

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



4 July 2021
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 8:15 & 10:30

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

PRELUDE – Variations on "God Bless Our Native Land"

Ludwig van Beethoven

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lutheran Book of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

☛ **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.



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

P 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.

*Text for this hymn was written by an Anglican priest who served many churches throughout New England.
 The tune is the work of a church organist who served 30 years at St. Thomas Church, New York City.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

LBW 567

God of Our Fathers



1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;



leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 in this free land by you our lot is cast;
 make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
 oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace



our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
 your word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
 your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

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.

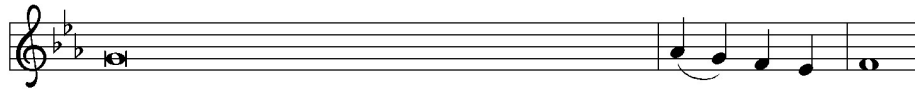
KYRIE Luke 17:13



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



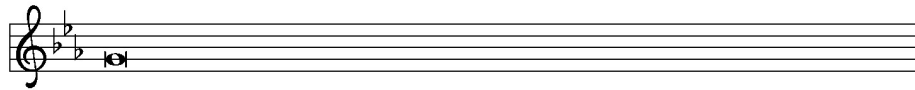
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



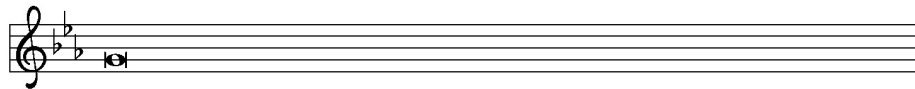
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 **God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of 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.”

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 123 (Spoken responsively by whole verse.)

¹To you I lift up my eyes,

to you enthroned in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,**

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,**

and of the derision of the proud.

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

L The word of the Lord.

C 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.
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. ►

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

- 📖 The Gospel of the Lord
- 🎵 Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Coleman

Please stand as you are able.

United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church’s mission and ministry in the world.

It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.

HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV 756

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: “Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: “In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: “This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love’s true mea - sure: “Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: “I am with you



preach the Word.” Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach.” That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood.” Let us all, for earth’s true glo - ry,
 do, for - give.” Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end.” Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty.
 world a - round us share your chil - dren’s lib - er - ty.
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty.
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.





Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934
 Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

Please be seated.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM - (10:30 am Service)

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us into the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience of the will of God.

A sponsor presents the candidate with these words:

R **We present Evan Anthony Duran to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

P In Christian love you have presented **Evan** for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him into the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and also the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the promise of his Baptism and in fellowship with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

R **We do.**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you judged the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage of sin and death, and has opened the way into the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of God's reign and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that **Evan** may be given new life. Wash away the sin of **Evan** who is cleansed by this water and bring him forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.

P I ask you now, the children of God, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and profess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, Satan, and all his empty promises?

C **I do.**



- P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C** **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.**

- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C** **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.**

THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

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

A God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need, especially those we name before you now.... Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries of the Bethany Outreach Center and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**



A God of love, we pray this morning for those who are suffering and especially those affected by the tragic building collapse in Miami, Florida. Please surround those victims and family members in love. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth your children to proclaim the Gospel. We remember today, your saints, who have entered their eternal rest, especially John D. Mumford, Marty Brown and Myra and Harvey Brown. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

C **Amen.**

P **Evan Anthony**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up into a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Evan Anthony**: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C **Amen.**

The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.

P **Evan Anthony**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

The sponsor responds: "Amen." A lighted candle is given to the sponsor of the baptized.

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Angela and Andres, the mother and father of this child and his baptismal sponsors, Rebecca and Peggy. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for **Evan**. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Through Baptism, God has made this child a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word for all the world.

C **We welcome Evan into the Lord's family. We receive him as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

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.

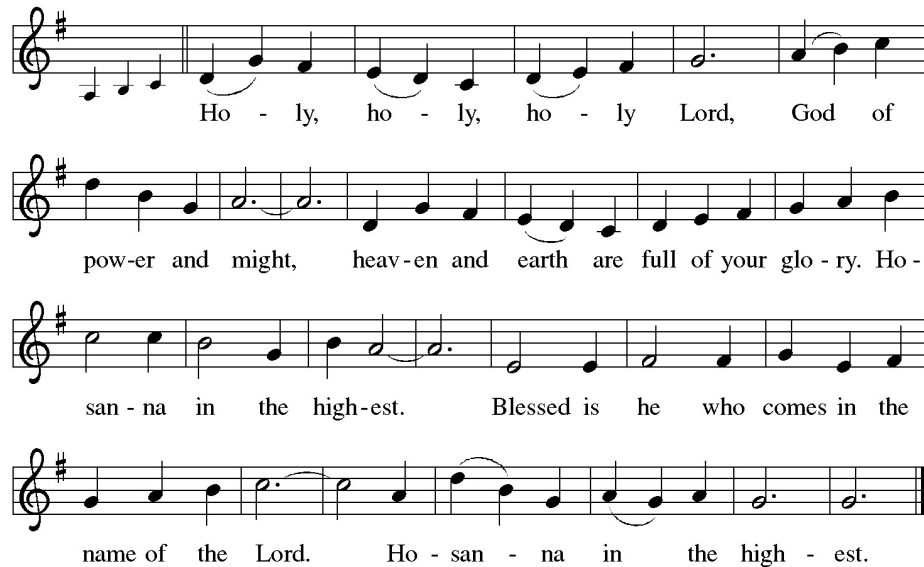
P Lift up your hearts.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

