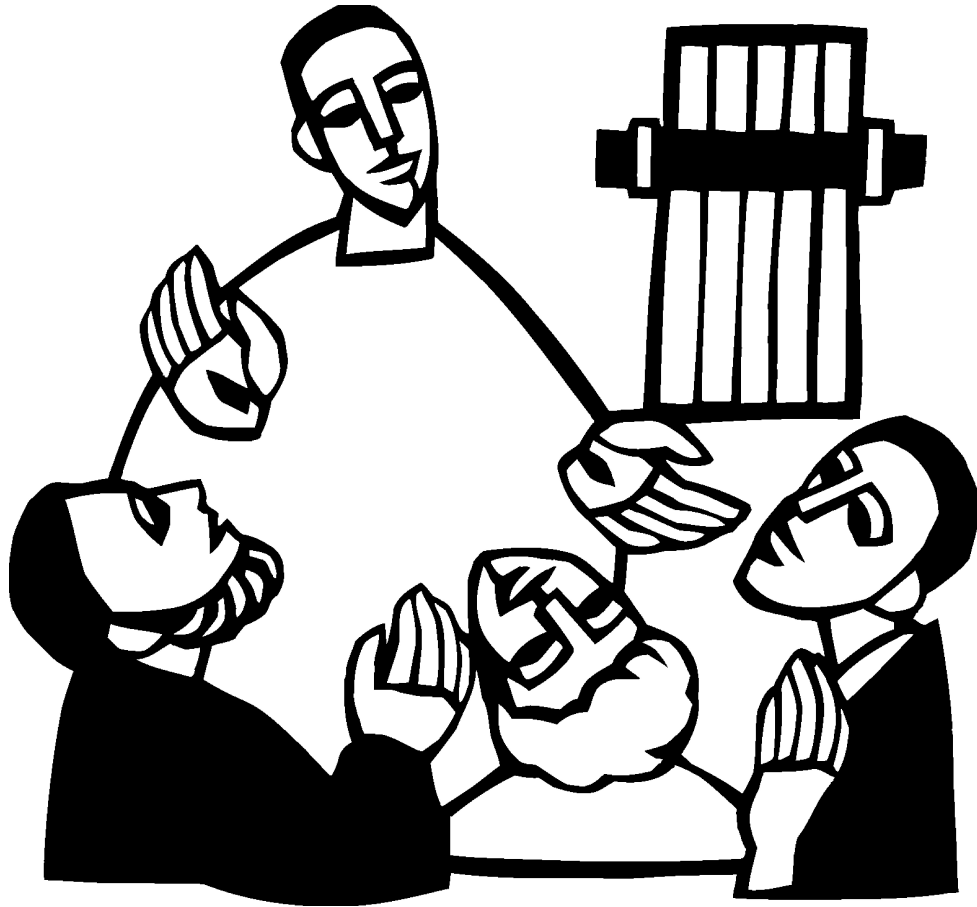


*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



11 April 2021  
The Second Sunday of Easter

*The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is 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** – "Gelobt sei Gott"

Kenneth Kosche, Paul Manz, Kristina Langlois

*Settings of a 16<sup>th</sup>-century Easter chorale tune used in today's Entrance Hymn*

### 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.**

☩ Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



- P** God of grace and glory,  
**C** you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection.  
 Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God.  
 Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,  
 renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness,  
 through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.
- P** Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!  
 The light of the risen Christ washes away sin, raises up the fallen,  
 casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.  
 Jesus Christ loves us and ☩ frees us from our sins by his blood.  
 In him be glory forever and ever!
- C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

*This hymn text is attributed to Jean Tisserand, a 15<sup>th</sup> century Franciscan monk also known for founding a religious order for penitent women. The English text is a translation by John Mason Neale, a 19<sup>th</sup> century British cleric admired for his contributions to the church and hymnody. The tune is the work of Michael Vulpius, a 16<sup>th</sup> century Lutheran cantor and distinguished composer, who wrote it with a different text in mind. His tune appears in a lively triple meter, with a baroque playfulness in the syncopation appearing in the second and third phrases. And although the refrain is barred in triple meter, Germans would have sung it in duple meter, accenting the second syllable of "alleluia."*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

### O Sons and Daughters of the King



1. O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
2. That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
3. An an - gel clad in white they see,
4. That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
5. On this most ho - ly day of days,



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,  
 The faith - ful wom - en went their way  
 Who sits and speaks un - to the three,  
 A - mong them came their mas - ter dear,  
 Be laud and jub - i - lee and praise:



To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
 To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.  
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
 And said, "My peace be with you here."  
 To God your hearts and voic - es raise.



