

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church



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WELCOME!

This is the day that the Lord has made. Together, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

~ Here are a few notes to help you participate in worship today: Almost everything you need is in this bulletin, including hymns. You are invited to participate with the words in **bold type**. You are invited to stand as you are able where indicated. Hymns are included in this bulletin, however if you need larger print, hymns may be found in the back of the red hymnal using the number indicated (#). Please join in singing all the music! Today especially we raise our voices in praise!

~ **You don't need to disconnect here!** You don't need to turn off your phone, but please place it in silent mode. Feel free to take pictures—of our building, of worship, but ask permission for any people-pictures. We ask that you not use flash during this worship service. Post your favorite quote from the sermon or verse from a hymn...just be sure to check in and let your friends know where you are!

~ We welcome all of God's children **no matter your age**. Wiggles, dancing, and singing welcome! Together we raise a joyful noise. If you would like a children's bulletin, a soft toy, or a book, they're near the ramp door (out the doors next to the pulpit on the long Welcome Table).

~ **Restrooms** may be found out either door at the front of the Sanctuary. There is an accessible ramp through the doors near the pulpit. At the top of the ramp(s), follow signs to the restrooms. A fully accessible restroom is available through the parlor.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE – "All Creatures Worship God Most High"

Lee Dengler, John Carter, Howard Helvey

TEMPLE TALK

BETHESDA LUTHERAN SERVICES

*Matthew Rachocki,
Director of Stewardship*

Please rise in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ONE: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 835

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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OPENING SENTENCE

Blessed be God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's reign now and forever. Amen.

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what the Lord will say to me and what the Lord will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

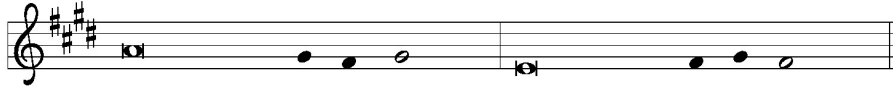
PSALM: PSALM 37:1-9

The antiphon is introduced by the cantor and repeated by the congregation wherever indicated (A). The verses are chanted responsively with the assembly joining on the verses in **bold**.



Com - mit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD.

Psalm 37:5
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¹ Do not be provoked by ¹ evildoers;
do not be jealous of those ¹ who do wrong.

² **For they shall soon wither ¹ like the grass,**
and like the green grass ¹ fade away.

³ Put your trust in the LORD ¹ and do good;
dwell in the land and ¹ find safe pasture.

⁴ **Take delight ¹ in the LORD,**
who shall give you your ¹ heart's desire. A

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust ¹ in the LORD,
and see what ¹ God will do.

⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear ¹ as the light**
and the justice of your case like the ¹ noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait ¹ patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in ¹ evil schemes.

⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone;**
do not be provoked; it leads on- ¹ ly to evil.

⁹ For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- ¹ sess the land. A

SECOND READING: II Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God, the Father, and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I am grateful to God— whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did— when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to God's own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that God is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to God. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel. The cantor introduces the Alleluia. The congregation repeats and again after the cantor offers the verse.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M. E. Krentz
EIN FESTE BURG



*♩ The Word of the Lord endures forever.
That word is the good news that was announced to you.*

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷Who among you would say to any enslaved person who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸Would you not rather say, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹Do you thank any enslaved person for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

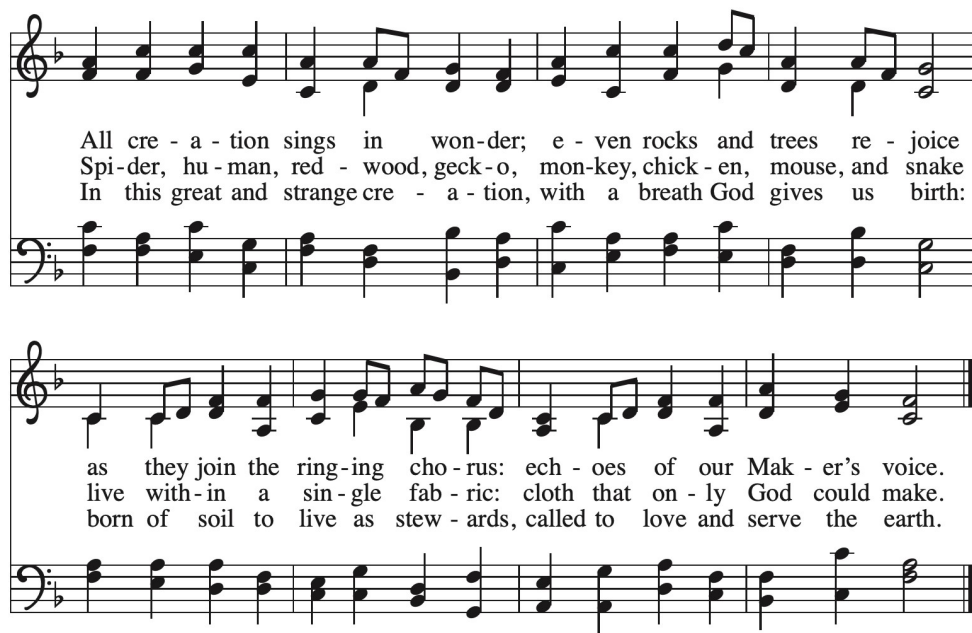
After a brief silence for reflection, as the music sounds, please stand to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 1064

Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom

1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound-ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,
from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
Ev - 'ry crea-ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won-der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
 Spi-der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon-key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:

as they join the ring-ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
 live with-in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979
 Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version
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THE APOSTLES' CREED

Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith into which we are baptized:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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.

You may stand, sit, or kneel as is your custom for the:

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

All join in the prayer refrain before and after the intercessions, and where indicated with a **P**.

Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord



Text: Medieval antiphon, adapt. Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Laudamus*, 1952
Music: VERLEIH UNS FRIEDEN, plainsong mode I; *Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1676
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Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Grant Peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord:

You give us a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. Be with Yehiel and Kristen, our bishops as they seek to shepherd your flock.

You nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Help us to share of your abundance rather than hoard in fear of scarcity.

You govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence: Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti, the United States. May we act in love more for our children than for guns. **P**

You only, Lord, can fight for us:

You care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need especially those whose names and needs we lift up now: _____.

You nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. Thank you for all those who have shaped the minds of children through Luther Memorial Academy over the past 50 years.

Thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith particularly Bill, Ruth, James, Miriam, Wilfred, Catherine, William, Henry Melchior, and _____. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **P**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share greetings and gestures of peace with those around you. Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED



An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church. Additionally, you may visit <https://bit.ly/LMCDonate> or scan the QR Code and scroll to the bottom of the page to give electronically.

OFFERTORY – "Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom"

Dale Wood

Please rise in body or spirit as the gifts are presented.

OFFERING HYMN

TFF 292

Give Thanks

A musical score for the hymn "Give Thanks" in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of nine staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One, give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One, give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, 'I am strong,' let the poor say, 'I am rich,' be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, 'I am strong,' let the poor say, 'I am rich,' be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!" The final line of the score is marked "Last time" and ends with a double bar line.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.
Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving
what you have first given us—
ourselves, our time, and our possessions,
signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him
who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...join their unending hymn:

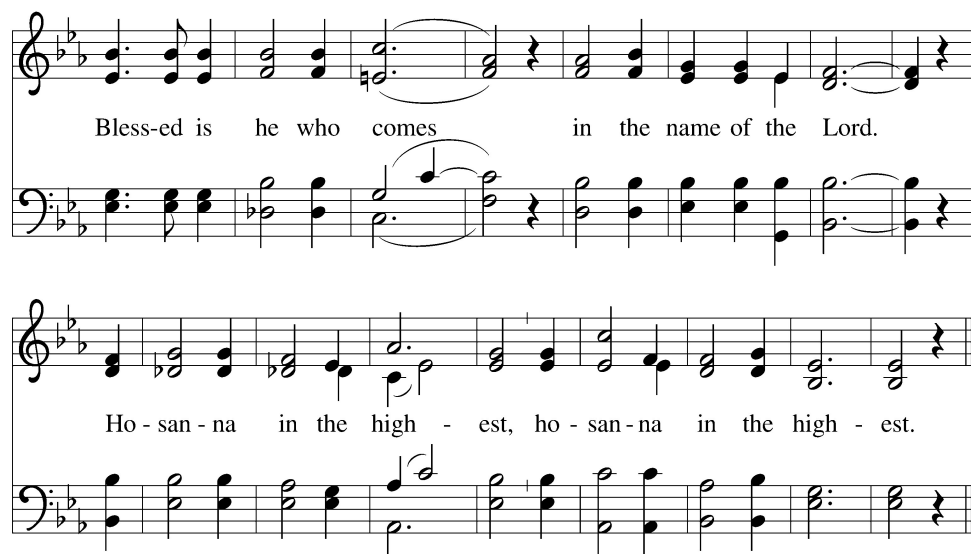
SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying:

Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness.

Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations.

Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

*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 his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love.

With Mary, your mother, and all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is made ready!

One is Holy; One is Lord: Jesus Christ to the glory of God. Amen.

Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ for you.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is, himself, present whenever we feast together. **You** are welcome to the feast! Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle. Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle. White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know. Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray. All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

Jesus, Lamb of God

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "Jesus, Lamb of God". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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ACS 937

Earth, Earth, Awake!

1 Earth, earth, a - wake! Your prais - es sing! Al - le - lu - ia!
2 All na - ture sings of hope re - born! Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Win - ter is past; the night is gone! Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Praise we the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son! Al - le - lu - ia!

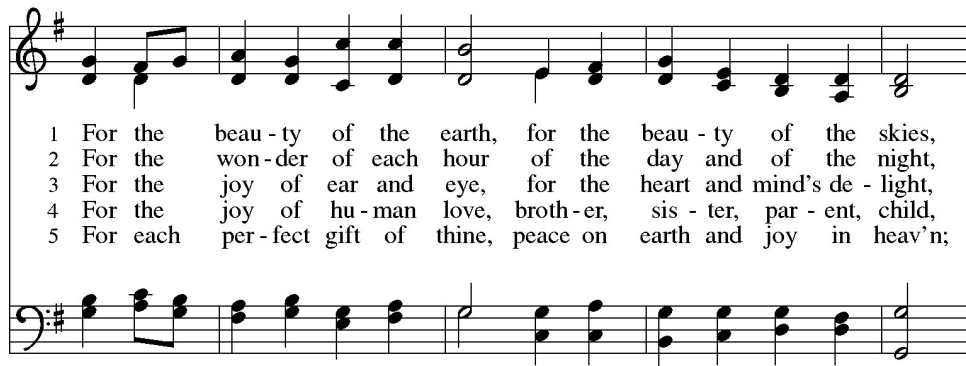
Greet with the dawn your ris - en King! Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ lives to com - fort those who mourn! Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ's light, tri - um - phant, brings the dawn! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise we the vic - t'ry God has won! Al - le - lu - ia!

Bright suns and stars, your hom - age pay! Al - le - lu - ia!
First fruit of all the dead who sleep! Al - le - lu - ia!
Cre - a - tion spreads its spring-time bloom! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise we the Lamb who reigns a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!

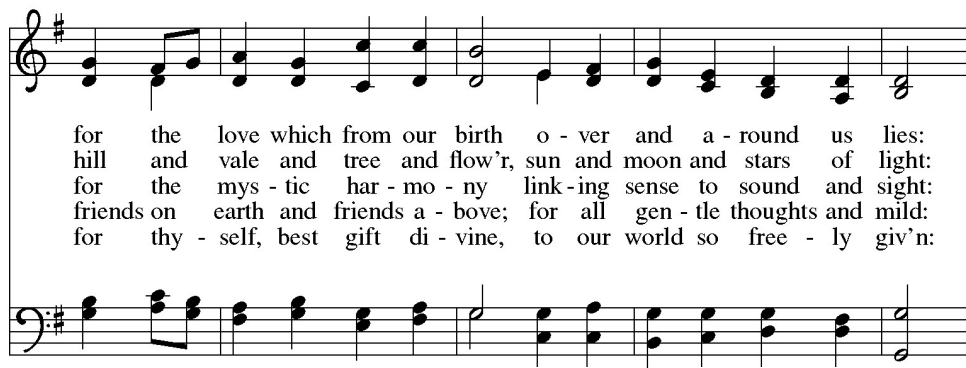
Life reigns a - gain this Eas - ter day! Al - le - lu - ia!
Prom - ise of joy for all who weep! Al - le - lu - ia!
Life bursts like flame from death's cold tomb! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise we the King whose rule is love! Al - le - lu - ia!

