

*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



22 August 2021  
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

## LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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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** – "Voluntary in G Major" (*Op. 5, No. 3*)

John Stanley (1712 - 1786)

"Voluntary in C Major" (*Op. 7, No. 2*)

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

☞ **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*



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

**P** Since we are justified by faith,  
 we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 God's love has been poured into our hearts  
 through the Holy Spirit.  
 In the mercy of almighty God,  
 Christ died for us while we still were sinners;  
 and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

**C** Amen.

*This hymn text is the work of a 19<sup>th</sup> century American bishop who earned a position as one of the great prelates of his time. The hymn is judged by many to be the first of American hymns. The tune origin is unknown, but it is arranged by an English musician best known for his collections of British folk music.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**ELW 758**  
**LBW 464**

**You Are the Way**



1 You are the way; through you a - lone can we the Fa - ther find;  
 2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
 3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



in you, O Christ, has God re - vealed his heart, his will, his mind!  
 you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
 and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.  
 Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

**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.

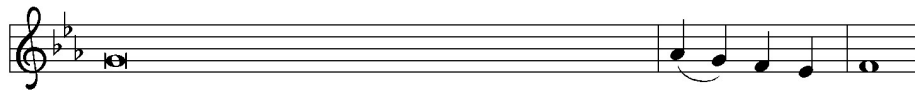
KYRIE *Luke 17:13*



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



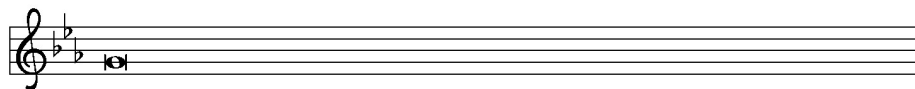
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



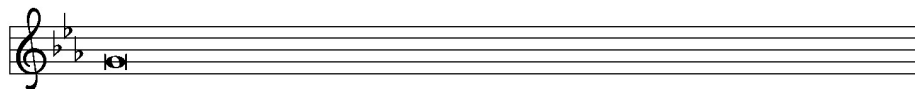
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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,

☞ **Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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

*In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel.*

*By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.*

**FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17c</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 34:15-22** (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,  
and God’s ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

<sup>20</sup>**God will keep safe all their bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.**

<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>**O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

*Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.*

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

*The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”*

## GOSPEL: John 6:56-69

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ►

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Moran

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Written for the confirmation of the author’s daughter and two sons, this text echoes Luke 9:57.  
The tune originated in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, with its present form taken from Felix Mendelssohn’s Elijah.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 810  
LBW 503**

**O Jesus, I Have Promised**



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.  
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

## 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** Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A** God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. Give guidance to bridge-builders, heal divisions, and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Accompany all who are persecuted and exploited and open us to their cries. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community. Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. Lord, 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. Lord, in your mercy.

**C** hear our prayer.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*





**A** God of comfort, bless all who mourn the deaths of their beloved ones. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us, especially Helen and Ralph Walter, Sr., Marie and Ange Collins, Nancy Shaner, and Lois Perry. Renew our confidence in your promise of resurrection and life in the world to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; 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** – "Pastorale"

Gardner Read

*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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.**

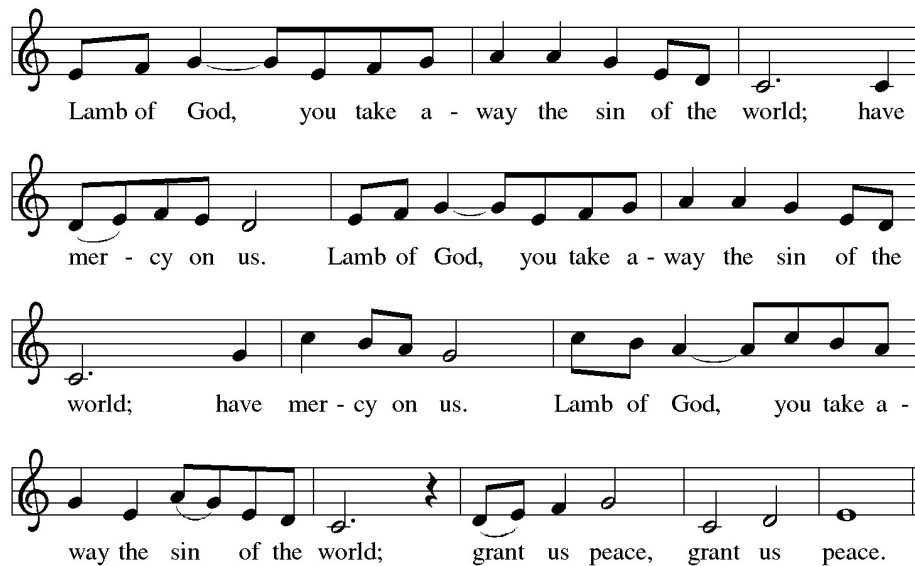
☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

☑ **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.
- ☐ Those communing at home; take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.  
(10:30 am Service)

*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

*Sometimes the prolific hymn writer Fanny Crosby wrote texts for others to set to music, and sometimes she wrote words for tunes others had composed. This hymn is the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.*

## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 638  
WOV 699

### Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

*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

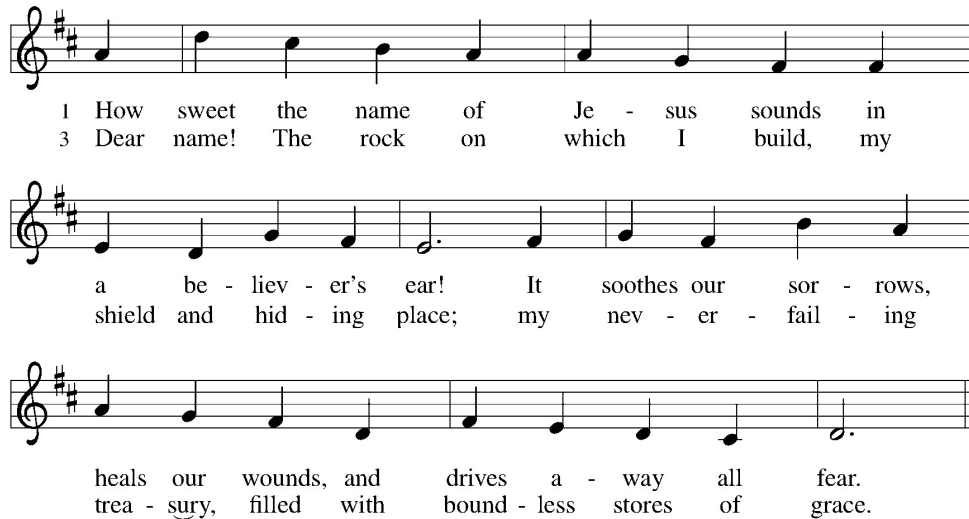
- ☐ The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
‡ be upon you now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

*This hymn text and its author are ranked among the first hymns of the English language.  
The tune, first written as a solo, was later published in a collection of hymns by the composer.*

**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW 620**

**How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in  
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my  
a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing  
heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.  
treasury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.  
Music: St. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

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

- ☐ Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE – "Voluntary in D Major" (Op. 7, No.5)**

John Stanley

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**— SERVING TODAY —**

**PREACHING** – Pastor Brian Moran  
**ASSISTING MINISTERS** – Lois Smith (8:15 am)  
Emma Chaffee (10:30 am)  
**LECTOR** – Pam Masiroff (10:30 am)  
**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS** – Stan Rose, Kathy Weisman (10:30 am)

**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walter, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Collins by Helen and Robert Collins and family.

**Lectern flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Nancy E. Shaner's birthday by her daughter, Sally McAfee.

**Lectern flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Lois Perry by her daughter, Lori.

**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.

**Youth** are off to a new adventure as they begin college. Please contact the church office with their school and email address so we may continue to keep in touch with them. We would like to be sure they receive our newsletters and a card from time to time.

### **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.

### **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**

**Thank you to all our choir members** who have faithfully prepared and recorded hymns and liturgical songs for use in our worship services during the pandemic. Beginning in March 2020, they learned how to use new technologies and how to sing in the isolation of their homes. Everyone found the experience completely foreign to their previous choir experiences because of the isolation and singing without the support and camaraderie of a choir. Over the course of sixteen months, we recorded approximately 175 hymns to support our congregational singing while worshiping from our homes and while gradually returning to in-person worship. Most of these recordings may be found on the Luther Memorial website ([LutherMemorialOnline.org/Music\\_HymnRecordings](http://LutherMemorialOnline.org/Music_HymnRecordings)).

Please take a moment to thank the following individuals for the blessings they have given us through their talent, dedication and effort. And, if you would like to join them as a “true choir”, note that we plan to resume choir rehearsals at 7:00pm on Thursday, August 26.

Soprano: Pat Boyd, Molly Gaber

Alto: Carol Carlson, Mary Laver

Tenor: Bob Banks, David Ruler

Bass: Jonathan Gaber, Ken Kraut, Otto 'Skip' Meyn

**The Luther Memorial choir and handbell choir** will resume rehearsals in the coming 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. Choir will resume rehearsals at 7:00pm on Thursday, August 26 and handbells at 6:00pm on Thursday, September 2. If you would like to participate in either group, please contact Cantor Walt Gaber ([WaltGaber@gmail.com](mailto:WaltGaber@gmail.com); 814.602.2755).

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** will have you looking forward to Tuesdays! Join us 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.

## Upcoming Events

**Indoor Yard Sale** will be held Saturday, September 18 from 7:30am – 12:00 noon in our fellowship hall. Items for the sale may be dropped off beginning Sunday, September 5. Electronic items and books are not accepted. Thank you.

**Erie County CropWalk** will be held Sunday, September 26 departing from Luther Memorial at 1:30pm. Something very interesting will be added this year. We will be walking on a History Tour of the Underground Railroad in our own neighborhood. Did you know that Erie neighbors played a large part in the Underground Railroad as we helped slaves to Canada? As we served the needs of others during this period, we continue to serve others today who hunger in the world and our own community. Bring a friend and walk at your own pace.

## 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](mailto:lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org), Norma Buerk by email at [nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto: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

<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 23</b>	9:00am	Teacher's Meeting
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 24</b>	10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25</b>		LMA First Day of School
<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 26</b>	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 27</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 28</b>		

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

#### THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Pastor Brian Moran** 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](http://www.luthermemorialonline.org) by clicking on the tabs of "Resources & Online Worship" and "Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study".



- 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	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Lois Fobes	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Steve Narusewicz
Family of Cheryl Albert	Dave Mumford	Joyce Zwilling	Mark Lechner

**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	Rich Hudic
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	Michele Black	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Grace	Sue Agens	Patty Meadowcroft	Lesley
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
Theresa & Cameron Abrams	Bea Becknell	Meghan Kessler	Amy Valentine
Loraine Pond	John Wilson	Abby	Missy & Jeff

**Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Michael Stickner	Matt Anderson	Andrew Watson
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