

WELCOME TO
**LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & ACADEMY**



11 OCTOBER 2026
28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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WELCOME!

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

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.

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+ Please note that our 10:30 service is livestreamed at: youtube.com/LutherMemorialOnline. While the cameras usually only broadcast the first third of the pews and chancel (where all the action happens), faces may be visible as individuals return to their seats from Communion.

+ Everything you need to follow along in worship is included in this bulletin. You are invited to stand and sit—as you are able—as indicated herein.

+ If you have a need to **children's** bulletins, coloring pages, crayons, or other supplies they are available on the Welcome Table. You can proceed out the door next to the pulpit and find the Welcome Table near the door.

+ An all-gender and accessible **restroom** is available out the door next to the pulpit, up the ramp, and to the right. Follow signs for "Handicap Bathroom." Other restrooms are available down the hallway next to Faith Chapel across from the parlor.

+ You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshiping around you and turn your phones and devices to silent. Feel free to take pictures of our beautiful sanctuary or post about the sermon. However, we ask that you ask permission before taking any people pictures.

+ We welcome all to worship and to the Table trusting that it is the Holy Spirit that draws us all together. If you would like information about joining the congregation or receiving the Sacraments of the Church, be sure to talk to Pastor Jay after worship (you can usually find him next to the pulpit after the service).

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE – "Elegiac Poem"

G. McKay

The assembly may rise in body or spirit at the invitation of the presiding minister.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ONE: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

ALL: Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy, O God,

we have sinned.

In your compassion,

cleanse us from our sin

and take away our guilt.

Create in us a new heart

and give us a steadfast spirit.

Do not cast us away,

but fill us with your Holy Spirit

and restore your joy within us.

Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

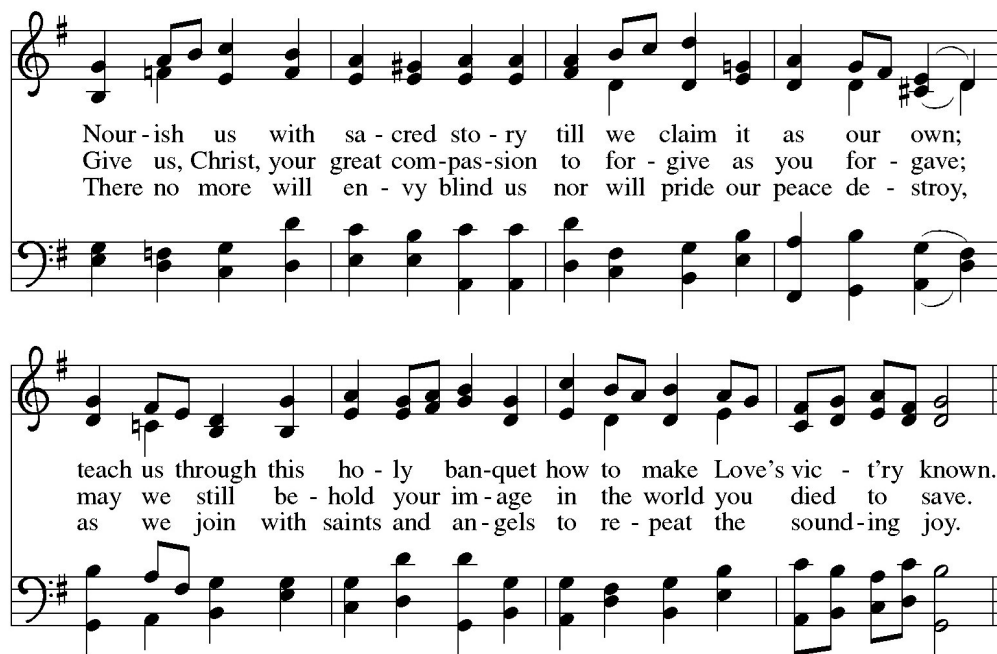
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As We Gather at Your Table

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the final verse. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,
teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932
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GREETING

