

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



16 May 2021  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

*The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

## LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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**Holy Communion • Setting II • 8:15 & 10:30**

### LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Luther Memorial is Christ's church that brings its ministry to northwest Pennsylvania within the context of its Lutheran heritage.

As a church that ministers to the community, it seeks to be an inclusive congregation providing a welcoming environment for all to worship, learn, and enhance both personal spiritual growth and fellowship.

***GATHERING – "The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God."***

**PRELUDE** – "Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

Heinrich Scheidemann, J. G. Walther,  
Dietrich Buxtehude

### 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.*

☞ As brothers and sisters in Christ, we walk, act, speak and live all our lives with the love of Christ Jesus. We now approach the throne of God, giving thanks for the ways we have lived out that love, while also admitting those times we have failed.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us open our hearts in the presence of God and one another trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



**P** Faithful and just God,  
**C** Come into our lives in a new way.  
 Call us away from the voice of the world to listen to your commandment to love one another.  
 Guide us to seek out the lost and least, the forgotten and lonely.  
 Remind us that when we love one another, we know your love.  
 In the name of Christ, our Shepherd, we pray.  
 Amen.

**P** In this is love,  
 that Jesus died for us and for the world.  
 In the name of + Jesus Christ,  
 I announce on this joyous day, that your sins have been forgiven.  
 Let the deep love of God cast out fear,  
 fill you with joy, and inspire you in living for others.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

*This text was written in 1893 by an Irish-born priest of the Church of England, who authored several churchly works while serving a variety of parishes. The tune was published in Amsterdam in 1710.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

LBW 364

### Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

*Please remain seated.*

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

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

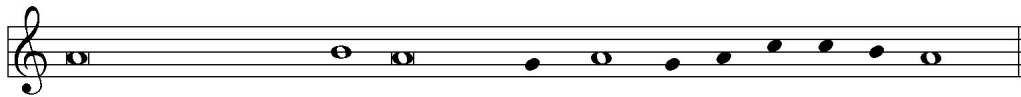
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**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.



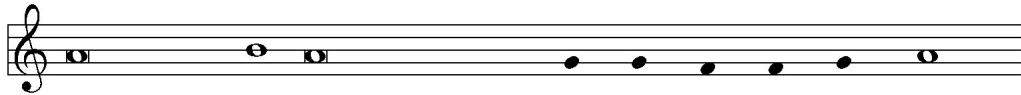
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



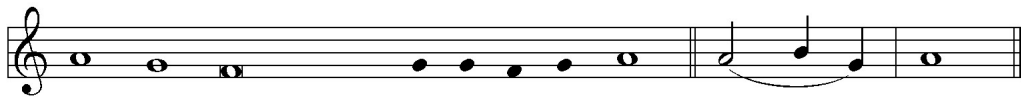
**C** Lord,      have mer - cy.



**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** Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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 – "The Prayer of Jesus" (10:30 am Service)

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

*In the days between Jesus’ ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas’s treachery and death.*

**FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 1** (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

*God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes  
in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.*

**SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—  
his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.*

## GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Coleman

*Please remain seated.*

*This text was clearly written for Maundy Thursday, its author an early 20<sup>th</sup> century English man of letters. The composer of the tune holds an impeccable pedigree in English choral music, and wrote this tune for a text to be sung at a baptism.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 206

### Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed



1 Lord, who the night you were be - trayed did pray that all your  
2 For all your church on earth, we in - ter - cede; Lord, make our  
3 And hear our prayer for wan-d'ers from your fold; re - store them,  
4 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, may we be



church might be for - ev - er one: help us at  
sad di - vi - sions soon to cease; draw us all  
too, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, back to the  
one with all your church a - bove— one with your



ev - 'ry eu - cha - rist to say with will - ing heart and  
 clos - er, each to each, we plead, by draw - ing all to  
 faith your saints con - fessed of old, and to the church still  
 saints in one un - bro - ken peace, one as your bride in

soul, "Your will be done." That we may all one bread, one  
 you, O Prince of Peace; so may we all one bread, one  
 pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one  
 one un - bound - ed love; more bless - ed still, in peace and

bod - y be, through this, your sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 love to be one with the Trin - i - ty in u - ni - ty.

