

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



18 April 2021
The Third Sunday of Easter

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

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 – Partita on "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

David Cherwien

The five movements of this partita correspond to each of the five verses of today's entrance hymn.

Please meditate on their text and listen for the composer's evocation of the following excerpts:

1. "Raise the strain of triumphant gladness"
2. "'Tis the spring of souls today"
3. "Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor"
4. "Christ appeared, bestowing His deep peace"
5. "Alleluia! Now we cry to our King immortal,
who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS 1 John 1:8-9

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, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

☞ Amen.



P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of grace and glory,

C you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection.

Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God.

**Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,
renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ washes away sin, raises up the fallen,
casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves us and ☩ frees us from our sins by his blood.

In him be glory forever and ever!

C Amen.

Please be seated.

The author of this hymn text, John of Damascus, is one of the great poets of the Greek church.

The poem, written for the Second Sunday of Easter, traditionally refers to the passage through the Red Sea, as seen in verse 1. The melody is by a 16th century priest of the Bohemian Brethren, who once traveled to Wittenberg to discuss the views of the Brethren with Martin Luther.

ENTRANCE HYMN

LBW 132

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 For to - day a - mong the twelve Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry to our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
his deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal.



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts which with true af - fec - tion
Neith - er could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!





led them with un - moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom is giv'n laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel-come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
nor the watch-ers, nor the seal, hold him as a mor - tal.
God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547

Please remain seated.

GREETING 2nd Corinthians 13:14

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

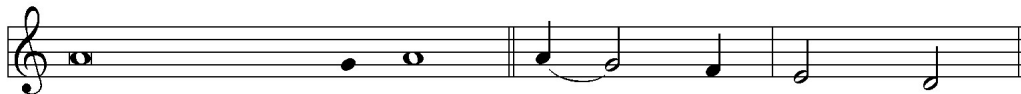
C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

C And also with you.



KYRIE Luke 17:13



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



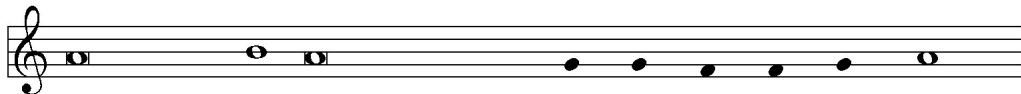
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

HYMN OF PRAISE *Luke 2:14*



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



B 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 Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON – “The Great Commission” - Posted to Facebook and YouTube Channel

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

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God’s promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ’s death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus’ name.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4 (Spoken responsively by whole verse.)

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Karen Lundwall

Please remain seated.

United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.

HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV 756

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



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



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



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



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

Refrain



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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

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

A brief silence.

A Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration, especially Presque Isle State Park. Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness, especially the many names on our church prayer list, cure them and heal them, and the names we offer to you now.... Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.



A Loving God, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness in our relationships with one another. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us, especially John Mumford, Leo Hokaj and Emily Wojecki Hokaj. Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

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

C Amen.

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – "Easter Gladness" (*10:30 only*)

Margaret R. Tucker

Puer Nobis - "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

Noel Nouvelet - "Now the Green Blade Riseth"

Polish Easter Carol - "Christ Now Is Living"

Please stand as you are able.

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

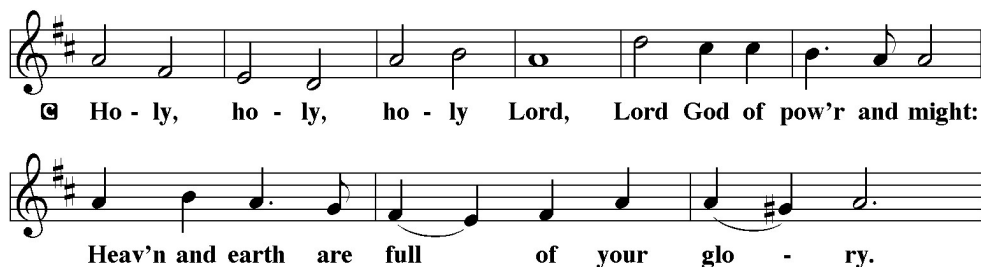
P Lift up your hearts.