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

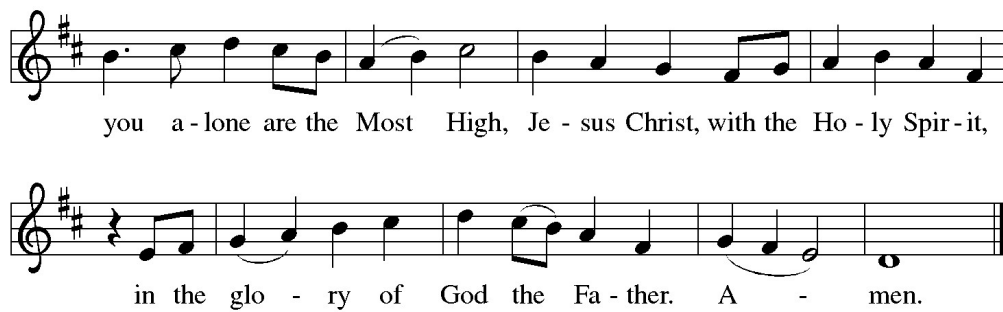
GLORIA

♪ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth:

All



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,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Silence is kept as all join in silent prayer. After a moment, the presiding minister prays on behalf of all:

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

WORD

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

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

God Almighty, we ask your blessing upon Bill as he reads to us the scriptures. May the words of his mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And the Lord will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; the Lord will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of the chosen people God will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God, for whom we have waited, so that God might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 23

The cantor sings the first verse. All join on verse 2 and then repeat verse 1.

My Love Is My Shepherd

My love is my shep - herd, I need noth - ing more
A - noint - ed and blessed with a - bun - dance I thrive

for she leads me in - to the lush pas - tures of
with a ta - ble pre - pared in spite of my

green and be - side the still wa - ters. My
en - e - mies and all my se - cret fears. My

life is re - newed to - day. Guid - ing me on the best
soul lacks for noth - ing now. Good - ness and mer - cy are

paths of her way, though I walk through the
fol - low - ing me ev - 'ry day of my

val - leys of dark - ness and fear, my love is with me.
life and I'm for - ev - er home in the pres - ence of love.

Text: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, based on Psalm 23
Music: Johann Sebastian Bach, adapt. Richard Bruxvoort Colligan
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SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

My dear family, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, dear family, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The assembly may rise in body or spirit to greet the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *sung by the choir*

Alleluia. This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation. *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The dominion of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

After a brief silence for reflection, as the music sounds, the assembly rises in body or spirit to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

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All Are Welcome

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -

Refrain

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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 Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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BEGINNING STEWARDSHIP SEASON

God is a generous God,
providing manna in the wilderness.

God is a steadfast God,
with us even unto the end of the age.

God is a God of newness and calling,
**inviting us to honor new visions
 and embrace new dreams.**

Israel....Elijah...The disciples...Jesus...The ancient church...

In keeping with this history and heritage, trusting that God provides us with everything we need to do what we are called to do and be who we are called to be, together we embark on a new season of planning and planting in this Stewardship Season.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Generous God, you invite us to live generous lives, trusting that you have given us to each other to work together: in service to our neighbor, in love for all creation, and in proclamation of your good news for all. As we anticipate our work together, we ask that you give us generous hearts, honest commitment to the call you've placed before us, and sincere trust that we can rely on your grace and sufficiency as we continue to serve you and your people in this place.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. Inspire us as we discern how you are calling us to steward our gifts. Enliven our hearts to be generous and joyful in our financial support of your mission here. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*The assembly shares a sign and greeting of peace. Please be mindful of others' comfort with touch.
After, the assembly is seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

God feeds us with Jesus Christ.

OFFERING



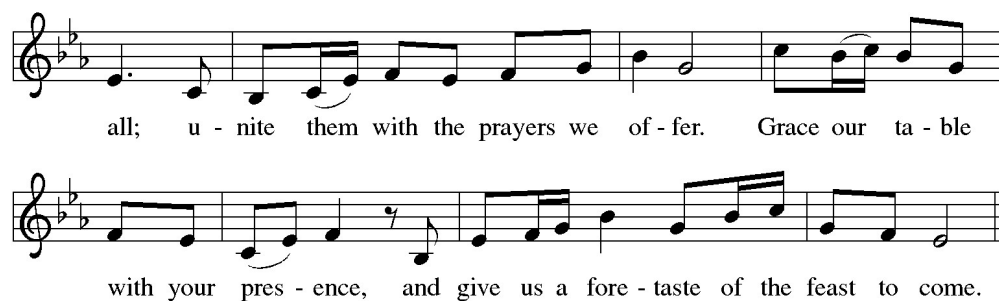
An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church.