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For the Beauty of the Earth

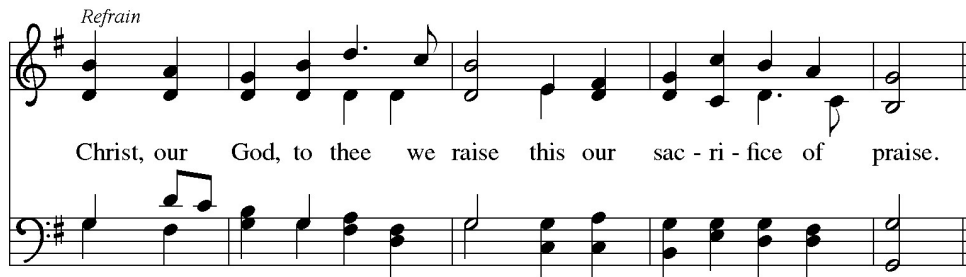


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



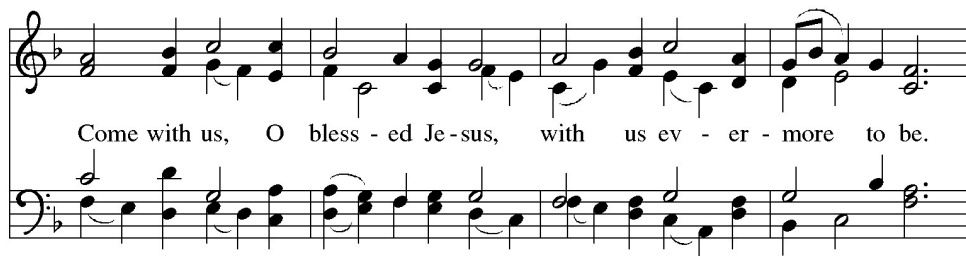
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus



Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.

And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!

Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;

but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891
 Music: WERDE MÜNTER, Johann Schop, 1600–1665; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION *if needed*

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

...now and forever.

A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the God of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise the Al - might - y, o'er all life so won-drous-ly reign - ing,
 3 Praise the Al - might - y, who pros-pers your work and de-fends you;
 4 Praise the Al - might - y! In won - der my spir - it is soar - ing!

My heart is long - ing to of - fer up sweet ad - o - ra - tion.
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 see from the heav - ens the show - ers of mer - cy God sends you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es out - pour - ing.

Mel - o - dy make; dul - ci - mer, harp, now a - wake.
 Have you not seen? All that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do;
 Let the a - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain,

Sound forth your praise, ev - 'ry na - tion.
 sent by God's gra - cious or - dain - ing.
 in - fi - nite Love here be - friends you.
 glad - ly for - ev - er a - dor - ing.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1690; tr. composite
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneueren Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Praise to the Lord"

Niels Gade

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Luther Memorial Church and Academy are located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people. These lands were ceded by the people of the Six Nations on October 22, 1784 in a treaty ratified by the United States Government in 1785 and never ratified by the people of the Six Nations. We gather in this place indebted to these peoples for their forced generosity. While some peoples were successful in resisting assimilation and genocide, and still live on dwindled homelands now, many were absorbed into other peoples, exiled, or annihilated by the United States government for their land. For those who remain and for the land on which we gather, we give thanks to the Creator and to those who have been custodians of this part of Turtle Island since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

— **SERVING TODAY** —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Pat Bellingham

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Stan Rose

LECTOR – Les Fobes

USHERS – Bill Lasher, Jane & Dave Kinzig, Karen Lundwall

ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

VIDEO STREAMING – Beth Keller



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents, Ruth and James Timpe; our grandparents, Miriam and Wilfred Boyd; and our sister, Catherine Timpe DiFuccia; by Elaine Kern and Sandy Barbaro.

Columbarium flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my beloved husband, Bill Schaal, Sr. by his wife, Carol.

Thank you to Walt Gaber for leading our worship in song this morning.

We welcome Matthew Rachocki from Bethesda Lutheran Services this morning and thank him for leading our Adult Forum class held at 9:15.

Today's Events

Confirmation class for our 10th grade youth will be held this morning and October 12 from 11:45am – 2:00pm; lunch provided. Youth will be confirmed Sunday, October 26 at the 10:30am service.

Join us for Oktoberfest this morning at 11:30 in fellowship hall. The main course of bratwurst & sauerkraut, hotdogs and macaroni & cheese will be served, as well as beverages. All are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Raise your glasses to Oktoberfest!

Worship Matters!

