

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



11 July 2021  
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

## LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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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 – "Built on a Rock"**

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

Gilbert M. Martin

Donald Johns, Charles Ore,  
Gordon Young, Dale Wood

### 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

**HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – "Jubilant Procession"**

G. F. Handel, arr. Mark Ardrey-Graves

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
full of compassion and mercy,  
abounding in steadfast love.

☛ **Amen.**

☞ Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*



[P] Eternal God our creator,  
 [C] in you we live and move and have our being.  
 Look upon us, your children,  
 the work of your hands.  
 Forgive us all our offenses,  
 and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.  
 By your grace draw us near to you,  
 our refuge and our strength;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[P] Since we are justified by faith,  
 we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.  
 In the mercy of almighty God,  
 Christ died for us while we still were sinners;  
 and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

[C] Amen.

*The author of this hymn text is a great favorite among Scandinavians Christians.*

*Originally published in a longer version, it was later revised and abbreviated by the author.*

*The tune, the first by the composer, was written for this text and published in 1840.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

## Built on a Rock

ELW 652



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his own hab - i -  
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is  
 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
 dwell - ing; high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our  
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear God's Word where he this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, he in their  
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with  
 prom - ise is bring - ing: I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst would show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.  
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men

## 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.*

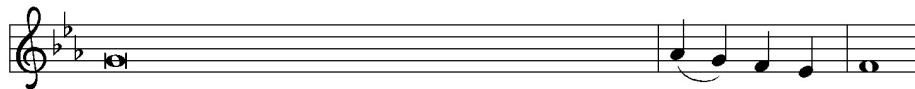
## KYRIE Luke 17:13



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



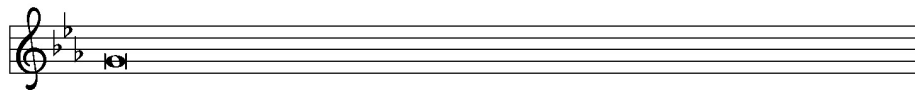
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



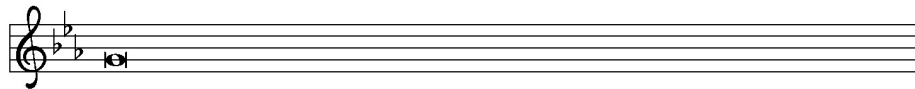
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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** O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, 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.*”

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God’s word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king’s court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*

### FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’”

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13** *(Spoken responsively by whole verse.)*

- <sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.
- <sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,**  
**that your glory may dwell in our land.**
- <sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- <sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,**  
**and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- <sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD**  
**and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ.  
Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**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.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom.  
Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands  
of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*

**GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Coleman

*Please stand as you are able.*

*The author of this hymn was a 19<sup>th</sup>-century Anglican priest who later joined the Roman Catholic Church. He wrote 150 hymn texts, several included in Protestant hymnals.*

*The melody was composed by an English organist, music teacher and publisher of the same period.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Faith of Our Fathers

LBW 500



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
all our strife; pro - claim thee, too, as love knows how,



when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by sav - ing Word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

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

*A brief silence.*

**A** Holy God, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**A** Holy God, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**A** Holy God, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**A** Holy God, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**A** Holy God, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed in this ministry and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**A** Holy God, we pray for those who are lonely and hurting, for those who are losing hope, for those who are in need of community, and for the courage and strength to meet this new week ahead with joy and hope. Lord, in your mercy,

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

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith, and for those in this community who have recently died, especially Jim Koenig. United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever. Lord, in your mercy,

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

## BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** 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.”*

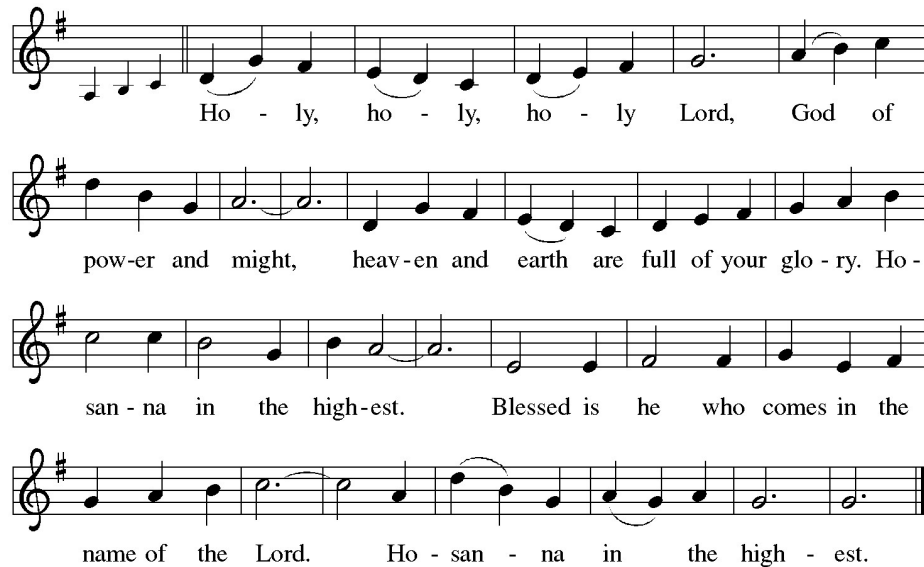
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**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.