MUSICAL OFFERING – "Voluntary"

The assembly may rise in body or spirit as the offering is brought forward.

OFFERTORY CANTICLE

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of

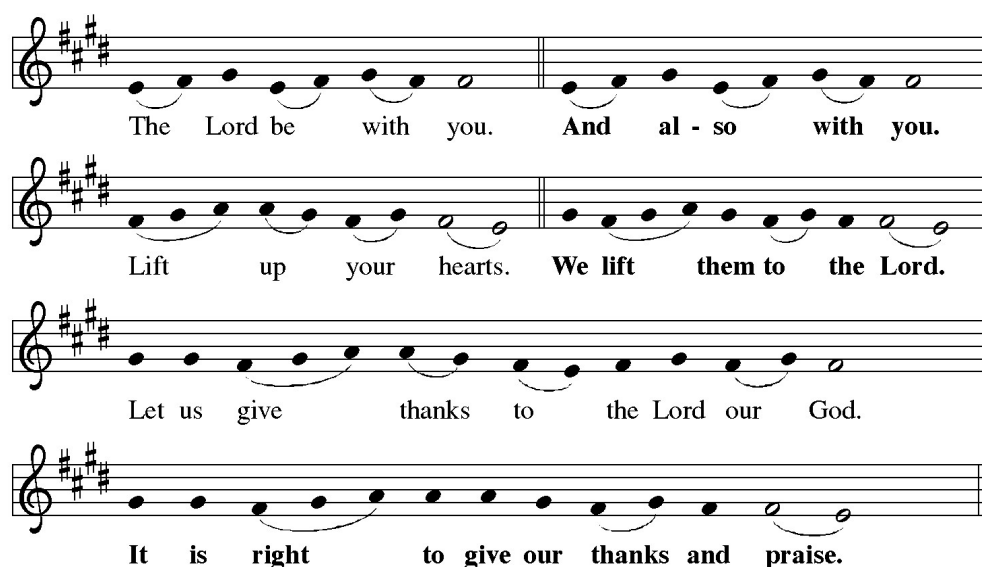


all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

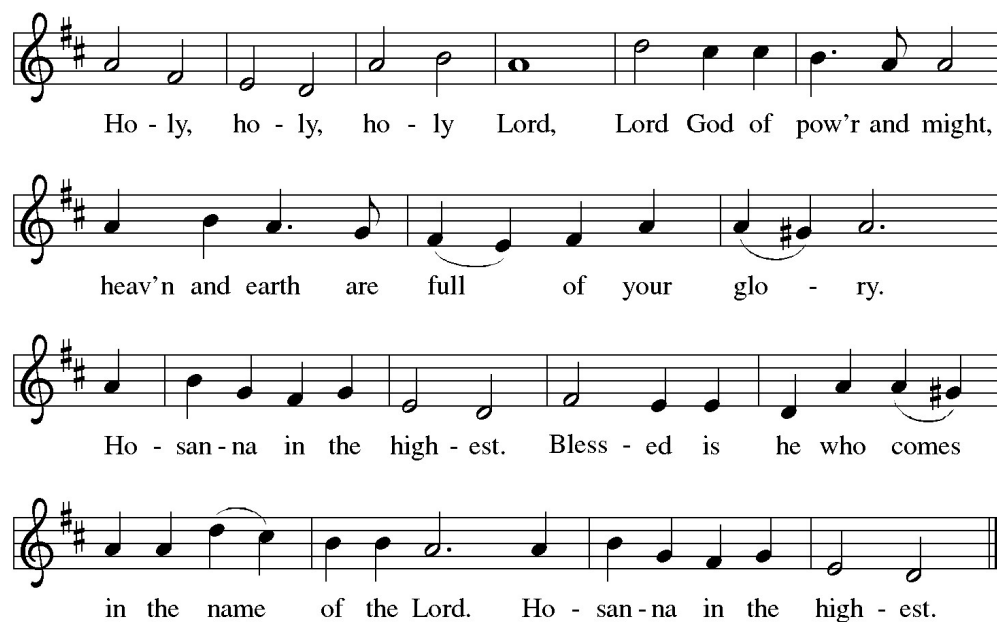
Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