Al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia!

*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*



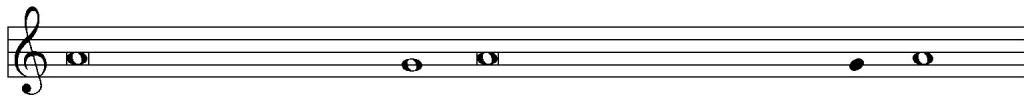
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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



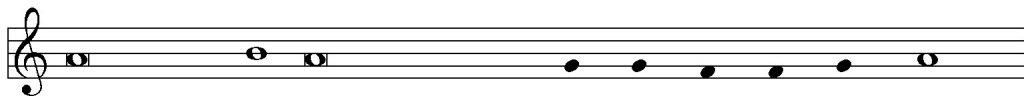
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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** Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 – "Doubting Thomas" Posted to Facebook and YouTube Channel

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

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.*

**FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: 133** (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ’s death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God’s light.*

**SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2**

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples.  
His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Coleman

*Please remain seated.*

*This hymn text, so appropriate for the Second Sunday of Easter, is the work of a distinguished British scholar and theologian of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The composer, about whom little else is known, named the tune after a famous bridge over Dunlap's Creek, located in Brownsville PA, 30 miles south of Pittsburgh.*

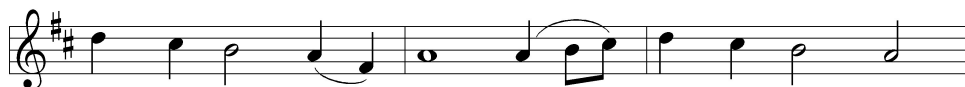
**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**WOV 675**

**We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight**



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.  
 Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

## 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.*

**☐** Holy God, you speak peace in the presence of fear. Give us courage to testify to your grace with our lives. Embolden prophets, preachers, and teachers to speak your truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**☑ hear our prayer.**





**A** Holy God, you create peace in the midst of chaos. Where storms rage and winds howl, bring calm. Protect people and animals from the dangers of weather. Restore damaged lands and homes. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**A** Holy God, you are peace in a violent world. Heal neighborhoods ravaged by crime. Reconcile political factions at war. Build relationships where suspicion keeps us apart, and bring us to the day of unity. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**A** Holy God, you bring peace to a hurting world. Fill the stomachs of the hungry. Bind up the shattered. Give rest to the weary and hope to the disillusioned. Restore the sick, especially those names on our church prayer list, offered faithfully by those who love them, and those names we offer to you now....Lord, in your mercy,

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

**A** Holy God, you breathe your Spirit of peace into us. Enlivened by the Spirit, equip us to bring new life to all we meet in our daily relationships, and in love, move us to share our hope in the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

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

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Holy God, you are our peace in this world and the next. Comfort all who mourn. Hold them in your tender care. Bring us all around the table as we share the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**A** Knit together the communion of saints, and bind us to Christ, our head. We remember those who have died and gather with the Lord, especially Christopher A. Fobes. Lord, in your mercy.

