

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



25 July 2021
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

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 – “Three Little Preludes & Fugues”

J. S. Bach

C Major - *BWV 553*

E Minor - *BWV 555*

A Minor - *BWV 558*

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 Beloved people of God:
 in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.
 By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.
 Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life,
 you are shown God's mercy:
 you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C Amen.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

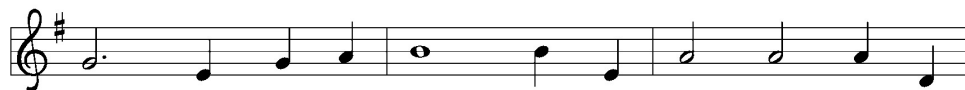
ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 696

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

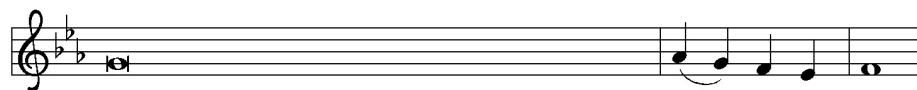
KYRIE *Luke 17:13*



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



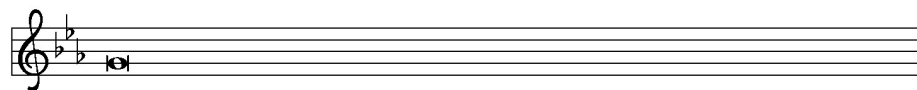
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



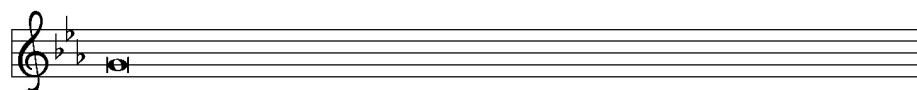
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray,

C Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, 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.”

Today’s reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” ⁴³But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’ ” ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18 (Spoken responsively by whole verse.)

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

*We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge.
Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered
by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.*

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

G Glory to you, O Lord.

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21


¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."



¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

 The Gospel of the Lord

 Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Coleman

Please stand as you are able.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of the servant church, while the second surveys the many needs and fourth describes the true source of strength for the task. The melody, made up almost entirely of step-wise motion, appeared frequently in later American and British collections.

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 433

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

Please stand as you are able.

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

A brief silence.

- A** We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations of St. Peter's Cathedral, the Cathedral of St. Paul, First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, and First United Methodist Church. Empower these churches, and churches throughout the world to faithfully proclaim the Gospel, so that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

- C** Your mercy is great.

- A** We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those who have endured flooding, especially the city of Titusville. We give you thanks for our daily bread, and we pray for those who do not have enough. Give us the guidance to help those in need. Hear us, O God.

- C** Your mercy is great.

- A** We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

- C** Your mercy is great.

- A** We pray for those hurting from heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, those without health insurance, those in this community who are in nursing homes and hospitals. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing, especially those names on our prayer list. Hear us, O God.

- C** Your mercy is great. ▶

A We pray for Luther Memorial Church in this time of transition. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to know, with the apostle James, Frank Alvaro, and Bill Kent, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

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

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

VOLUNTARY – "Little Prelude in F Major", *BWV 556*

J. S. Bach

Blaine Patalon, organist

Please stand as you are able.

MEAL – *"God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ."*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

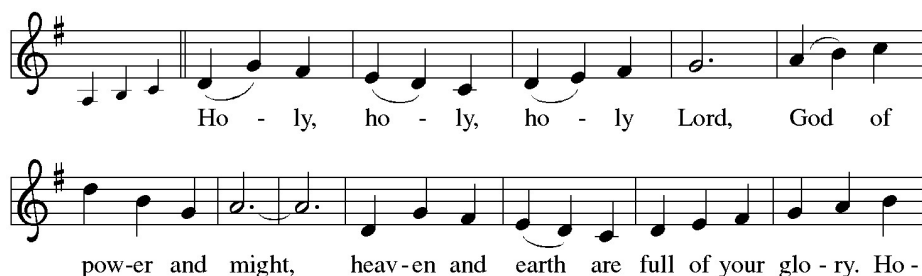
P Lift up your hearts.

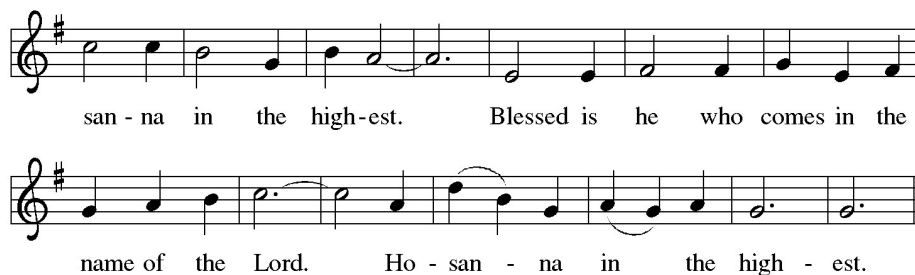
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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





EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

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

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

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

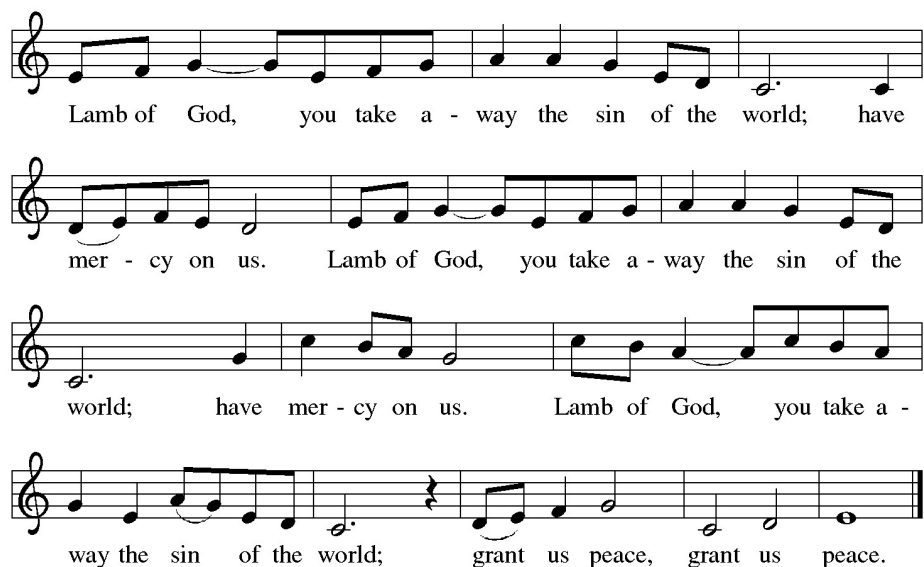
Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death into life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

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

C Amen.

☩ 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

☐ 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 wine and return to your place by the side aisle. Please indicate to the server if you would like to receive the gluten free wafers or grape juice.*

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 phrase “bread of life” as a metaphor for scripture has misled many people into thinking of this hymn as being connected with the Lord’s Supper, when its true subject is Bible study. Both the author and the composer were active in the work of the Chautauqua assembly.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

LBW 235

Break Now the Bread of Life



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me, your ho - ly
 4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me, that he may



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blest the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
 touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth con - cealed



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
 with - in your word, and in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

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 is the work of a 19th-century Latvian poet whose works were first published without her name. The tune was written by a German organist and university professor who published an important collection of German folk songs.

SENDING HYMN

LBW 333

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
and noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825–1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978
Music: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE, Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860

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 from Symphony No. 5" (*abridged*)

Charles-Marie Widor

Blaine Patalon, organist

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor William E. Coleman

ASSISTANT MINISTERS – Jan MacInnes (8:15 am)

Vance Meucci (10:30 am)

LECTOR – Linda Graffius (10:30 am)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Dave Griswold, Amy Kurtich (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 of my husband, Frank Alvaro, by Diana.

Lectern flowers are given to the Glory of God and in lasting and loving memory of my husband, Bill, by Janet Kent.

Our guest organist this morning is **Blaine Patalon**, a 2021 graduate of McDowell High School who is currently studying organ with our Cantor. He will attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania this fall, majoring in Human Resource Management.

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

Worship Assistance

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

Opportunities for Worship and Prayer

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

Upcoming Events

ReCharge contemporary worship service will be held Sunday, August 8. We will gather for fellowship (socially distanced) and meal for you and your family in our outdoor green space near 10th Street. Everyone is welcome to join us for a service filled with music. Our service will be held on the fifth floor in our worship space. **Please note our time change; outdoor fellowship from 3:00-4:00pm and worship from 4:00-5:00pm.**

Presque Isle ProMusica

Presque Isle ProMusica (*a chamber orchestra in residence at Luther Memorial*) is presenting 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, August 8 at 7:00pm.

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 through September.

Opportunities for Fellowship

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

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

Church Upkeep

Carpets throughout the church and school will be cleaned July 26 and 27. Please contact the church office if you are going to stop down. Thank you.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal Use in Our Worship Services

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

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

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

Worship

At Luther Memorial Church we are thankful that we are able to provide at home communion. Understanding that the bread and wine is a sustaining gift from Jesus that is blessed and received in community, we now have available bread and wine in individual packets that, after being blessed on Sunday morning during our worship, will be available for those worshipping from home to pick up at the church during the week. The intention is that you take home enough bread and wine for each member of your family for the month. During our worship service, those worshipping from home would set before them the consecrated bread and wine, and then receive the bread and wine during worship. To make arrangements to pick up the bread and wine from the church please contact Linda Graffius by email at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org, Norma Buerk by email at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, 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 was mandatory until June 28, 2021 according to the PA Department of Health.
3. We no longer have worship service attendees or others sign in for contact tracing.
4. Pews are no longer blocked off, but of course we respect your choice to continue physical distancing.

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

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.

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

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

Name: _____
(for mailing acknowledgement, if different)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

Luther Memorial Concert Series: 2021-2022 Donations

Guarantor (\$500 +)

Walt & Jeanne Gaber

Jean McMillin & David Morphy

Carol Schaal

Benefactor (\$200-499)

Jonathan & Molly Gaber

Brian Hubbard & Carol Nile

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John & Mary Laver

Susanne J. Makay

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Brian & Jane Moran

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Dorothy Y. Overberg

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Sally & Phil McAfee

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Helen & Robert Collins

IMO Rick Diehl

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Donald & Janice MacInnes

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CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 26		Carpet Cleaning
TUESDAY, JULY 27		Carpet Cleaning
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28		Newsletter Mailing
THURSDAY, JULY 29	3:00pm	Organ Lesson
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
FRIDAY, JULY 30	6:00pm	Getson Wedding Rehearsal
SATURDAY, JULY 31	4:00pm	Getson Wedding

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

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

Friends and Family:

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

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Michael Stickner	Matt Anderson	Stephen Benacci	Andrew Watson
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Erie Gives Day – 12 Hours of Giving
Tuesday, August 10 from 8:00am – 8:00pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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