful ministry of the members of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Bring us all to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

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.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- 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:
- C** And also with you.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

C 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
 Praise you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
 Praise you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
 Praise you for leading your people through the wilderness into the land of milk and honey.
 Praise you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
 Praise you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
 Praise you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

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



C 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

- ☐ Jesus Christ is our good shepherd.
Come and be fed from his gracious and loving hands.
- ☑ 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*

*This version of Psalm 123 is by the great 18th- century hymn writer Isaac Watts, with some alterations.
The ELW casts it in the second person to avoid the male pronoun.
The tune is well-suited to the meditative and reflective nature of the text.*

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 782

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need



- 1 My Shep-herd, you sup-ply my need; most ho-ly is your name.
- 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
- 3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;



In pas-tures fresh you make me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.
one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.
oh, may your house be my a-bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan-d'ring spir-it back when I for-sake your ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;
Here would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, your oil a-noints my head.
no more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

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** Living God,
you have greeted us in our brokenness
and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
Risen to new life with you,
send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world,
in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

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

BLESSING *Numbers 6:24-26*

- A** The blessing of the living God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you,
keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage.
C Amen.

This hymn is attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp, British psalmist, hymnwriter and translator.

Like many hymns now meaningful to adults, it was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10: 1– 18. The tune, by William R. Bradbury, was composed for these words and has come to be known by the composer's name. The tune (Bradbury) was composed for these words and is named for the composer, William R. Bradbury.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 789

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



- 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;



- 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.





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

Please stand as you are able.

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

A You are the sheep of the great shepherd raised up for the world.
 Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE – "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Jeffrey Blersch, Diane Bish

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor William E. Coleman

ASSISTANT MINISTERS – Roberta Lobaugh (8:15am)

Michael Snider (10:30am)

LECTOR – Eric Hedlund (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 memory of departed members of the Women of the ELCA by members of the Women of the ELCA.

Lectern flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my brother, Bob, by Janet Kent.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Constance Jean Erickson Cadden who died Friday, April 16, 2021. Jean was the mother of Mark Cadden, grandma of Spencer, Mark and Ellie Cadden.

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.

Live Streaming 10:30am Worship Service

Beginning Sunday May 2 **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.

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 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

Opportunities for Christian Education

First Holy Communion classes will be 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. All children in grades 3 and up are invited to take part in these classes. If your son or daughter has not had the opportunity to attend First Communion class, we invite them to take part. Masks will be worn and all safety protocols will be followed. Children will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, June 6 at the 10:30am service. Please contact Norma in our church office if your child(ren) will be attending.

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

- April 11 – 7th Grade
- April 18 – 8th Grade
- **April 25 – 9th 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, April 28.

Luther Memorial Church’s 7th, 8th and 9th 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 10th students will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday during the 10:30am service, on Sunday, May 23, 2021.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group continues to meet in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays each month from 10:00am-12:00 noon. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. We would be very excited to have you join us for our next gathering on April 27. There's nothing better than a morning of knitting and crocheting; join us. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

Supporting our Youth

Homemade soup will be available for purchase next Sunday, May 2. Made fresh, it's sure to hit the spot for your lunch or dinner. Stop and pick some up Sunday morning.

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.
- 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

A mass vaccination clinic, planned by the county and with assistance from Inter-Church Ministries, will be held in May for the homeless population. This is in order to protect the homeless and help create greater community immunity. However, the homeless are often reluctant to receive the vaccine. To encourage participation, the county will offer \$5 gift cards from Country Fair as an incentive. Country Fair stores were chosen as they are open, restrooms are available, and meals can be purchased for \$5. Anyone wishing to help with this effort is asked to purchase \$5 gift cards from Country Fair and drop them off in the church office by Friday, April 30. Thank you.

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

Opportunities for Outreach

Donations are being accepted for the 146 unaccompanied girls between the ages of 7-12 temporarily being housed in the dormitories on Oliver Road in Summit Township. If you would like to help by donating any of the below items they may be dropped off in the church office by Friday, April 30. Please note that the items must be new.

Toiletry items (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)	Jackets
Socks	Underwear
Slipper socks	Hair ties
Flip-Flops	Conditioner
Sweatshirts	Games (i.e. Hula Hoops, puzzles, bubbles)

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. For additional information, please contact the camp office at 724-865-2161 or registrar@lutherlyn.com.

In Remembrance

A **dedication** of Erie County's Covid-19 pandemic memorial was held on Friday, April 23 in front of the Blasco Memorial Library. At 1:30pm Luther Memorial, along with several downtown churches, rang our church bells for two minutes during a moment of silence to honor the 455 lives that have been lost due to Covid since last April 23, the date of the first death in Erie County. This dedication was hosted by County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and an invocation was offered by Pastor Lamont Higginbottom from Second Baptist Church in Erie.



CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 26

TUESDAY, APRIL 27 10:00pm Magic Fingers Grace Group

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 6:30pm Children's Church via Zoom
Newsletter mailing

THURSDAY, APRIL 29 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:00pm Handbell/Choir Zoom Chat

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

SATURDAY, MAY 1

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pastor William E. Coleman will be preaching at the 8:15am and 10:30am services in the main church. The worship service will be live streamed on our church YouTube channel at 10:30am; go to YouTube, and in the search bar, type in "Luther Memorial Church, Erie Pa". Subscribe to the channel. The recording will be posted to the church website by 12:00 noon.

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

— 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		

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Michael Stickner	Matt Anderson	Stephen Benacci	Andrew Watson
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