

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



4 April 2021
The Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Sunday

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

PRELUDE – "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

J. William Greene, John W. Vandertuin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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

Please stand as you are able.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION *Psalm 118:14-24*

P The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

C There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous.

The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

P The right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

C I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

P The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over into death.

C Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

P This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

C I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.



- P** The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- C** **This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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

- P** As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him into a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have ended our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our faith in Jesus, and our rejection of all that is evil.

C **Amen.**

- P** Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

C **I believe and trust in God.**

- P** Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed all human kind?

C **I believe and trust in God.**

- P** Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives breath and life?

C **I believe and trust in God.**

- P** This is the faith of the Church.

C **This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

- P** We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please remain standing.

*Please turn and reverence the cross of Christ.
As the cross passes you, turn and face the cross as it is carried to the chancel.*

This text has its origins in northern Germany in the 14th century. An English translation was not published until 1708. The hymn tune was first published ca. 1742 and became very popular in both England and America. The melody was altered repeatedly until it reached the present form. It is attributed to various composers.

ENTRANCE HYMN

LBW 151

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

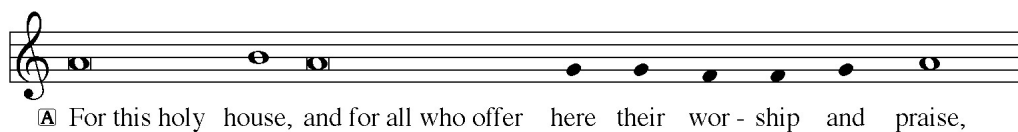
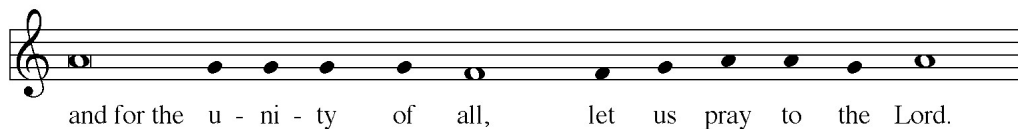
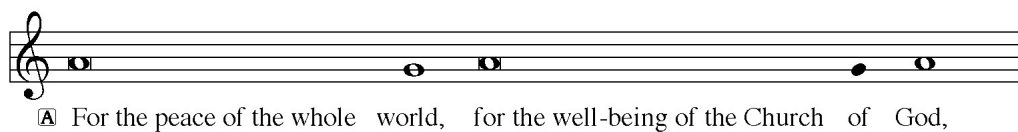
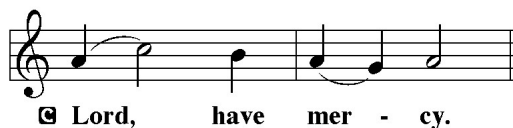
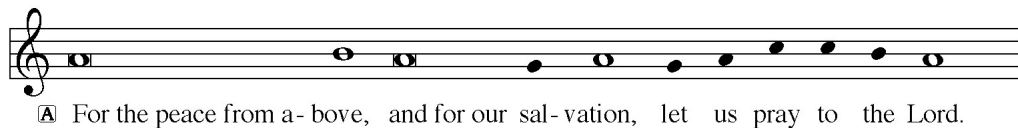
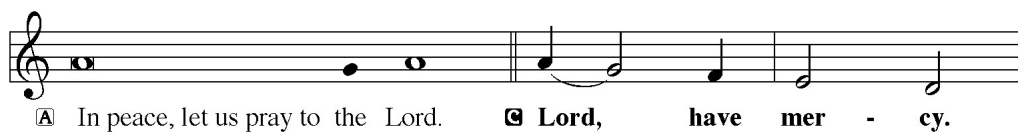
Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, sts. 1-3
 Music: EASTER HYMN, *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708

GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

Please be seated.

KYRIE *Luke 17:13*



HYMN OF PRAISE *Luke 2:14*

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:

We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – "The Empty Tomb" posted to Facebook and YouTube Channel

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

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, so that God’s forgiveness in Jesus’ name would reach out to all people.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter.”

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers,
so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.*

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

☞ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

☞ Glory to you, O Lord.

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

GOSPEL: Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Coleman

Please remain seated.

This hymn text is from the hand of the great 17th century German hymn writer Paul Gerhardt. As it appears today, however, it has been translated and altered considerably by many hands. The melody, written for Gerhard's text, is the work of German composer and hymn publisher Johann Cruger.