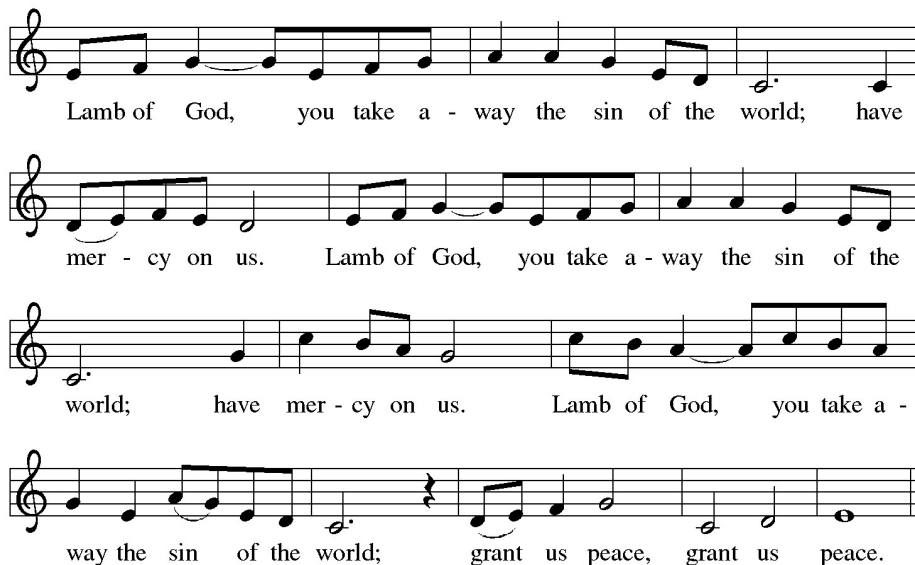
C Amen.

**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*

Author of this hymn text is a Chicagoan who was ordained after service in the Navy Medical Corps during World War II, and following further study in Medicine. He wrote poetry all his life, but not being musical he found the appearance of his lyrics in various hymnals mystifying but gratifying. The tune is not clearly attributed but is an excellent match for the present text.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

LBW 434

The Son of God, Our Christ



1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,
 2 In ev - 'ry test, in tri - als man - i - fold,
 3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare
 4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,
 5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,



shared hu - man life and toiled through - out the day;
 these ser - vants wit - nessed, by their faith made bold;
 to fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,
 may each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,
 what - e'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,



from com - mon folk he called the twelve to be
 and with the gifts and tal - ents which they brought
 to help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,
 and in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,
 that we may glad - ly give for thee our best



co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.
 the church was found - ed and God's mes - sage taught.
 de - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name.
 o - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.
 and find each task di - vine - ly sent and blest.

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

- A** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
C Amen.

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

BLESSING *Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
‡ be upon you now and forever.
C Amen.

This celebrated text was inspired by the author's trip to Pike's Peak. She was a decorated member of the Wellesley College faculty. The tune was written for a different text but later paired with the present one, both becoming quite popular during World War I.

SENDING HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW 888



1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years



for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain:
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life:
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears:



A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, and ev-'ry gain di-vine.
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law.

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 – Finale on "God Bless Our Native Land"

Edward Fisher

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

PREACHING – Pastor William E. Coleman

ASSISTANT MINISTERS – Rob Benacci (8:15 am)

Michael Snider (10:30 am)

LECTOR – Dave Griswold (10:30 am)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Stan Rose, Kathy Weisman (10:30 am)

Choir:

Patricia Boyd, Molly Gaber,

Carol Carlson, Mary Laver,

Bob Banks, David Ruler,

Jonathan Gaber, Ken Kraut, Otto ‘Skip’ Meyn



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of John D. Mumford, III by Pastor David and Mary Mumford.

Lectern flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my parents, Myra and Harvey Brown, who were married 80 years ago on July 3, 1941 and in memory of my brother, Marty, by Kathy and Bob Weisman.

Evan Anthony Duran will be welcomed into the Fellowship of Luther Memorial Church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 10:30 worship service this morning. Born March 2, 2020, he is the son of Angela and Andres Duran.

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.

Pastor Coleman has been doing some cleaning and has placed books in the parlor if you are interested. Please stop in this morning and feel free to take any that interest you.

Worship Assistance

Altar flowers are available for the August 1 (the first Sunday in August). If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please contact Norma in our church office. Thank you.

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

Opportunities for Worship and Prayer

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

Presque Isle ProMusica

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. Our next concert will be Sunday, July 11 at 7:00pm.

The July 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 June through September.

Upcoming Events

ReCharge contemporary worship service will be held Sunday, July 11. We will gather for fellowship (socially distanced) and a picnic meal for you and your family in our outdoor green space near 10th 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 on Sunday, July 11. 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.

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.

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. Kick off your morning with us July 13. 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, Norma Buerk by email at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

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

1. People who have been fully vaccinated (at least 2 weeks after receiving the vaccine) do not have to wear a mask when entering the church building. (If you choose to wear a mask that is your personal choice.)
2. If you have not been vaccinated then mask wearing 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)

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

Name: _____
(for mailing acknowledgement, if different)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 5

TUESDAY, JULY 6 6:00pm Council Picnic/Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

THURSDAY, JULY 8 3:00pm Organ Lesson
6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

FRIDAY, JULY 9

SATURDAY, JULY 10

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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

Congregational Life meeting will be held at 11:30am in the conference room.

ReCharge contemporary service will begin at 3:00pm with fellowship and a picnic supper followed by worship at 4:00pm.

Vacation Bible School kick-off will be held during ReCharge. Family VBS will be held Monday, July 12 – Thursday, July 15 from 6:30-7:30pm.

Presque Isle ProMusica concert will be offered at 7:00pm in the main church.

— 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 Joe Helm	Joyce Zwilling	

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.		

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Michael Stickner	Matt Anderson	Stephen Benacci	Andrew Watson
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