

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



8 August 2021
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

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 "Be Thou My Vision"

John Eggert

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

TEMPLE TALK

Les Fobes

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.

The composer of this tune was a Welsh colliery worker and churchman, and the tune name honors his lifelong home, the Rhondda Valley, Glamorganshire, Wales. The tune was written for a singing festival in Wales, and in the first 25 years of the 20th century it was used in over five thousand such festivals.

ENTRANCE HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW 400



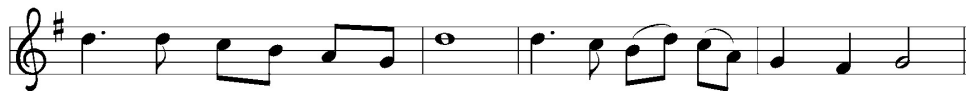
1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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.

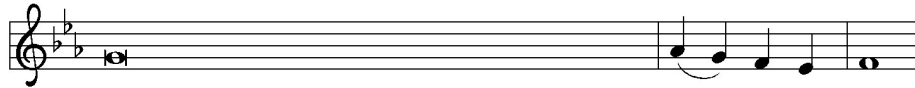
KYRIE Luke 17:13



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.



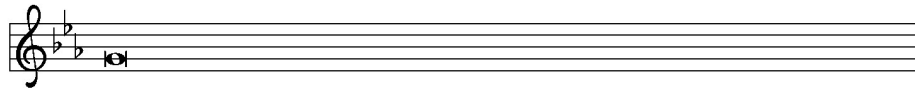
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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*

☞ Let us pray,

☞ **Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON – *(10:30 am Service)*

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

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal.

The contest proves that the LORD is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets.

Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah.

This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴[Elijah] went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.”⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.”⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-8 *(Spoken responsively by whole verse.)*

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God’s name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**
and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge in God!

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25--5:2

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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.

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

G Glory to you, O Lord.

*After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness,
Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.*

GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ▶

⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord
- ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lundwall

Please stand as you are able.

The text for this hymn is the work of a prolific hymn writer of 17th century Germany. The tune, whose composer was a great organist and hymn-writer of 19th-century England, was originally written for a wedding hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 542

O Living Bread from Heaven



- 1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
- 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
- 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well-strength - ened with heav'n-ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your-self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

APOSTLES' CREED

- A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C** **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.**

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** For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. God, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick and dealing with illness. God, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** For this assembly gathered around your table, we pray. For those among us who bake bread and prepare the vessels for our communion celebration. For those who bring the food from this table to those who are homebound or hospitalized. God, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- 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 continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. Hear us, O God.
- C** **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.



A For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. With Gage Anthony Post, and all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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*

Please be seated.

VOLUNTARY – “Now We Join in Celebration”

Kevin J. Sadowski

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

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

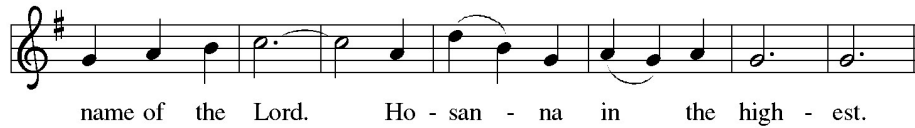
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

☐ 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.**

☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

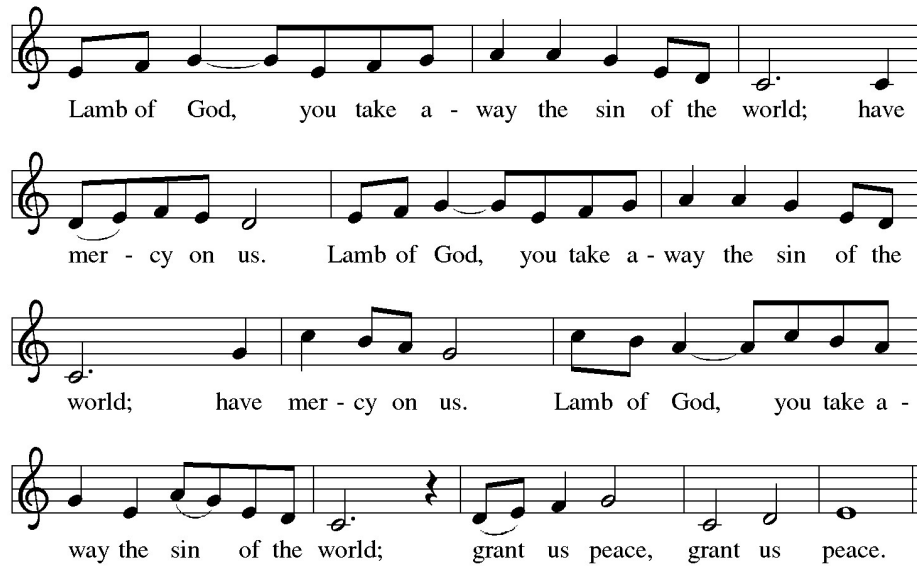
☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.
Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.*

*Prefilled cups with white grape juice for those who prefer it
are located in the tray on the stand in front of the baptismal font.
Gluten-free wafers are also on the stand in the dish on top of the tray.
Receive the bread and wine 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

This hymn text is the work of a widely accomplished Lutheran pastor, archivist, seminary professor, writer and musician. The tune was written by a similarly accomplished Lutheran who served as a cantor and a teacher in Berlin.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 462

Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990
Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
Text © Joel W. Lundeen, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th century English poetic version of a monastic prayer found in 8th century manuscripts in Ireland. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide tonal range. The hymn is categorized as a breastplate, an invocation for protection from physical or spiritual harm.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 793

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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 – “Be Thou My Vision”

Alice Jordan, Hal Hopson

— **SERVING TODAY** —

PREACHING – Pastor Karen Lundwall

ASSISTING MINISTERS – Jan MacInnes (8:15 am)

Dave Griswold (10:30 am)

LECTOR – Lois Smith (10:30 am)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Ann Flick, Sally McAfee (10:30 am)



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my grandson, Gage Anthony Post, by Patricia Boyd.

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.

In Case of Emergency

In case of an emergency please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162 or Linda Graffius at 440-5458. Thank you.

Help Needed

Altar Guild volunteers are greatly needed 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.

Care Ministry has purchased two (2) new pieces of medical equipment; a small rolling walker and a knee scooter. These need to be assembled. A volunteer is needed who would like to assemble this equipment. Please contact Linda Graffius at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org or 814-454-0106 ext. 229 or Norma in the church office. Thank you very much.

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. 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. 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 this evening at 7:00. 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.

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. 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 9

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group
 6:00pm Church Council (in person)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 3:00pm Organ Lesson
 5:30pm Family Craft Night

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor Brian Moran will preside and Michael Snider will preach 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”.

Wedding soup will be on sale for \$6/quart. Proceeds benefit our youth.

Blood pressures will be offered in the library following the 10:30 worship service.

- 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.