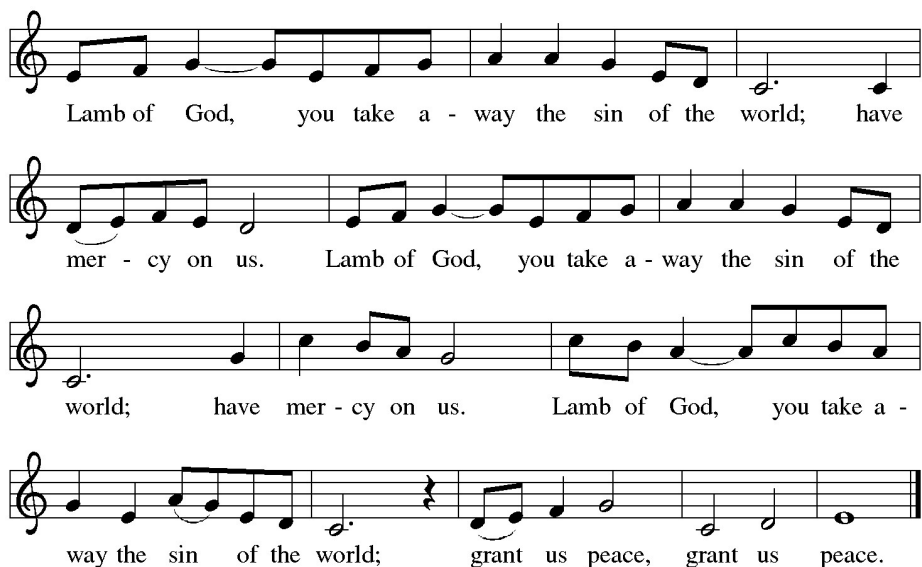
**C Amen.**

**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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

**C 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

*This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word “take,” resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person’s attributes and possessions and giving weight to the “all” at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in France.*

## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

LBW 406

### Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my king;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

*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.

*Hymn text author Catherine A. Cameron notes that this text was written while she was experiencing a new sense of direction, growth and creativity in her life. The rousing pentatonic melody is found frequently in early American collections. Little is known of the composer, William Moore, who was from "West Tennessee."*

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 771

### God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927  
Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
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## 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** – "Built on a Rock"

Jacob B. Weber

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PREACHING* – Pastor William E. Coleman

*ASSISTANT MINISTERS* – Roberta Lobaugh (8:15 am)

C. Noelle Partusch (10:30 am)

*LECTOR* – Jane Moran (10:30 am)

*COMMUNION ASSISTANTS* – Cheryl Brown, Elaine Kern (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 honor of Angela and Donald Shaner, Jr.'s wedding anniversary by Sally and Phil McAfee.

**Kajsa Jane McClintock** will be welcomed into the Fellowship of Luther Memorial Church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this afternoon. Born April 22, 2021, she is the daughter of Samantha and Jason McClintock.

**Our love and sympathy** is with the family and friends of Jim Koenig, Sr. who died June 19, 2021.

**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.

### Today's Events

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

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

**Presque Isle ProMusica** (*a chamber orchestra in residence at Luther Memorial*) will present a series of free concerts throughout the summer. As we all monitor our community's progress and response to the pandemic, they have chosen to ease back into live performances with small ensemble concerts. Please join us this evening at 7:00pm for a concert in our main church.

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

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

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

### **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.

### **Opportunities for Fellowship**

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

### **Church Upkeep**

**All floors and carpets** throughout the church and school will be cleaned during the week of July 19 and entrances will be blocked off at times. 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](mailto:lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org), Norma Buerk by email at [nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org), or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

## **Luther Memorial Church Policy – Following the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines**

1. People who have been fully vaccinated (at least 2 weeks after receiving the vaccine) do not have to wear a mask when entering the church building. (If you choose to wear a mask that is your personal choice.)
2. If you have not been vaccinated then mask wearing is mandatory until June 28, 2021 according to the PA Department of Health.
3. We will no longer have worship service attendees or others sign in for contact tracing.
4. We will no longer have pews blocked off, but of course we respect your choice to continue physical distancing.

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

### Support the Luther Memorial Concert Series

The LM Concert Series 2020-2021 season was cancelled due to the pandemic. We hope that all of you have missed attending live music events and are looking forward to the resumption of those in the near future. At this time, we are beginning to plan our 2021-2022 season which will hopefully include the return of our **Bach Cantata Vespers** services. We will also continue hosting the **Presque Isle ProMusica** chamber orchestra. This Luther Memorial ministry is made possible through the donations of our supporters. Although we have enough funds to begin this next season, we require your support to continue into 2022 and beyond.

To become a supporter of the Luther Memorial Concert Series please complete the attached form and send it to the church or place it in the Sunday offering plate. Your sponsorship is fully tax deductible as allowed by law.

Please accept my donation for the current 2021-2022 season.

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

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(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.

### C A L E N D A R

<b>MONDAY, JULY 12</b>	3:00pm	Prayer Group
	6:30pm	Family Vacation Bible School
<b>TUESDAY, JULY 13</b>	10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
	6:30pm	Family Vacation Bible School
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 14</b>	6:30pm	Family Vacation Bible School
<b>THURSDAY, JULY 15</b>	3:00pm	Organ Lesson
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:30pm	Family Vacation Bible School
<b>FRIDAY, JULY 16</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 17</b>	10:00am	Julia House Brunch

### SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021 THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

The recorded service is also available on Luther Memorial Church's website at [www.luthermemorialonline.org](http://www.luthermemorialonline.org) by clicking on the tabs of "Resources & Online Worship" and "Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study".

**Blood pressures** will be offered at 11:30am in the library.

**— 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

**Friends and Family:**

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

**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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.