♪ It is indeed right...unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We praise and bless you, Great Creator. We celebrate with joyful hearts the bountiful gifts of your earth. We thank you for the color and forms of your creation, for our place within it, for our daily food, and for those who bring your good gifts to us by their work and skill. For the light and shades of the changing seasons, and their variety and dependability; for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay.

We thank you that in Jesus you have come among us and by his life and death for us draws us into the cycles of life from death. As we gather around this Table by Jesus' own invitation, we ask you to send the Spirit that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

*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.*

*In the same way, 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.*

And so, drawn into the rhythm of creation by the One through whom and for whom all things are made, we bring bread and cup—simple creations of human hands made gloriously into your own body and blood, a reminder that all of creation in its simplicity is your crowning glory. Drawn into this dance with creatures long past and those yet to come, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Strengthened by this meal, send us out to labor in your vineyard. Encourage, sustain, and multiply our work that through us the earth may know justice and peace. Keep us mindful of those whose lives are spent in close communion with your earth: those who tend and till, those who labor and harvest, those who hunt and prune, those who feed and flourish. By them may we be reminded of our own call to care for your creation and all living things with it.

**Give bread to those who hunger
and hunger for justice to those who have bread.**

Holy God, you who create and tend and nourish all your creatures, bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours now and ever. **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 assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION

*This is Jesus' Table and Jesus is 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. Receive the bread in your open palm. All bread is gluten, wheat, nut, dairy, and soy free; it does contain egg. Proceeding to either communion assistant, hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. Non-alcoholized grape juice is in the pre-filled cups. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the bowls. 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. If you need communion brought to you, please let a neighbor know to inform the presiding minister.*

SINGING DURING COMMUNION

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.

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Build a Longer Table

1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,
feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.

Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984
 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol
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When Christ's own body comes to table



When Christ's own bo - dy comes to ta - ble, When all God's
 Now bread we break and wine we of - fer, Though not our
 In ev - ery place, at er, ev - ery look for - ward Our Lord days pre -
 As now we gath - er, we shall see The In No Our grace of sa - cra -
 child - ren but gath - er there, give, The In No Our grace of sa - cra -
 own, but Christ's ev - ery feast. see Our na - tions found the -
 sides at when we shall see Our gates, no walls are
 come, when we shall see Our Christ a lone at

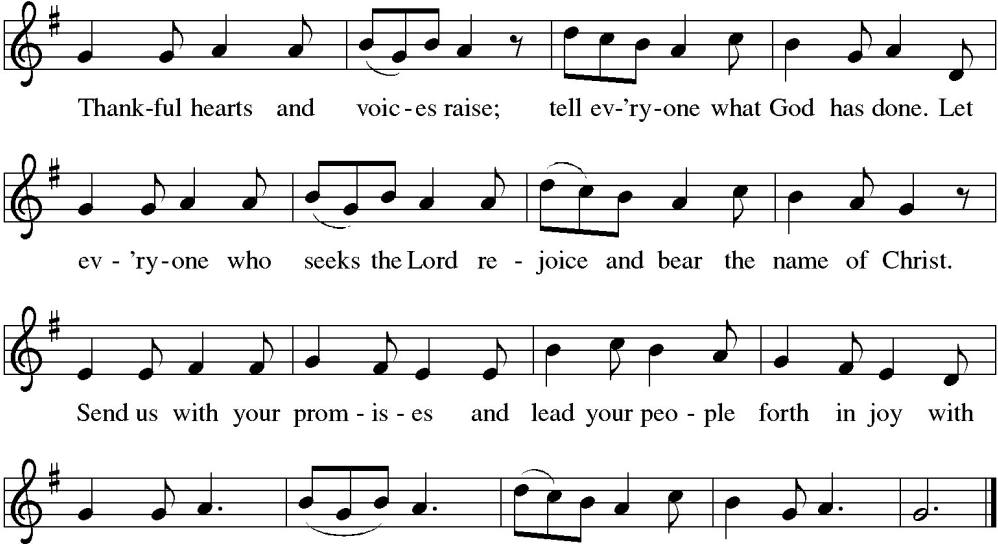
men - tal liv - ing Is giv - en free - ly ev - ery - where.
 whole world o - ver God's peo - ple take this feast and live.
 there to hin - der All those who seek from great to least.
 one great ta - ble To serve God's child - ren, loved and free.