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 129

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, see what to - day is done;
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed when Christ lay in the tomb;
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—what peace it does im - part!
 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, of all their pow'r are shorn;



now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes forth the glo - rious sun.
 but, lo, he now is rout - ed, his boast is turned to gloom.
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the joy with - in my heart.
 now I am safe from e - vil, and sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid where our bed must be made
 For Christ a - gain is free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, no foe shall ev - er take,
 Grim death with all its might can - not my soul af - fright;

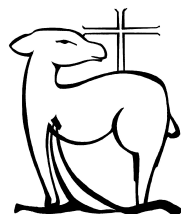


when to the realms of light our spir - it wings its flight.
 he who is strong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 the hope which God's own Son in love for me has won.
 it is a pow'r - less form, how - e'er it rave and storm.

5 Now I will cling forever
 to Christ, my Savior true;
 my Lord will leave me never,
 whate'er he passes through.
 He rends death's iron chain;
 he breaks through sin and pain;
 he shatters hell's grim thrall;
 I follow him through all.

6 He brings me to the portal
 that leads to bliss untold,
 whereon this rhyme immortal
 is found in script of gold:
 "Who there my cross has shared
 finds here a crown prepared;
 who there with me has died
 shall here be glorified."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. John Kelly, 1833–1890, alt.
 Music: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662



NICENE CREED

**☞ We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**
**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

- A** On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world, and all people in any need.
A brief silence.
- A** You give life to your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the newly baptized, especially those who have been baptized at Luther Memorial Church, as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. Lord, in your mercy,
- ☞ hear our prayer.**
- A** You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources, and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. Lord, in your mercy,
- ☞ hear our prayer.**
- A** You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. Lord, in your mercy,
- ☞ hear our prayer.** ►

A You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. We pray especially for those names on our prayer list and those names we offer to you now..... bring them peace and healing. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You give life to Luther Memorial Church by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Alleluia! God, you are comfort. Draw near to all who grieve. We remember those who have died and gather with the Lord, especially Charlotte Chaffee, Bill Kent, Bill Schaal and C. Richard Overberg, Lord, hear us. Refresh us with the promise that you will destroy death and that with all the saints, we will be made alive forever in Christ. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We commend these and all our prayers, O God. Come near with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

A The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, peace be with you!
And then they were glad when they saw the Lord.
And in the same way, the Lord stands among us and brings us peace.

A 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

P Risen One,
as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,
meet us now in this meal.
Nourish us to follow you,
using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary,
and all for your love’s sake.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

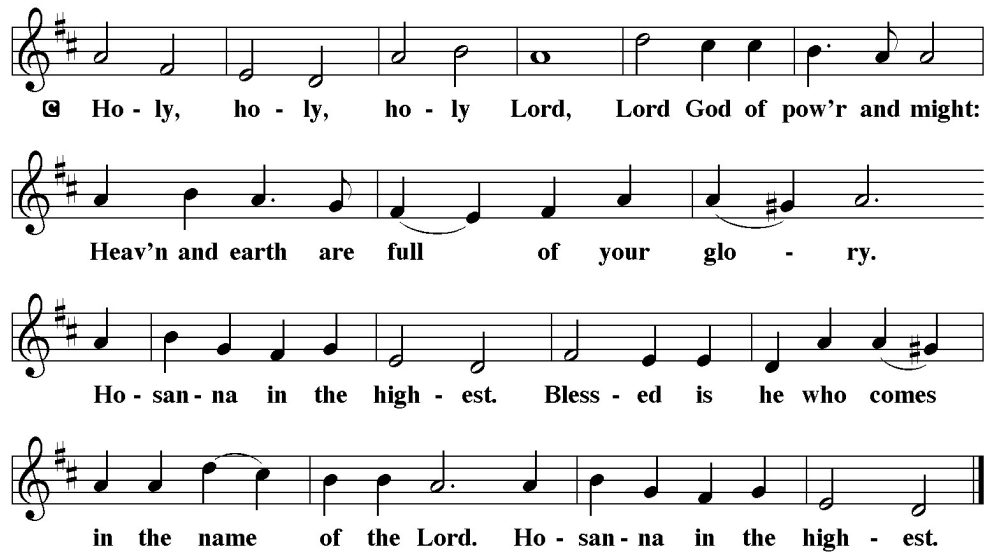
P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise you for leading your people through the wilderness into the land of milk and honey.

Praise you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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

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

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

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

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

- C** Come, Holy Spirit.