Text: William H. Turton, 1856–1938, alt.  
 Music: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

## 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.**



## THE PRAYERS     *1 Timothy 2:1*

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

*A brief silence.*

- ☐ Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

- ☐ Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

- ☐ Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

- ☐ Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need, especially those names on our church prayer list and those names we offer to you now.....Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

- ☐ Creator God, here in this community of Luther Memorial Church we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

- ☐ Healing God, we are grateful that you offer us ways to help, not just in the Erie community through such organizations as the Bethany Outreach Center, but through such organizations as the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Relief to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic in India. Move us to help in their overwhelming time of need. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

- ☐ Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of your saints, especially Fred Bohn and Alice Battersby. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

☐ **Amen.**

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☐ **And also with you.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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

**C** Amen.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Matthew 21:9*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

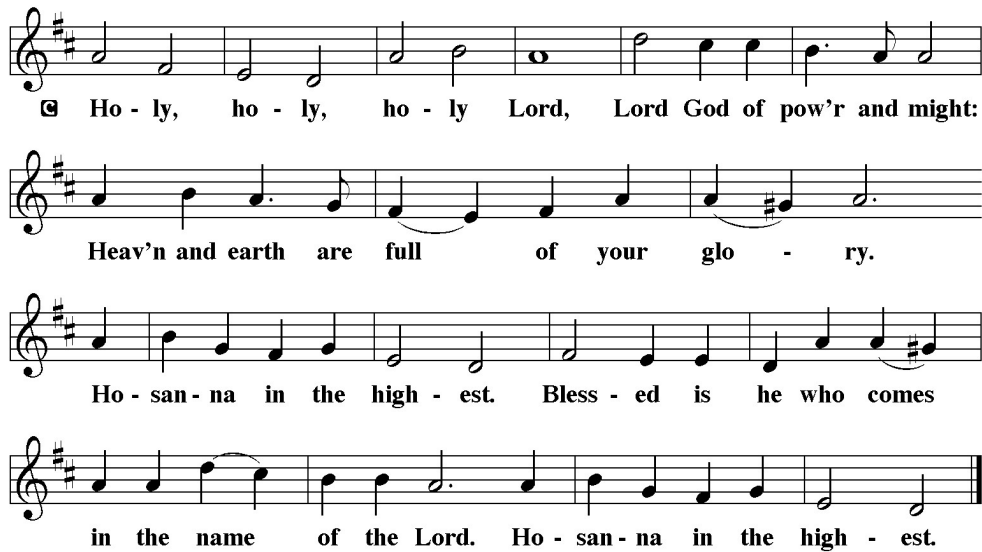
**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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

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



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

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

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

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

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

**C Amen.**

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
    **hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,**  
    **thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us our trespasses,**  
    **as we forgive those who trespass against us;**  
**and lead us not into temptation,**  
    **but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
    **and the power, and the glory,**  
    **forever and ever. Amen.   Matthew 6:9**

## AGNUS DEI



**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** The risen Christ invites us to this table.  
Come, eat and be satisfied.
- C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

*Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.*

*Please come forward by the center aisle **and maintain appropriate physical distancing.** Receive the bread and return to your place by the side aisle.*

