

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



1 August 2021
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

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 – "O Bread of Life From Heaven"

J. C. H. Rinck, J. S. Bach, Johannes Brahms,
Wilbur Held

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 – "A Joyful Noise"

Douglas E. Wagner

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.

*Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper.
 The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 656

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
 Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

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.

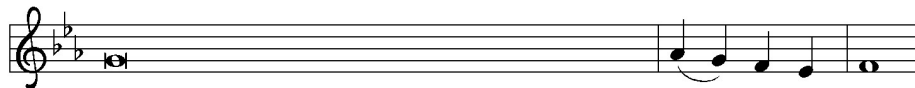
KYRIE *Luke 17:13*



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



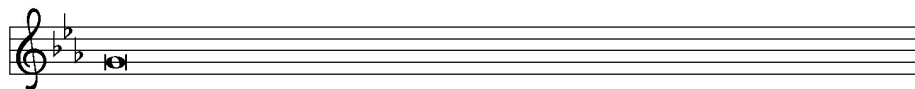
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



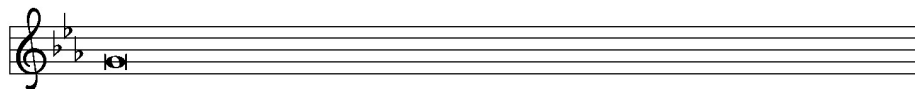
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, 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.”*

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness.

The hungry people forget God’s saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt.

Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 78:23-29 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

²³So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴**raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.**

²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.

²⁶**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,**

²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

²⁸**letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.**

²⁹So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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. John, the sixth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”

²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Coleman

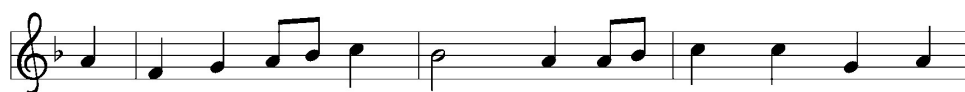
Please stand as you are able.

Origin of this hymn text is unknown, although it is dated to the mid-17th century. Little is known about the composer of the melody, except that he was an organist in Florence during the late 17th century.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 480

O Bread of Life from Heaven

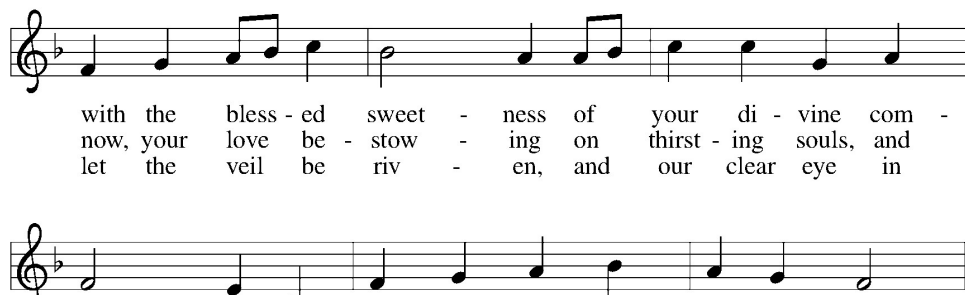


1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,





with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in
 plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2
 Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517

Please be seated.

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

A brief silence.

- A** You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. Hear us, O God.

- ☩ Your mercy is great.**

- A** You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens. Watch over deserts and wilderness places. Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction, and strengthen the work of conservation organizations. Hear us, O God.

- ☩ Your mercy is great.**



A You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Continue to make Luther Memorial Academy and Church a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You guide us in all times of our lives. In this time of pastoral transition at Luther Memorial Church, strengthen all congregational members and leaders to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and give continually this congregation your wisdom and guidance. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life until we are gathered with Robert Martin Halttunen and all the saints, so we may feast together at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

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

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – "Sortie"

Albert Zabel

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.