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

☐ **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

☐ **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.

PRAYER WHEN UNABLE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

This prayer is being offered for those people worshipping from home.

- ☐ God, our Father, in every age your children have cried out to you for food and you have heard their plea.
Even though all cannot now feast upon the Body and Blood of your Divine Son, continue to feed all with the fruits of his Holy Cross, the forgiveness of sins, daily trusting in his reconciling Word.
Nourish your children in this gift until all can eat with him here, and finally in eternal life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,
gives everyone a place at the welcome table.
Alleluia! Come to the feast.

☑ **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

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

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

COMMUNION *John 1:29*



This hymn's text comes from the oldest sequence hymn to survive the Council of Trent, and forms the foundation of Martin Luther's Christ lag in Todesbanden. An early English version was published 1906. The melody is claimed by various composers, but is credited to a blind basket maker on an island in North Wales in the early 19th century.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

LBW 128

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate-ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin sequence, c. 1100; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, c. 1781–1821

Please remain seated.

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 Life-giving God,
 in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection
 you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life,
 and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
 Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection
 that we may show your glory to all the world;
 through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

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

BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26

A The blessing of the living God,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you,
keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage!

C Amen.

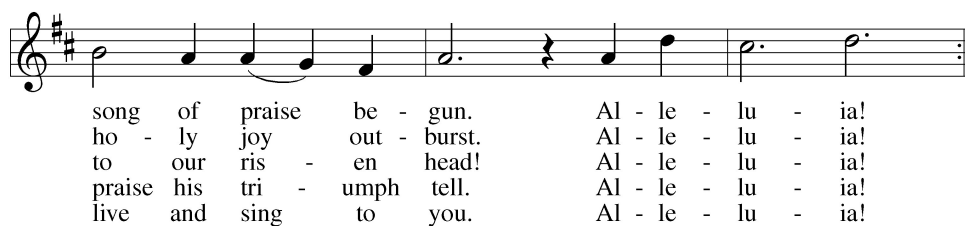
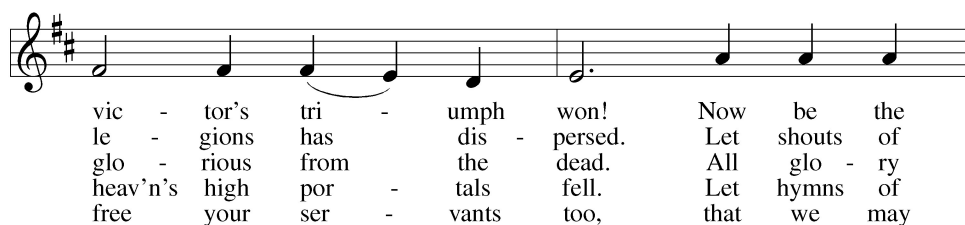
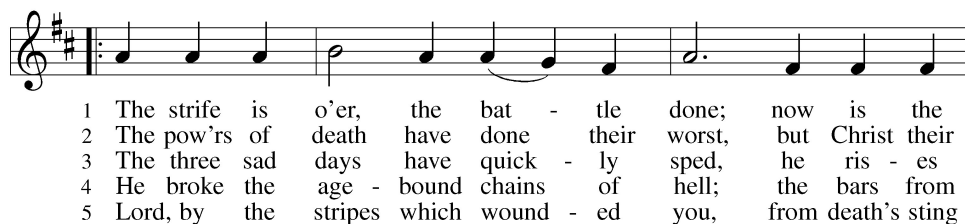
This hymn text can be traced back to a Latin collection published in Cologne in the late 17th century, while the more recent translation is the work of an English priest and hymn writer.

The melody comes from the pen of a prolific and renowned composer of music for the church, who lived and wrote in 16th century Rome. This melody is taken from one of his many Magnificats.

SENDING HYMN

LBW 135

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909
Music: VICTORY, Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1525–1594, adapt.

Please stand as you are able.

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

🔊 Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

🔊 Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

🔊 **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE – "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

Lisa Shoemaker-Lohmeyer

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor William E. Coleman

ACOLYTES – Gabe & Mitch Stroup (10:30am)

ASSISTANT MINISTERS – Roberta Lobaugh (8:15am)

Liz Stroup (10:30am)

LECTOR – Diane Banks (10:30am)

Choir:

Patricia Boyd, Molly Gaber,

Carol Carlson, Mary Laver,

Bob Banks, David Ruler,

Jonathan Gaber, Ken Kraut, Otto 'Skip' Meyn



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Charlotte Chaffee by her loving family.