The Season of Creation is a growing movement to set aside September 1 through October 4 as a sub-season within the longer Ordinary Time that runs from the Sunday at Pentecost through The Reign of Christ. The idea would be to focus on God's gift of Creation and our call to steward these gifts. It would also be a time for lament and repentance over human acts that harmed creation, to pray for providence in harvest, and to pray for protection from natural disaster. Congregations could also use this time for increased advocacy for environmentally friendly causes and greater awareness of care for Creation. It is a growing movement and nothing official...yet. However, the movement is widely, internationally, and ecumenically supported from the Eastern Orthodox Church to the Roman Catholic Church to many mainline protestant denominations—including the Lutheran World Federation and the ELCA. So, while it is not an official designation, you will notice that our hymnody today reflects our thanksgiving for creation. Seems fitting as just yesterday (October 4) was the feast of Sant' Francesco d'Assisi the patron of animals and ecology.

Bishop Installation

Bishop Kristen Papsen, a daughter of Luther, will be installed as Bishop by The Rev. Yehiel Curry, V Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, on Sunday, 19 October at 3:30pm at Good Hope, Oil City. All are invited and encouraged to attend. If you would like a seat on the bus leaving from Luther's parking lot at 1:30pm, please contact the church office by tomorrow, Monday, October 6. Space is limited and is first-come-first-served. Cost is \$5 per person.

As we prepare for Bishop Papson's Installation (you've gotten that memo, yeah?), it has been suggested that Luther collect for a Purse to celebrate the occasion. As a daughter of Luther Memorial Church and a graduate of Luther Memorial Academy, Bishop Papson's election to Bishop is not just historic for the NWPA Synod but a momentous point of pride for our congregation. And we should celebrate! If you are able to contribute to a purse for her Installation, please place your donation in an envelope marked for Bishop Papson's Purse in the offering plate or drop it off to the church office during hours by Monday, October 13. Thank you!

Worship

Altar flowers are available Sunday, November 30 and Sunday, December 7. Please contact the church office if you would like to place flowers on the altar. Thank you.

LIVESTREAMERS ARE NEEDED! Recently, a few of our services have not been livestreamed and therefore not available to our homebound members. This is due to scheduling conflicts and volunteer availability. We need a robust rotation of livestreamers which involves tending the camera in the choir loft during our 10:30am worship service and our main worship services on feast days (such as Christmas Eve or Ash Wednesday). All ages are welcome to take on this vital leadership role in our communal worship. If you are interested in what this would entail and/or would like to sign up, please speak with Cantor Bryan or Pastor Jay.

Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization urging U.S. decision makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger. Our mission is to educate and equip people to advocate for policies and programs that can help end hunger in the U.S. and around the world. The Women, Infants, and Children Act (WIC) was first piloted in 1972. The program provides nutritious supplemental foods, breastfeeding promotion and support, education on healthy eating, and referrals to healthcare and critical social services. Earlier this year, when WIC was on the brink of being gutted, it was the voices of Bread for the World members that helped convince our lawmakers to allocate an increase of \$500 million to this life-saving program, rather than make more drastic cuts. Because of compassionate, faithful people like you, WIC will be there to help mothers raise healthy and nourished babies.

At Luther Memorial on October 12, 2025, we will be participating in Bread for the World's Offering of Letters. Following worship you will have the opportunity to write your own letter to Rep. Mike Kelly, urging him to co-sponsor the Modern WIC Act, which will make it easier for women, infants, and children to receive much-needed nutritional support. Sample letters will be available along with fact sheets, paper, pens, and maybe even some real bread to eat! Letters will be hand-delivered to Rep. Kelly's Erie office. You may also choose to email your letter.

For more information about Bread for the World, visit www.bread.org.

Concert Events

The Western New York Chamber Orchestra will offer a concert in the Luther Memorial main church on Sunday, October 26. Please join us for a brief informational talk at 2:15pm with the concert beginning at 3:00pm. The WNYCO concerts have been praised for showcasing the talent of soloists and the orchestra's ability to create a moving atmosphere while performing a wide range of musical styles.

The Luther Memorial Concert and Cultural Series and the Mercyhurst Concert Choir will celebrate All Souls Day with a Requiem Mass on Sunday, November 2 at 4:00pm. We will gather not just to hear a beautiful setting of the Requiem Mass composed by Faure, but also to share in a full Mass—with communion and all. We are considering this "A Requiem in Context." We also want to make sure that we remember your faithful departed at our celebration. Between now and Thursday, October 30, you may submit names of anyone you would like remembered (from this year or before) to Pastor Jay or the church office for inclusion.

Faith Formation for All Ages

Bibles will be presented to children in third grade on All Saints' Sunday, November 2, during the 10:30am service. Please contact Norma in the church office by Monday, October 20 if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. Thank you.