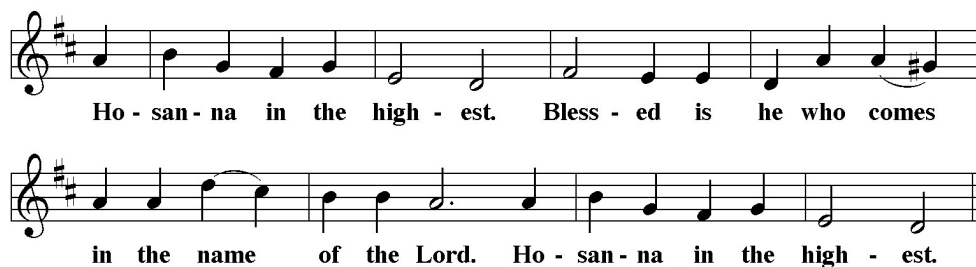
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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





EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- ☐ 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:

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

- ☐ 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.

- ☑ **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 *(10:30 only)*

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

☩ The risen Christ invites us to this table.
 Come, eat and be satisfied.

☩ Amen.

Please be seated.

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.

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,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

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

BLESSING *Numbers 6:24-26*

- A** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

*Text for this hymn is the work of a 19th century licensed preacher in London,
a gifted musician and translator who published many works.
The melody comes from a popular 17th century Dutch song.*

SENDING HYMN

WOV 676

This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the
sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my
sprung to life this mor - - row.
wake the dead in num - - ber.
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.



Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

Lectern flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Leo Hokaj's (1906-2003) birthday on April 22, and Emily Wojecki Hokaj's (1912-1992) birthday and April 22, 1935 wedding day at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Erie, PA by Ed Hokaj.

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.

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.

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

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

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 children in grades 3 and up are invited to take part in these classes. If your son or daughter 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

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 21.

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.

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 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 next gathering on April 27. 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.

Opportunities for Service

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

- Luther Memorial Church is looking for a representative to the “Our West Bay Front” organization. Luther Memorial Church is part of this organization as it serves our neighborhood. The responsibilities would include communicating West Bay Front events and service opportunities to the people of Luther Memorial Church.
- Lutheran House at Chautauqua Institution is looking for help painting rooms inside the house on Saturdays, May 1 and May 15.
- Camp Lutherlyn is holding a Spring Work Day on Saturday, April 24 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Work as many hours as you can. This will help the camp prepare for this year’s summer camps.
- Church member, Ellen DiPlacido leads the Emmaus Garden which grows food for the Emmaus food pantry. If you like to garden and have time on Saturday morning, this would be a great way to serve.

Health Information

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 19

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 6:30pm Children's Church via Zoom

THURSDAY, APRIL 22	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Handbell/Choir Zoom Chat

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

SATURDAY, APRIL 24 11:00am Memorial Service for Jackie Barber

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021
THE FOURTH 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.

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

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

ReCharge rehearsal will be held at 3:00pm.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

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

Friends and Family:

Debbie	Patty Chadwick	Ellen Schauerman	Bobbi MacInnes
Patrice DiTullio	Kristen	Larry E.	Tom W.
John & Naomi Howard	Jonathan	Jesse McFadden	Betsy
Madison & family	Ed Hokaj	Elijah Montero	Ray Polasky
Linda Sutto	Linda Grimm	Amanda Toms	Johnny Heubel
Carol & Frank V.	Edna Pett	Philippe Pierre	Katrina Foltz
Amy Johnson-McDougall	Jeff F.	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingram	Vicki
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Matt Kinzig	Paul Spierling	Joan Torrelli	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
Baby Mike Campbell	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Jennifer Young (not related to Pat)	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Brandy Dyne
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Joyce DiMichele
Suleski family	Lucia Doyle	Jeff F.	Nicole Galloway
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Stephany Bourne	Jay Henry	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Grace	Dave Cooney	Patty Meadowcroft	Nancy Ritzmann
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Mike B.	Ben Nalepa
Marilyn Schultz	Theresa Abrams	Sonya Kisak	Frank Nalepa
Sherry Johnson	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	Patrick L	Amy
Bob Guenther	Jim Schumacher	John King	Liam
Roger Smith & family	Leola Weist		

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Michael Stickner	Matt Anderson	Stephen Benacci	Andrew Watson
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