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

**A** We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, 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.**

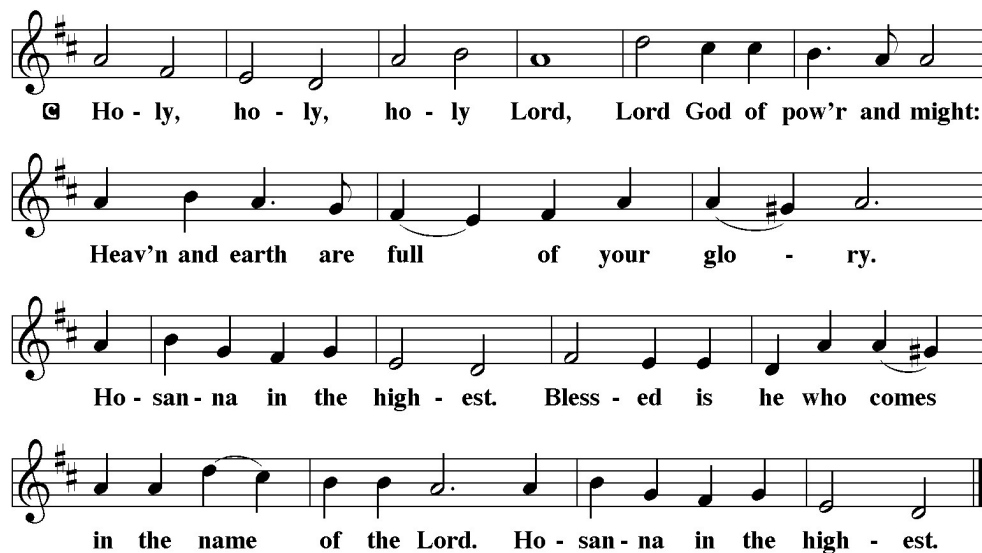
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**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.** ►

- ☐ 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

- ☐ 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:

- ☐ **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**



**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.**

## PRAYER WHEN UNABLE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION (10:30 only)

*This prayer is being offered for those people worshipping from home.*

- ☐ God, our Father, in every age your children have cried out to you for food and you have heard their plea.  
Even though all cannot now feast upon the Body and Blood of your Divine Son, continue to feed all with the fruits of his Holy Cross, the forgiveness of sins, daily trusting in his reconciling Word.  
Nourish your children in this gift until all can eat with him here, and finally in eternal life.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

☑ Amen.

## 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

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## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION – "Touch That Soothes and Heals" (Molly Gaber, soloist)

ACS 939

### Touch That Soothes and Heals *See My Hands and Feet*



- |   |            |         |        |        |       |        |        |       |         |
|---|------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| 1 | Touch that | soothes | and    | heals  | the   | hurt - | ing,   | hands | that    |
| 2 | Feed the   | hun -   | gry,   | clothe | the   | na -   | ked,   | vis - | it      |
| 3 | Love and   | serve   | with - | out    | dis - | tinc - | tion   | all   | earth's |
| 4 | Hands that | beck    | -      | on     | lit - | tle    | chil - | dren, | bind a  |





break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the  
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and  
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of  
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:  
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.  
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.  
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

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*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** Life-giving God,  
in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection  
you send light to conquer darkness,  
water to give new life,  
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.  
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection  
that we may show your glory to all the world;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen 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.

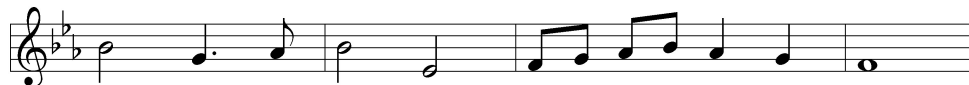
**C** Amen.

*This hymn was originally written in French, by a pastor of the Free Church in Switzerland.  
The tune is from Handel's oratorio Judas Maccabeus, although it did not appear  
in the original performance. Shortly after its appearance it came into use as a hymn.*

**SENDING HYMN**

**LBW 145**

**Thine Is the Glory**



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb!  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life;



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom;  
life is nought with - out thee; aid us in our strife;

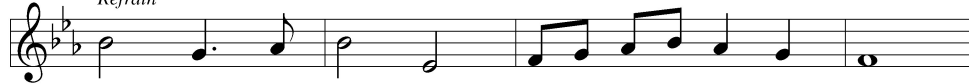


An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,  
let his church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,  
make us more than con - qu'rors, through thy death-less love;



kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.  
for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting!  
bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

*Refrain*



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939  
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George F. Handel, 1685–1759, adapt.

*Please stand as you are able.*



## Music Ministry

### **Announcing *All Creation Sings*, a new ELCA hymnal from Augsburg Fortress**

In November 2020, Augsburg Fortress published a new hymnal as a supplement to the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal. Titled *All Creation Sings (ACS)*, it includes:

- Two Holy Communion liturgies with new musical settings
- A Service of the Word and Prayer intended for contemplative worship
- About 200 hymns and songs, many of which have been written in this century on a wide range of topics

According to the ELCA worship team and Augsburg Fortress creating the hymnal, the "church body voiced a need for more material around four major topics: creation care, lament in times of crisis, healing and wholeness, and justice and peace." Released in the middle of the pandemic, one of the team members stated that "these hymns for healing and wholeness and lament are going to fill a need for folks even though we can't sing together as an assembly."