TEXT: Charles Spence Freeman, September 2021.
 MUSIC: Tune ST. CLEMENT, Clement Cottewill Scholefield, 1874.

When all who so desire have received the Sacrament of the Altar, the assembly may rise in body or spirit at the invitation of the presiding minister.

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

...now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

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Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom-ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king-dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light

thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly

thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee

thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
 Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Entrada"

N. Rawsthorne

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— EXPECTED TO LEAD IN WORSHIP TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – The Rev. Jay C. Mitchell

ASSISTING MINISTER – Linda Swanson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

LECTOR – Bill Lasher

USHERS – Diana Alvaro, Lynnette Gustafson, Amy Scott

ALTAR GUILD – Mary Daniels

VIDEO STREAMING – Patrick Cimino

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Betty Sachrison Becker for her birthday on October 9 by her daughters, Sally Allen and Nancy Benacci.

Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our family's October birthdays; Betty Becker on October 9, Doris Swan on October 11 and James Swan on October 27, by Carol and Mark Zamperini.

Today's Events

This Sunday we begin our **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**. With our litany of dedication to the campaign this morning we enter in a month-long process as a congregation of discerning our financial support of the mission of Luther Memorial. There are invitations to this prayerful work—with Pledge Cards—on the Welcome Table. They are addressed for each household. Please take yours today! Those that are not taken will be mailed. Either way, you will receive your Stewardship Invitation. However, in being good stewards please consider saving the postage by taking yours today! Thank you.

FAITH5! will gather in fellowship hall at 9:15 this morning. This program gathers all ages around various topics to share in single “eduworship” opportunity. We will gather in the Parlor at 9:15am on the Second Sunday of each month and share a chance for everyone from our oldest to our youngest members to share and learn and grow and have a fun time growing deeper and broader and higher and further in faith together! It won't be the same without you!

We will celebrate Confirmation on October 25, Reformation Sunday. Classes for 9th or 10th grade youth will be held this morning following the 10:30 service and meet each Sunday in October with Pastor Jay. We'll see you in the conference room.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation brochures are available at the Welcome Table.

Class dates are listed for children, youth, confirmation and adults.

Bibles will be presented to children in third grade on All Saints' Sunday, November 1, during the 10:30am service. Please contact Norma in the church office by Monday, October 19 if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. Thank you.

Bible After Dark (BAD) meets on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row (1317 State St.) for a time of conversation and fellowship. **YOU** are invited to join us on Tuesday, November 3.

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. We will continue our study on the book of Revelation. Our next gathering will be Thursday, October 15.

Opportunities for Fellowship

L.I.A., Lutherans in Action, gather the second Tuesday of each month to help with community and service projects. Bring the family down and lend a hand. If you are not familiar with the BAND App, contact Sarah Prylinski at 814-882-1695 as outings are also posted on the app. We're hoping you can join us.

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 October 27 for knitting and crocheting. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am – 12:00 noon. Contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will be dining out at the Waterford Hotel on Wednesday, October 21. Join us for great conversation and delicious food at 11:00am. You are invited to top off your meal with dessert at the home of Jeanne and Walt Gaber. Their home is on the way back to Erie. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 814-833-0476, or the church office by Friday, October 16.

