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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 – “Lobe Den Herren”

W. Wold

TEMPLE TALK

Bread for the World

The Rev. Dr. Karen Lundwall

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 864

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.

Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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.
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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.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-15c

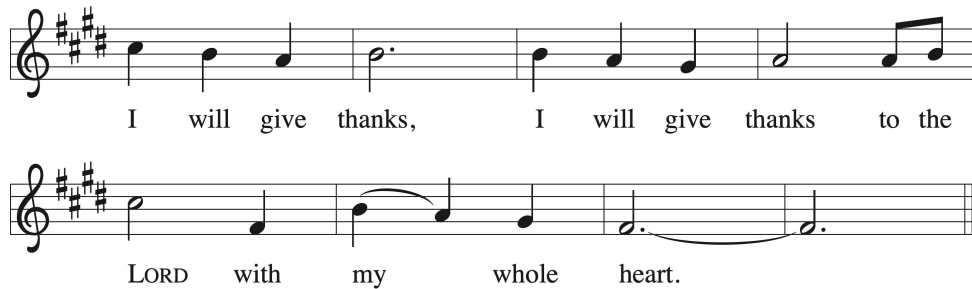
¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." ⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name

of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the skin disease! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. ¹⁵Then Namaan returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before Elisha and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 111 (*Sung responsively.*)



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¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with [|] my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the [|] congregation.

² **Great are your [|] works, O LORD,**
pondered by all who de- [|] light in them. A

³ Majesty and splendor [|] mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- [|] dures forever.

⁴ **You cause your wonders to [|] be remembered;**
you are gracious and full [|] of compassion.

⁵ You give food to [|] those who fear you,
remembering forev- [|] er your covenant.

⁶ **You have shown your people the power [|] of your works**
in giving them the lands [|] of the nations. A

⁷ The works of your hands are faithful- [|] ness and justice;
all of your pre- [|] cepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forev- [|] er and ever,**
because they are done in [|] truth and equity.

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- [|] nant forever;
holy and awesome [|] is your name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the begin- [|] ning of wisdom;**
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- [|] dures forever. A

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with Christ; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—Christ cannot deny himself. ¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one whom God approves, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

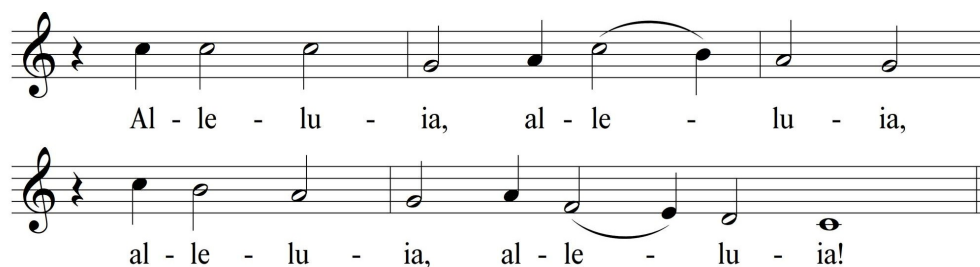
The Word of the Lord.

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



♪ Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴When Jesus saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?” ¹⁸Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then Jesus said to the Samaritan, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