One such hymn (*Touch That Soothes and Heals*) is used today during the distribution. It both relates to Jesus presenting himself to the disciples after the resurrection as well as commanding us to help those among us.

## Opportunities for Christian Education

**First Holy Communion** classes will be held on Sundays, April 25-May 23 at 9:15am in fellowship hall. Classes will be offered in person and on Zoom by our instructors, Ann Flick and Beth Keller. All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to take part in these classes. If your son or daughter is older and 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 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. There will be no meetings in March, but will resume in April.

- **April 11 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- April 18 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- April 25 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Spark Story Bibles** are available for our children. Each Sunday Pastor Coleman provides a special service for our children. In that service he reads from one of the stories in the Spark Bible. Each Sunday a new lesson (story) will be read. It is our hope that families have a Spark Bible in their home so they are able to follow along as Pastor shares the Children's Sermons. And maybe during the week this Bible will be read from time to time in your homes. If you do not have a Spark Bible we ask that you contact Norma in the church office, 454-0106, ext. 221. We invite you to stop down and pick up your own Spark Bible for your children. There is no cost as we feel it is important every family has one for their children to read and learn.

**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 14.

**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.

## 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 gatherings in April on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Bring all that spring colored yarn and enjoy a wonderful morning together. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.



## Worship

**At Luther Memorial Church** we are thankful that we are able to provide at home communion. Understanding that the bread and wine is a sustaining gift from Jesus that is blessed and received in community, we now have available bread and wine in individual packets that, after being blessed on Sunday morning during our worship, will be available for those worshipping from home to pick up at the church during the week. The intention is that you take home enough bread and wine for each member of your family for the month. During our worship service, those worshipping from home would set before them the consecrated bread and wine, and then receive the bread and wine during worship. To make arrangements to pick up the bread and wine from the church please contact Linda Graffius by email at [lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org), Norma Buerk by email at [nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org), or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

## Video Volunteers

**In anticipation** of our **new cameras and online worship streaming capabilities** we will be in need of people trained to help lead this during the worship service. If you are interested in being a part of this group, or are interested in hearing more about it, please contact Pastor Coleman.

## 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

## CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY, APRIL 12</b>	5:00pm	Prayer Group (in person and via Zoom)
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 13</b>	10:00pm 6:00pm	Magic Fingers Grace Group Council Meeting via Zoom
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14</b>	6:30pm	Children's Church via Zoom
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 15</b>	6:00pm 7:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal Handbell/Choir Zoom Chat
<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 16</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 17</b>		

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021** **THE THIRD 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 be available on Facebook Live which can be viewed on Luther Memorial Church's Facebook Group Page. 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". The service can also be viewed on the church's YouTube channel.

**Grade 8** will Zoom with Pastor Coleman at 1:00pm.

**VASA** will meet at 1:00pm in fellowship hall.

— PRAYER LIST —

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Our Members:**

Beth Mumford Cowan	Dorothy Overberg	Judy & Robert Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mary & Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Roy Washill	Bill Grande
Bob Peterson	David Ruler	Kim	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	Joanne Dahlstrand family	Bill Brandt	

**Friends and Family:**

Debbie	Patty Chadwick	Ellen Schauerman	Bobbi MacInnes
Patrice DiTullio	Kristen	Larry E.	Tom W.
John & Naomi Howard	Jonathan	Megan Zwilling	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.
Dr. William Falkenberg	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
Gail Vanetta & Tiffany	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Brady (baby/Vickie Diehl family)	Dave Cooney	Patty Meadowcroft	Nancy Ritzmann
Jim Haskins	Samantha Sebulak	Mike B.	Ben Nalepa
Marilyn Schultz	Theresa Abrams	Sonya Kusak	Frank Nalepa
Sherry Johnson	Lucia Doyle	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	David Eelman
Roger Smith & family	.		

**Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Michael Stickner	Matt Anderson	Stephen Benacci	Andrew Watson
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