*If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.*

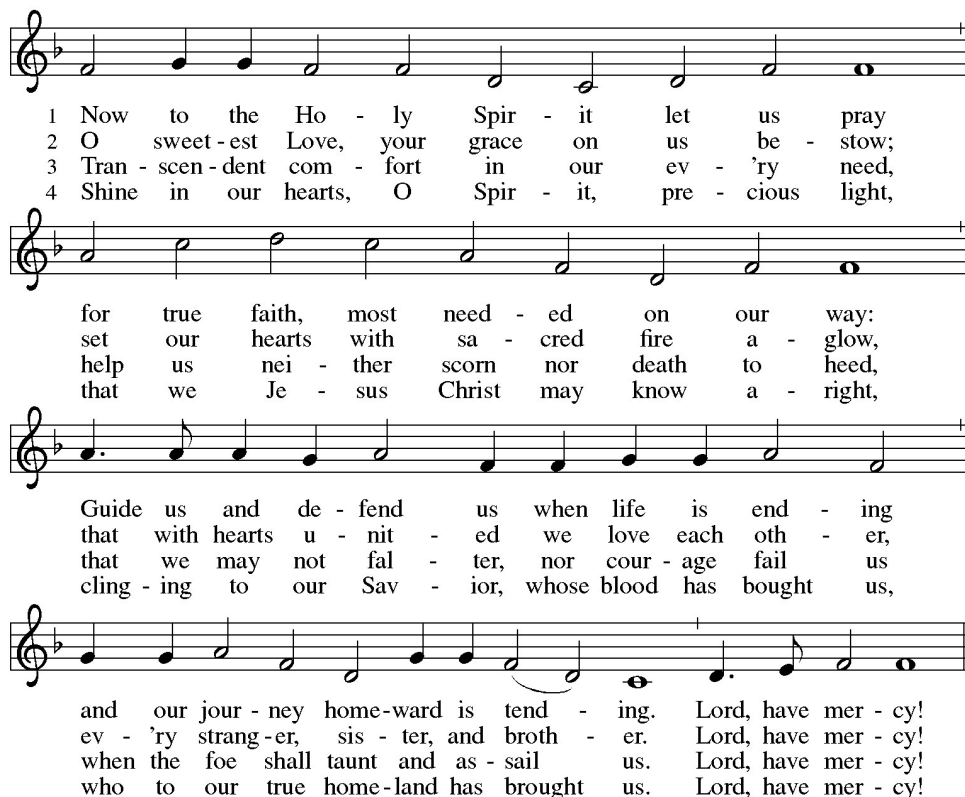
## COMMUNION John 1:29

*The first verse of this hymn dates from before the Reformation.  
Verses 2-4 come from the pen of Martin Luther, who regarded the hymn highly.  
The tune is the work of Luther's friend, who also worked with him on the German Mass.*

## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 743

### Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray



1 Now to the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray  
2 O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;  
3 Tran - scen - dent com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,  
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light,  
for true faith, most need - ed on our way:  
set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow,  
help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed,  
that we Je - sus Christ may know a - right,  
Guide us and de - fend us when life is end - ing  
that with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er,  
that we may not fal - ter, nor cour - age fail us  
cling - ing to our Sav - ior, whose blood has bought us,  
and our jour - ney home - ward is tend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!  
ev - 'ry strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!  
when the foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
who to our true home - land has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

## BLESSING

- ## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

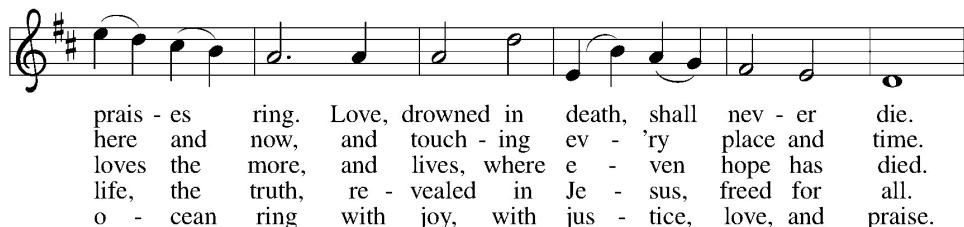
*Text for this hymn was written by Brian Arthur Wren, contemporary hymn writer and ordained minister, native of Britain, currently serving at Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia.  
The tune is by an unknown composer, published anonymously in 1789.*

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 389

# Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**A** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

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

## POSTLUDE – "Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

Charles W. Ore, Hermann Schroeder

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PREACHING* – Pastor William E. Coleman

*ASSISTANT MINISTERS* – Jan MacInnes (8:15am)

Pat Bellingham (10:30am)

*LECTOR* – Ann Flick (10:30am)

Choir:

Patricia Boyd, Molly Gaber,

Carol Carlson, Mary Laver,

Bob Banks, David Ruler,

Jonathan Gaber, Ken Kraut, Otto 'Skip' Meyn



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Jeanne and Walt Gaber.