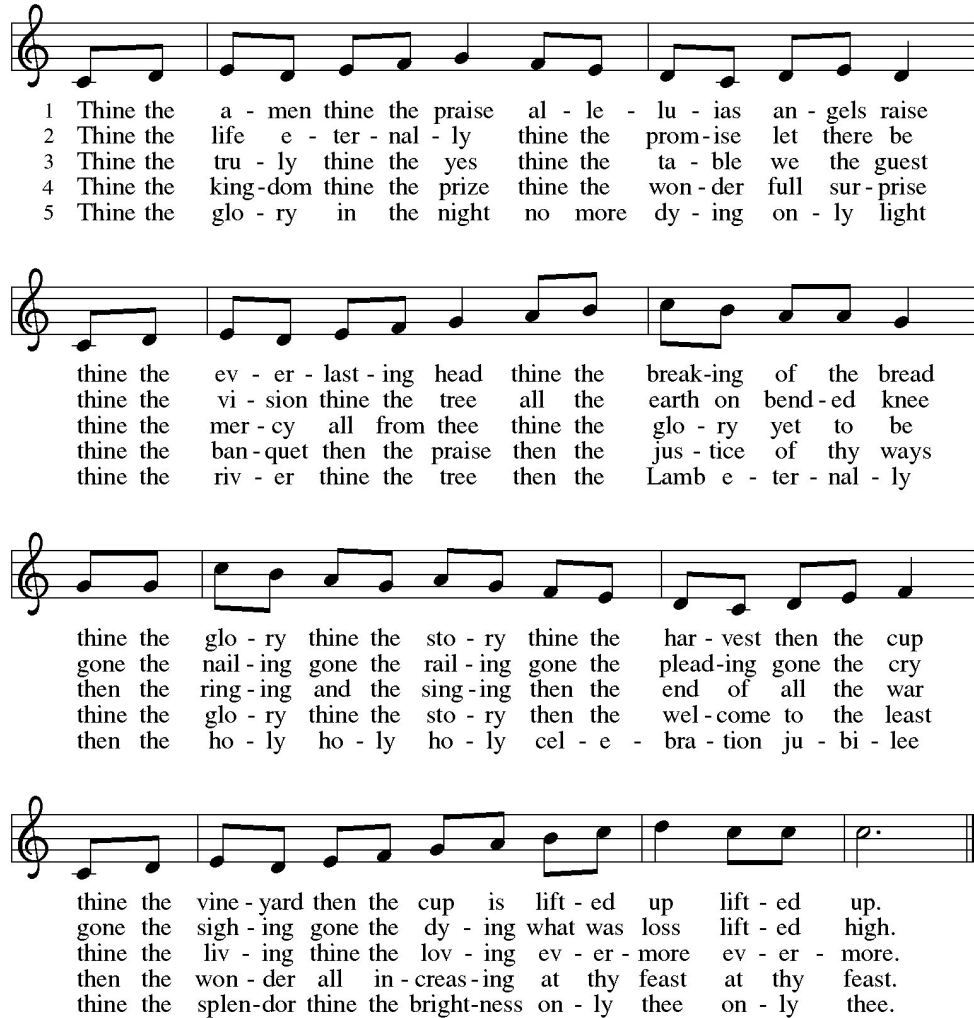
Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

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

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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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**. The “Amen” is included only after the last use.*

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

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God’s everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

In mercy, Lord: send us peace!

You lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world.

You provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth’s lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies.

You bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to a right relationship with you and with one another. **P**

There is none of earth but you, O God:

Bread of Life, we pray for our neighbors near and far who do not have enough to eat. We thank you for advocates like Bread for the World who are urging our lawmakers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger. We give thanks, too, for our local ministries who are providing daily bread to others, including Bethany Outreach and Holy Trinity Soup and Pasta Kitchen.

You know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing especially those whose names and needs we lift up now: _____.

You free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving.

Thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith, especially Teresa, Ignatius, Luke, and Betty. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in 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 – Voluntary

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

OFFERING HYMN

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Give Thanks



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



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.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you
We lift them to the Lord.
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.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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.

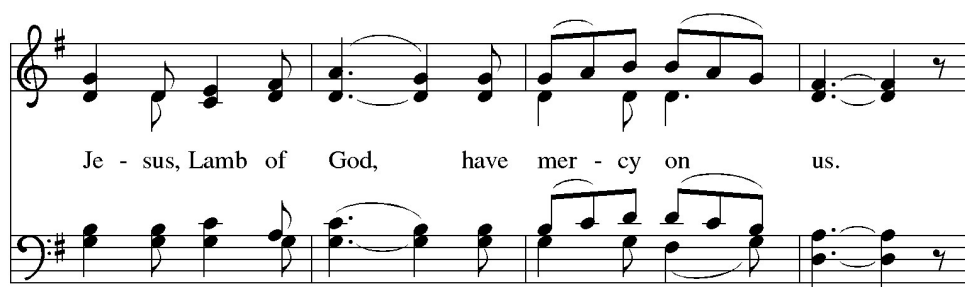
Please be seated.