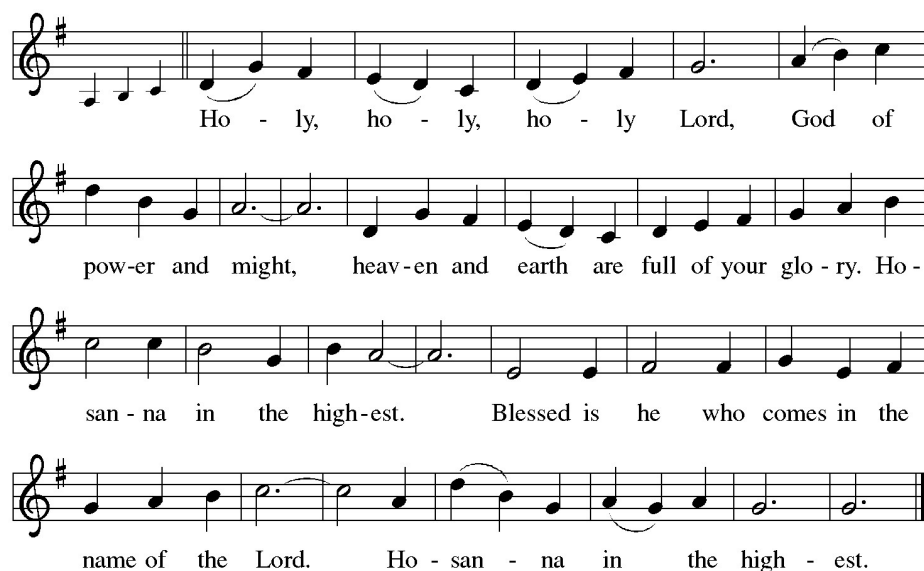
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.



- ☐ 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

- ☐ 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.

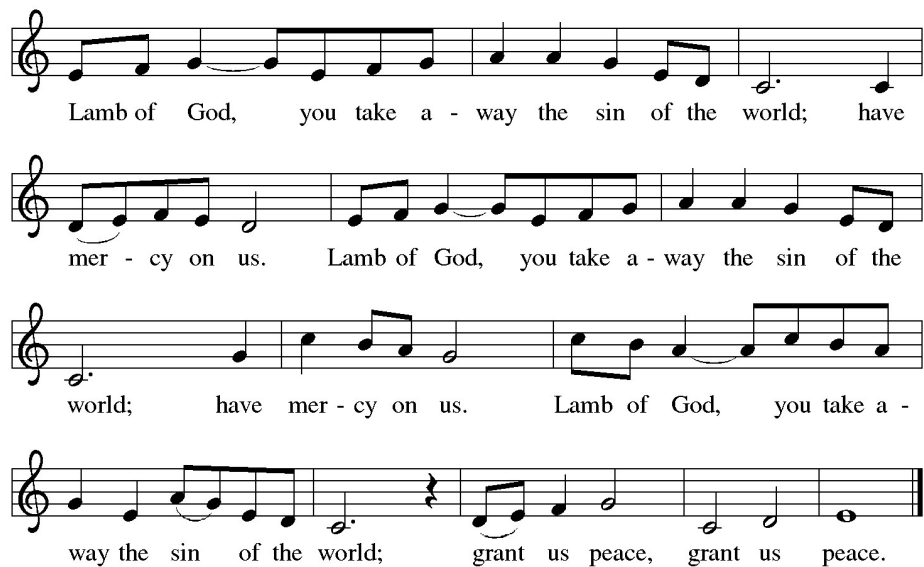
☐ Amen.

☐ Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen. *Matthew 6:9*

AGNUS DEI



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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

☐ Amen.

The congregation is seated.

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

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

Please indicate to the server if you would like to receive the gluten free wafers or grape juice.

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

COMMUNION John 1:29

This hymn, its text based on John 1:16, is the work of one of the founders of the Free Church of Scotland and a prolific hymn writer. The tune is one of a collection of melodies by 16th century English court musician Thomas Tallis, and has appeared with various texts in English hymnals. Twentieth century English composer Ralph Vaughn Williams also wrote a well-known Fantasy on the melody.