**Lectern flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Fred and in memory and recognition of Alice Battersby's birthday by Marilyn Bohn.

**We would like to recognize** our high school and college graduates. Please contact Norma in our church office by phone, 454-0106, ext. 221, or email, [nbuerk@luthememorialonline.org](mailto:nbuerk@luthememorialonline.org), by Monday, May 17 with the following:

For our high school graduates, please share:

1. Name
2. High School they are graduating from
3. Future plans; college, service, etc.

For our college graduates, please share:

1. Name
2. College they are graduating from
3. Degree

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

### **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 11:45 AM**

**On August 12, 2018**, we met as a congregation to vote on the purchase of the adjacent motel property. We presented a plan for the property as well. After a positive vote for purchase of the motel property, the motel owner decided not to sell the motel property. But recently, the motel owner reached back out to us to ask if we would still like to purchase the motel property. The Motel Committee began meeting and presented a plan to Church Council for purchase at a Council Meeting held on Monday, May 3, 2021. Luther Memorial's Church Council voted to proceed with the purchase of the motel property. The final step is for the congregation of Luther Memorial Church to vote on the purchase which will happen **at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 11:45 am in the Main Church**. This meeting will be held in person only with no online option.

### **Opportunities for Worship and Prayer**

**Sunday Morning Worship** – In-person worship at 8:15am and 10:30am; also live streamed on (Facebook Live) and our church YouTube channel at 10:30am, with the recording posted to the Church Webpage by 12:00 noon. To watch the worship service go to (our church Facebook page) YouTube, and in the search bar, type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie Pa”. Subscribe to the channel. We understand this will be an adjustment for some, but if you have any problems or questions, please reach out to Pastor Coleman or Norma Buerk.

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

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

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

### **Plan and Proposal for the Resumption of Congregational Singing**

The following is the plan for the resumption of congregational singing in Luther Memorial worship services. The most notable updated guidance from the CDC was given on Tuesday, April 27. Much of it was prompted by the significant increase in the number of vaccinated adults in the U.S. population. Of particular interest was their statement that “fully vaccinated people can participate in some indoor events safely, without much risk.” For those masked & vaccinated, this includes:

- Attend a full-capacity worship service
- Sing in an indoor chorus

The approved plan by Church Council for the Luther Memorial congregation:

1. Resumption of congregational singing to begin on Pentecost Sunday (May 23, 2021).
2. Continue with all other current protocols unchanged (i.e. use of masks, seating in designated pews, attendance sign-in to facilitate contact tracing if necessary, etc.)
3. Windows in the nave will be open to increase ventilation.
4. Sing selected portions of the liturgy (e.g. Kyrie, Sanctus and Lamb of God).
5. Four hymns will usually be sung (i.e. Entrance, Hymn of the Day, Distribution and Sending).
6. Sing a reduced number of hymn verses (e.g. often first and last verses only).
7. During a transition period (possibly all summer) the organ/choir recordings will continue to be used because:
  - a. We expect the number of people attending in-person will remain smaller than pre-pandemic, but will gradually increase.
  - b. The singing will be moderate and cautious and require support of the current recorded choir.
8. The choir (or a subset thereof) may resume rehearsals and begin a limited amount of singing (e.g. psalm, anthem) in church sometime during the summer.