Lectern flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Bill, by Janet Kent.

Columbarium flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bill by Carol Schaal.

Bulletins are given in loving memory of C. Richard Overberg by his family.

Following each service this morning we ask that families with children remain in their pew. Mrs. Keller will hop to you with a small Easter bag surprise for your child(ren). This will be in lieu of an Easter egg hunt.

Easter flowers may be taken following the 10:30 service this morning. Flowers not taken this morning may be picked up Wednesday, April 7 during office hours. Thank you.

Our weekly online services will not be held during the week of April 4. The Tuesday Morning Prayer, Wednesday Morning Bible Study and Thursday Evening Prayer services will begin again the week of April 11.

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

In Person Worship and In Person Ministry Activities

Luther Memorial Church has re-opened our building for **worship and ministry activities** (following all health and safety protocols as done previously). Sunday services are held in person at 8:15am and 10:30am in the main church. The 10:30am service will continue to be offered on Facebook live and will also be available to watch on Luther Memorial Church's YouTube channel and church website at www.luthermemorialonline.org at 12:00 noon or any time after.

From our Cantor

We thank the members of the choir and other instrumentalists who have faithfully prepared and recorded hymns, psalms and the sung liturgy from their homes for the past year. Please know that this was a "labor of love and dedication" to our worshipping community. A big part of singing in a choir or playing in an ensemble is the satisfaction and enjoyment one receives by being part of a group making music together. In this case, each individual had to not only work, prepare and sing or play in isolation, but also learn new tools and technologies - without the satisfaction of hearing and blending with other voices around them.

Each of them felt it was important to continue singing, giving voice to our faith during these trying times and providing a degree of familiarity and normalcy to the Luther Memorial family through music - one of our great strengths and heritage. If you have found their efforts meaningful and enriching, please let them know your appreciation via a note or phone call.

Our "virtual choir" will continue to prepare hymns and other music for use in our services. We have previously refrained from using recorded music in our services, believing that live offerings represent our "best" offerings. However, we are thankful for technologies that provide this temporary compromise, allowing us to safely and wisely continue to offer up our music as best we can. Almost all of our choir members have by now been vaccinated against COVID-19. As this becomes widespread in our community, I expect we will soon be able to sing together within our worship services.

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.

Opportunities for Worship and Prayer

Sunday Morning Worship – In-person worship at 8:15am and 10:30am; also available on Facebook Live at 10:30am, with the recording posted to the Church Webpage and YouTube channel by 12:00 noon.

Tuesday Morning Prayer – Live on LM Facebook Group page at 9:00am, and available to watch a recorded version on our Church Webpage and YouTube Channel on or before 10:00am. Tuesday Morning Prayer will not be held April 6; will begin again on Tuesday, April 13.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Live on LM Facebook Group page, Church Webpage and YouTube Channel at 10:00am. Wednesday Morning Bible Study will not be held on April 7; will begin again on Wednesday, April 14.

Thursday Evening Prayer – Live on LM Facebook Group page at 6:00pm, and available to watch a recorded version on the Church Webpage and YouTube Channel on or before 7:00pm. Thursday Morning Prayer will not be held April 8; will begin again on Tuesday, April 15.

Opportunities for Christian Education

First Holy Communion classes will be held on Sundays, April 25-May 23 at 9:15am in fellowship hall. Classes will be offered in person and on Zoom by our instructors, Ann Flick and Beth Keller. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students are invited to take part in these classes. If your son or daughter is older and has not had the opportunity to attend First Communion class, we invite them to take part. Masks will be worn and all safety protocols will be followed. Children will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, June 6 at the 10:30am service. Please contact Norma in our church office if your child(ren) will be attending.

Pastor Coleman will meet with 7th, 8th, and 9th grade youth of Luther Memorial Church on confirmation class Zoom meetings at 1:00pm on the following Sundays. There will be no meetings in March, but will resume in April.

- April 11 – 7th Grade
- April 18 – 8th Grade
- April 25 – 9th Grade

Spark Story Bibles are available for our children. Each Sunday Pastor Coleman provides a special service for our children. In that service he reads from one of the stories in the Spark Bible. Each Sunday a new lesson (story) will be read. It is our hope that families have a Spark Bible in their home so they are able to follow along as Pastor shares the Children's Sermons. And maybe during the week this Bible will be read from time to time in your homes. If you do not have a Spark Bible we ask that you contact Norma in the church office, 454-0106, ext. 221. We invite you to stop down and pick up your own Spark Bible for your children. There is no cost as we feel it is important every family has one for their children to read and learn.