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 332

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

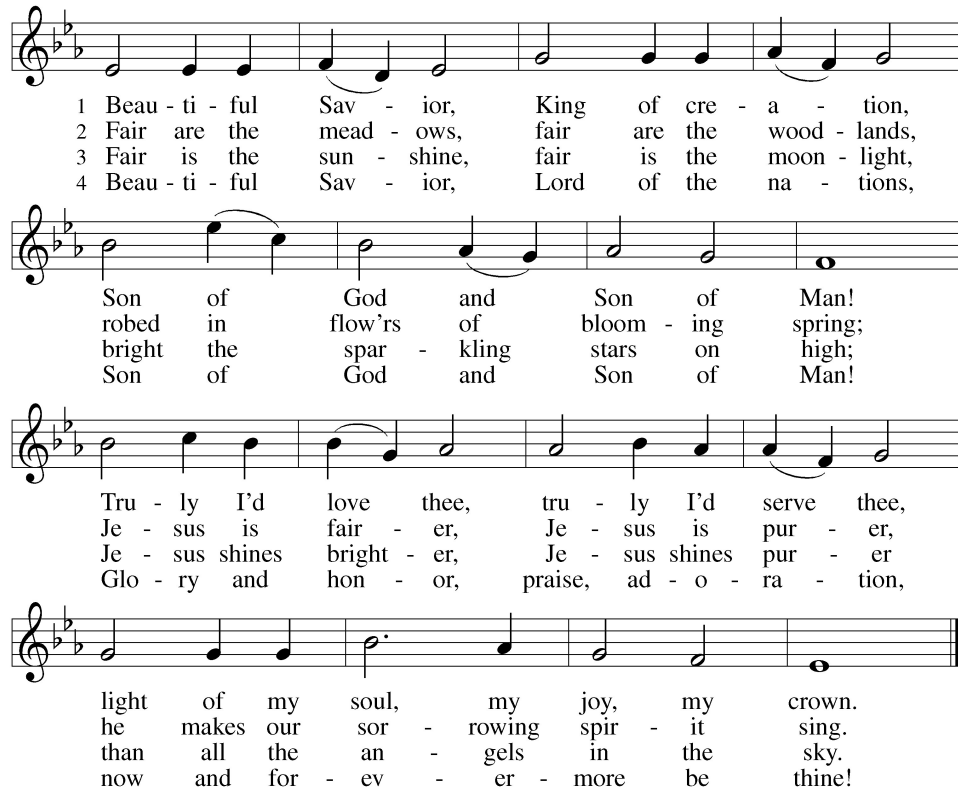
Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889

Music: THIRD MODE MELODY, Thomas Tallis, 1505–1585

This hymn text first appeared in a 17th century manuscript in Germany. Today's text is a distinctly Lutheran translation published in Philadelphia in 1873. The tune, a folk melody first heard among haymakers in Silesia, has seen considerable use both here and abroad.

LBW 518

Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 1842

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.

FAREWELL LITANY

- L** A church family is constantly changing. Loved ones come to the end of their lives. Individuals come and go in our church life. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we share a time of farewell with Pastor, whose time as pastor of Luther Memorial Church and Academy ends.
- P** I thank the congregation of Luther Memorial Church and Academy, its members and its friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown to me over these last 14 years. I ask your understanding and forgiveness for mistakes I have made and for expectations unmet. I am grateful that my leadership has been accepted. With joy I recall the many things we have been able to accomplish with one another and with sadness the many things we were not able to accomplish with one another.
- C** **We receive your thankfulness, and we offer our forgiveness for any failures, and our thanks for all accomplishments. We accept that you now leave us to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us and ask your forgiveness for our shortcomings and sometimes flagging faith. Your influence on our lives will not leave us even though you depart from us.**
- P** I forgive you your failures and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time with one another and our parting are pleasing to God and to the Christ we are called to serve.
- L** Do you the members and friends of Luther Memorial Church and Academy now release Pastor Coleman from the duties of pastor?
- C** **We do, with the help of God.**
- L** Do you offer your encouragement for Pastor's continuing ministry?
- C** **We do, with the help of God.**
- L** Do you, Pastor Coleman, release Luther Memorial Church and Academy from turning to you or depending upon you?
- P** I do, with the help of God.
- L** Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here at Luther Memorial Church and Academy?
- P** I do, with the help of God.
- L** Let us pray with one another.
- C** **God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and our disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but now move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

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.