Brown Bag Bible (B³) gathers on Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. You bring a lunch, Pastor Jay brings something to talk about. This year we are using *Crossroads: Reading the Bible in Divisive Times* by Josh Scott. You do not need the book to participate, but if you would like a copy of the book, it is \$15 to the church office.

Bible After Dark (BAD) is coming! Mark your calendars for our first BAD gathering of the year! We will meet on the **FIRST TUESDAY** (note day change) of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row (1317 State St) for a time of conversation and fellowship. We will be using Josh Scott's book *Parables: Putting Jesus' Stories in Their Place*. If you would like to order your book from the church office, the cost is \$14. You may also order your own. If you've already ordered a book, they are in the office for pickup (and payment as needed). **YOU** are invited to join us! October's gathering is Tuesday, October 7.

Sunday School for Pre-K through 5th Grade begins on October 12 at 9:30am and will meet every 2nd Sunday! **LYO** will also meet during this time. Acolyte training will also be available on these Sundays.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Second Sunday Soirée will be offered on Sunday, October 12 at 9:15am in parlor. Please join us for a brief time of conversation, and some snacks, too.

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Enjoy a relaxing morning with friends at the Magic Fingers Grace Group as you knit your cares away sprinkled with some laughter. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am– 12:00 noon; October 14 and October 28. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will take a road trip to Mandy's Dutch Treat, 339 Main Street, Spartansburg, on Wednesday, October 15. Join us and enjoy the fall foliage and a scrumptious lunch. We will leave Luther Memorial at 11:00am. Please RSVP to the church office of Jan MacInnes, 814-833-0476 by Friday, October 10.

Trunk-or-Treat with family and friends on Sunday, October 26. Dress in costume, decorate your car, load it up with some treats and let the fun begin. Set-up in the church parking lot will begin at 1:00 noon. Treating will be held from 1:30-2:30pm. Music by DJ Bill Mason, prizes, a costume parade, and of course, treats will make this a super fun day. Please see Beth Keller, Sarah Prylinski or contact the church office to sign up to decorate your car.

Prayer Shawls

Healing takes place in many ways and the gift of a prayer shawl provides comfort and a source of healing for many. If you know of someone who would appreciate a prayer shawl made by our "knitters of Luther Memorial" please contact Jan MacInnes at 814-833-0476, Linda Graffius at 814-440-5458 or the church office and one will be prepared for you.

Items to Note

Homemade soup is coming a week early – pick some up Sunday, October 12 following the 10:30 service.

Greeting cards can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Jay either at the church (814-454-0106 x. 227) or, if not, on his personal phone (267-549-9858). If you are unable to reach him and need a response quickly, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. Thank you.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Dorothy Youngman	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Pat Gilbert
Friends and Family:			
Mary Beth & Nancy Kelly	Justin	Jeff	Jeff Monroe
Maureen C.	Gwen Smith	Andrew Wachter	Sullivan
Henderson family	Sandy M.	Debbie Cesnick	Sherry Giles
Norma Davidson	Jenny	Carol Johnson	Pat Lupo
Linda F.	Joel	Debbie Betit	Haven Schaefer
Grief:			
Dave Parsh family	Koscinski family		
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	

Readings and Commemoration This Week

October 6 – William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536 – Psalm 3; Habakkuk 1:5-17; James 1:2-11 -- *Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.*

October 7 – Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, 1787 – Psalm 3; Habakkuk 2:5-11; I John 5:15-, 13-21 -- *Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.*

October 8 – Psalm 3; Habakkuk 2:12-20; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

October 9 – Psalm 111; Leviticus 14:33-53; II Timothy 1:13-18

October 10 – Psalm 111; Numbers 4:34-5:4; II Timothy 2:1-7

October 11 – Psalm 111; Numbers 12:1-5; Luke 5:12-16



C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7	12:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm	W/ELCA General Meeting Hand-up Erie Meeting BAD (Bible After Dark; Calamari's)
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9	12:00pm 1:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	Brown Bag Bible Grief Support Group Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11	10:00am 10:00am	Julia House Meeting Quilting
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Worship with us at 8:15am in Faith Chapel or 10:30am in the main church.

Second Sunday Soirée gathers in the parlor at 9:15am.

Sunday School for PreK-Grade 5 at 9:30am.

LYO will gather at 9:30am.

Confirmation Class for youth in grade 10 at 11:45am.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Chloe Meucci
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Karen Lundwall
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Gina Snider
Counters	10:30am	Ken Kraut, Jonathan Ulrich
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	