Children's Church families are meeting weekly via Zoom from 6:30-7:00 on Wednesday evenings. We look forward to seeing you at our next gathering on Wednesday, April 7.

Luther Memorial Church's 7th, 8th and 9th graders will be attending **Confirmation Camp at Camp Lutherlyn** from June 13 to June 17, 2021. Information has been sent to all parents and students about the details of Confirmation Camp. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Luther Memorial Church's 10th students will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday during the 10:30am service, on Sunday, May 23, 2021.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group continues to meet in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays each month from 10:00am-12:00 noon. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. We would be very excited to have you join us for our gatherings in April on the 13th and 27th. Bring all that spring colored yarn and enjoy a wonderful morning together. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

Video Volunteers

In anticipation of our **new cameras and online worship streaming capabilities** we will be in need of people trained to help lead this during the worship service. If you are interested in being a part of this group, or are interested in hearing more about it, please contact Pastor Coleman.

Health Information

A mass vaccination clinic, planned by the county and with assistance from Inter-Church Ministries, will be held in May for the homeless population. This is in order to protect the homeless and help create greater community immunity. However, the homeless are often reluctant to receive the vaccine. To encourage participation, the county will offer \$5 gift cards from Country Fair as an incentive. Country Fair stores were chosen as they are open, restrooms are available, and meals can be purchased for \$5. Anyone wishing to help with this effort is asked to purchase \$5 gift cards from Country Fair and drop them off in the church office by Friday, April 30. Thank you.

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

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

CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 5		Church Offices & LMA Closed
TUESDAY, APRIL 6	12:00pm 3:00pm 4:00pm	Deborah Circle W/ELCA Board Meeting Tuesday Circle Church Offices Closed
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7	6:30pm	Children's Church via Zoom
THURSDAY, APRIL 8	6:00pm 7:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal Handbell/Choir Zoom Chat
FRIDAY, APRIL 9		
SATURDAY, APRIL 10		

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021 **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Pastor William E. Coleman will be preaching at the 8:15am and 10:30am services in the main church. The 10:30am service will be available on Facebook Live which can be viewed on Luther Memorial Church's Facebook Group Page. The recorded service will be available by 12:00 noon and can be viewed 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". The service can also be viewed on the church's YouTube channel.

Grade 7 will Zoom with Pastor Coleman at 1:00pm.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

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

Friends and Family:

Debbie	Patty Chadwick	Ellen Schauerma	Bobbi MacInnes
Patrice DiTullio	Kristen	Larry E.	Tom W.
John & Naomi Howard	Jonathan	Megan Zwilling	Betsy
Madison & family	Ed Hokaj	Guy F.	Ray Polasky
Linda Sutto	Linda Grimm	Amanda Toms	Johnny Heubel
Carol & Frank V.	Edna Pett	Philippe Pierre	Katrina Foltz
Amy Johnson-McDougall	Jeff F.	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingram	Vicki
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Dr. William Falkenberg	Paul Spierling	Joan Torrelli	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
Baby Mike Campbell	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Jennifer Young (not related to Pat)	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Lucas Dreschler & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Brandy Dyne
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Joyce DiMichele
Suleski family	Lucia Doyle	Jeff F.	Nicole Galloway
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Stephany Bourne	Jay Henry	Sue Gerke
Gail Vanetta & Tiffany	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Brady (baby/Vickie Diehl family)	Ralph Johnson	Patty Meadowcroft	Nancy Ritzmann
Jim Haskins	Samantha Sebulak	Mike B.	Ben Nalepa
Marilyn Schultz	Theresa Abrams	Sonya Kisak	Frank Nalepa
Sherry Johnson	Lucia Doyle	Andrew Dahlstrand	Logan
Tricia Swinehart	Shannon Walters	Dorothy McCarty	Ron Ruff
Bishop Michael Lozano	Chris Wygant	Steve & Leah W.	Daisy C.
Judy Oosterkamp	Chris Hunter	Jean Ekstrand	Amy
Bob Guenther	Jim Schumacher	John King	David Eelman
Patrick L.			

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Michael Stickner	Matt Anderson	Stephen Benacci	Andrew Watson
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