SENDING 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.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932
Music: IN BABILONE, Dutch folk tune, 18th cent.

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

A Go now, Pastor Coleman and the people of this congregation, surrounded by love and led by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen and thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE – "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Benjamin Culli, Gordon Young

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

PREACHING – Pastor William E. Coleman

ASSISTANT MINISTERS – Rob Benacci (8:15 am)

Lois Smith (10:30 am)

LECTOR – Linda Melaragno (10:30 am)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Elaine Kern, Sally McAfee (10:30 am)

FAREWELL LITANY LEADER – Les Fobes (8:15 and 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 with all Glory to God and in honor of Dorothy Overberg's and Pat Young's very special birthdays this week; and also given in gratitude and love to our dear Pastor Bill Coleman, as he leaves us at Luther Memorial for new adventures in eastern PA. We wish you and your family all the best - wherever you go and whatever you do...We will miss you all - God bless!

Lectern flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my brother, Robert (Bob) Martin Halttunen, by Janet Kent.

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.

Information from Pastor Coleman

Pastor Coleman desires to stay in contact with the members of Luther Memorial Church, but in an appropriate way that is respectful to the next pastor. Good pastoral boundaries will be important for the next pastor and for the congregation of Luther Memorial Church. But if you will be traveling to the Philadelphia area in the future, Pastor Coleman would welcome reaching out to him and Amy. Pastor Coleman has left his contact information with Norma Buerk in the church office and once finalized, he will share with Luther Memorial Church where he has been called to serve as pastor. As of this writing, Pastor Coleman is in the interview process, but he anticipates he will receive a call to serve as pastor at a church in the Philadelphia area by the end of August.

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 Norma Buerk in our church office.

Music Ministry

Presque Isle ProMusica will present the third concert in its series of summer chamber ensembles on Sunday, August 8 at 7:00pm. This month's performance will feature the *Cembaulos Trio*, an ensemble of flute (*LeAnne Wistrom*), oboe (*Paul Schlosser*) and piano (*Susan Kahl*). They will perform music by Antonio Lotti, W. F. Bach, W. A. Mozart, Samuel Barber and others. The acoustic of the Luther Memorial nave is well-suited for music of this scale and style.

The Presque Isle ProMusica is a chamber orchestra in residence at Luther Memorial and hosted by the Luther Memorial Concert Series. They hope to present a full season of orchestral music this season including a post-Christmas performance of the popular Amahl and the Night Visitors.

The Luther Memorial choir and handbell choir will resume rehearsals in a few weeks. Due to the pandemic, it has been many months since the choir has sung together. The handbell choir has been able to rehearse and perform for some periods during this time. However additional players will be needed as we are adding more bells to our existing 3-octave set. If you would like to participate in either group, please contact Cantor Walt Gaber (WaltGaber@gmail.com; 814.602.2755) and watch for more detailed announcements in the coming weeks.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Family craft night will be held Thursday, August 12 from 5:30-6:30pm. We will gather at Liberty Park; in case of rain we will meet in fellowship hall. Bring the family and some friends for an evening of fun.

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

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

OWLS will be treated to a visit from the Tamarack Wildlife Center on Wednesday, September 15. Wildlife experts will share amazing information about a variety of majestic birds they will share with you up close. Lunch will be provided following the presentation. Due to travel costs (Saegertown) and transport of the birds a donation of \$5-\$10 is appreciated. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Wednesday, September 8 as a minimum of 20 people is needed for this program. Thank you.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal Use in Our Worship Services

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

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

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

Worship

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

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

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

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



CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3 6:30pm Deborah Circle Picnic

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 7:00pm Worship & Music

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5	3:00pm	Organ Lesson
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor Karen Lundwall 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”.

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

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

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

Friends and Family:

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

Our Military Service Men & Women:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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