## **Worship**

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

## **Opportunities for Christian Education**

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

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

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

**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** is having a wonderful time getting together, working on yarn projects, and sharing laughter. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. We gather in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Put a spring in your step and join us May 25 from 10:00am-12:00 noon. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

## **Opportunities for Service**

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

- Church member, Ellen DiPlacido leads the Emmaus Garden which grows food for the Emmaus food pantry. If you like to garden and have time on Saturday morning, this would be a great way to serve.

## **Health Information**

**West Bayfront Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic** will be offered today from 3:00-6:00pm at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, 250 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Rides from anywhere in the West Bayfront are available by contacting Covenant Church at 456-4243.

- FREE vaccines will be given to anyone age 16+
- No insurance required
- Pfizer vaccines will be provided by UPMC Hamot staff
- Second dose provided on June 6
- Walk-in appointments available

You may pre-register by calling 814-877-2819 or visit [ourwestbayfront.org/VAX](http://ourwestbayfront.org/VAX).



**Julia Palliative Care**, Erie's first and only community-based office practice in palliative care to support all seniors living with a serious illness, will open Tuesday, May 25. All are invited to the **Open House Event on Saturday, May 22 from 10:00am – 2:00pm**, located at The Way to Healthy Living Center, 4508 Zuck Road. Dr. Christopher Strzalka is Board-Certified in Palliative Medicine and Fellowship Trained at the Cleveland Clinic. Julia Palliative Care offers Advance Care Planning, Advanced Directives, Pain and Symptom Management, Chronic Care Management and Serious Illness Care. Appointments can be made by calling 814-440-3275.

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

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

### **Summer Camp**

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



### **C A L E N D A R**

**MONDAY, MAY 17**

**TUESDAY, MAY 18**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19**

<b>THURSDAY, MAY 20</b>	3:00pm	Organ Lesson
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Handbell/Choir Zoom Chat

**FRIDAY, MAY 21**

**SATURDAY, MAY 22**

### **SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021** **THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

**Pastor William E. Coleman** will be preaching at the 8:15am and 10:30am services in the main church. The 10:30am service will also be live streamed on (Facebook Live) and our church YouTube Channel. To watch the worship service go to (our church Facebook page) YouTube, and in the search bar, type in "Luther Memorial Church, Erie Pa". Subscribe to the channel.

The recorded service will be available by 12:00 noon and can be viewed on Luther Memorial Church's website at [www.luthermemorialonline.org](http://www.luthermemorialonline.org) by clicking on the tabs of "Resources & Online Worship" and "Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study".

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

**Grade 9** confirmation students will Zoom with Pastor Coleman at 1:00pm.

**— PRAYER LIST —**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Our Members:**

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

**Friends and Family:**

Debbie	Patty Chadwick	Ellen Schauerman	Bobbi MacInnes
Patrice DiTullio	Kristen	Larry E.	Tom W.
John & Naomi Howard	Jonathan	Jesse McFadden	Betsy
Madison & family	Ed Hokaj	Elijah Montero	Ray Polasky
Linda Sutto	Linda Grimm	Amanda Toms	Johnny Heubel
Carol & Frank V.	Edna Pett	Philippe Pierre	Katrina Foltz
Amy Johnson-McDougall	Jeff F.	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingram	Vicki
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Matt Kinzig	Paul Spierling	Joan Torrelli	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
Baby Mike Campbell	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Jennifer Young (not related to Pat)	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Brandy Dyne
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Joyce DiMichele
Suleski family	Lucia Doyle	Jeff F.	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
Sherry Johnson	Sue Daniels	Andrew Dahlstrand	Logan
Tricia Swinehart	Shannon Walters	Dorothy McCarty	Ron Ruff
Bishop Michael Lozano	Chris Wygant	Steve & Leah W.	Daisy C.
Judy Oosterkamp	Chris Hunter	Patrick L	Amy
Mike Alter family	Jim Schumacher	John King	Liam
Roger Smith & family	Leola Weist	Joe Gross	Bob Guenther
Pete Battersby			

**Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Michael Stickner	Matt Anderson	Stephen Benacci	Andrew Watson
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