Trunk-or-Treat with family and friends on Sunday, October 18. 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 12:30pm. Treating will be held from 1:00-2:00pm. 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 and decorate your car.

Time to Shop at our Craft Show on Saturday, November 7 from 10:00am-3:00pm. Professional crafters with unique artistry and lots of variety will help you check off all those gifts for the holidays. Admission is \$2. Free admission for educators with ID badge. Proceeds benefit our youth group.

Join us for Bingo on Sunday, November 8 in our fellowship hall. Doors will open at 12:00 noon with Bingo play beginning at 12:30pm. Prizes are \$50 cash per game. Eight games will be played including 2 coveralls as well as games of chance. Tickets are \$25 and are available in the church office.

Music Ministry

Presque Isle ProMusica invites you to “Sing Democracy 250” on Saturday, October 17 at 7:00pm at Luther Memorial Church. As 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of our country, ProMusica will join with orchestras and organizations in each of the four corners of Pennsylvania in presenting two original compositions commissioned for Orchestra and Choir honoring our vast history. A reception will follow.

Contemporary Integrational Orchestra Project will present “October Spooktacular” on Saturday, October 24 at 7:00pm. Come in costume for a haunting harmonious night of your spooky favorites! Halloween music at its finest; directed by Sally “Switchblade” Santon and conducted by Todd “Sweeney” Maki. A reception will follow.

Items to Note

Homemade soup will be available following the 10:30 service on Sunday, October 18 for \$10.

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.

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.

*Thank you to everyone for your prayers, your well wishes and
phone calls which guaranteed my good healing during my recovery.
I am so grateful for my church family.
Betty Pletz*

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Betsy Brumagin	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Lois Smith
Diane Parsons	Les Fobes	Karen Zamperini	Kate Martin
Donna Sedelmyer	Mary Mumford	Paul Meucci	Brian Hubbard
Ella Graffius			

Friends and Family:

Hannah Jacob	Gail Lesuer	Sue Rinder	Erin N.
Brian Doersch	Jim Scobel	Ellie	Peggy S.
Kimberly Dunahue	Peter Maker	Shirley	Brynlee
Kevin Soles & family	Kathy Colvin	Anthony Benacci	Susan Sasala
Jessica Kinzig	Lynn	Kathy Nicewander	Connor & family
Lisa E.	Mary Phipps	Nichole Jones	Linda & Brian

Grief:

Mary Lou Breyley family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	Justin Gajewski

Readings and Commemorations This Week.

11 October – National Coming Out Day

12 October – Thanksgiving Day (Canada) -- Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19 -- *At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: "You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty." We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God's creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry. We remember this on our calendars in solidarity with our siblings in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCiC)*

13 October – Psalm 97; Exodus 33:1-6; Philippians 2:13-4:1

14 October – Psalm 97; II Kings 17:7-20; John 6:25-35

15 October – Teresa d'Avila, Doctor of the Church, 1582 – Psalm 99; Exodus 33:7-11; III John 9-12 -- *A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latinx Christians traditionally remember her on this date.*

16 October – Psalm 99; Exodus 31:1-11; I Peter 5:1-5

17 October – Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, 115 -- Psalm 99; Exodus 39:32-43; Matthew 14:1-12 -- *Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.*

CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

CHURCH OFFICES & LMA CLOSED
INDIGENOUS PERSONS' DAY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

10:00am	Pericope
10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
5:30pm	LIA (Lutherans in Action)
6:00pm	Council

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

11:00am	LMA Student Council
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

12:00pm	Brown Bag Bible
1:00pm	Grief Group
5:30pm	Handbells
6:45pm	Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

10:00am	Quilting
7:00pm	Presque Isle ProMusica Concert

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026 ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN & EVANGELIST

Worship with Rite of Healing at 8:15am in Faith Chapel and 10:30am in the main church.

Trunk-or-Treat – set-up at 12:30pm; treating 1:00-2:00pm.

VASA will meet at 1:00pm.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Ellen DiPlacido
	10:30am	Stan Rose
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Nick Lang
Counters	10:30am	Pat Bellingham, Nick Lang
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Linda Graffius