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



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.

The image shows a three-system musical score for a hymn. Each system consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.' followed by 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,' and 'grant us peace, grant us peace.' The music features a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some rests and ties.

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Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 the mourn - ful, bro-ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
 O fallen human race!
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
 be now and ever giv'n
 by saints below and saints above,
 the church in earth and heav'n.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'. It consists of two systems, each with a single treble staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are arranged in four-line stanzas. The first system contains stanzas 1-4, and the second system contains stanzas 5-6. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with mostly quarter and eighth notes.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
 Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's now - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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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 MUNTER, 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

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.

SENDING HYMN

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

ELW 833

1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es to praise my
 2 Let ev - 'ry pow'r in me im - plant - ed a - rise, keep
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der that dance for
 4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, that throng the
 5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore you to lis - ten

God with thou-sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
 si - lence now no more; put forth the strength that God has
 joy in sum-mer air, you mead - ow grass - es, bright and
 earth, the sea, the sky, come, share with me my heart's de -
 to my earth - ly song un - til that day when I a -

joic - es, would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs to all, wher -
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore! O soul and
 slen - der, you flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, you live to
 vo - tion, help me to sing God's prais - es high! My ut - most
 dore you, when I will join the an - gel throng and raise to

ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me!
 bod - y, join to raise with heart - felt joy your mak - er's praise!
 show forth praise a - lone. Join me to make God's glo - ry known!
 pow'rs can nev - er quite de - clare the won - ders of God's might!
 you with joy - ful cry ten thou - sand hal - le - lu - jahs high!

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734; tr. composite
 Music: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE, Johann B. König, 1691–1758
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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE – “Praise My Soul”

R. B. Farlee

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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 – Stan Rose

COMMUNION ASSISTANT –

LECTOR – Karen Lundwall

USHERS – Cathy Beck, Betty Pletz

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

VIDEO STREAMING – Gina Snider



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.

Today's Events

Join us in the parlor at 9:15 this morning for **Second Sunday Soirée**. We'll have a nice visit, some conversation and snacks.

Sunday School for Pre-K through 5th Grade will meet this morning at 9:30 and will gather every 2nd Sunday! **LYO** will also meet this morning at 9:30. Acolyte training will be available every 2nd Sunday of the month as well.

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

Homemade soup is hot and ready this morning. Pick some up following the 10:30 service and enjoy.

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.

This morning 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 are 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.

Bishop Installation

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 NWPASynod 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 tomorrow, Monday, October 13.

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.

Worship

Altar flowers are available 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.

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) 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. 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! November’s gathering is Tuesday, November 4.

Opportunities for Fellowship

It’s time to Shop at our Craft Show on Saturday, November 8 from 10:00am-3:00pm. More crafters, more variety and more reasons you need to stop down and shop for the holidays. Admission is \$2. Free admission for educators with ID badge. Proceeds benefit our youth group.

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 see Jan MacInnes this morning if you would like to attend.

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

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	Judy
Norma Davidson	Jenny	Carol Johnson	Valerie
Linda F.	Joel	Debbie Betit	Haven Schaefer
Kevin Soles & family			
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 13 – Psalm 61; II Kings 5:15-19a; Acts 26:24-29

October 14 – Psalm 61; II Kings 5:19b-27; Ephesians 6:10-20

October 15 – **Teresa d'Avila, Doctor of the Church, 1582** – Psalm 61; II Kings 15:1-7; Matthew 10:5-15 -- *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. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.*

October 16 – Psalm 121; Isaiah 54:11-17; Acts 17:22-34

October 17 – **Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, 115** – Psalm 121; Genesis 31:43-32:2; II Timothy 2:14-26 -- *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.*

October 18 – **Luke the Physician, Evangelist** – Isaiah 43:8-13; Isaiah 35:5-8; Psalm 124; II Timothy 4:5-11; Luke 1:1-4, 24:44-53 -- *Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.*

CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

(Columbus Day)

Church Offices and LMA Closed

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

10:00am	Pericope
10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
1:00pm	Pericope
5:30pm	LIA (Lutherans in Action)
6:00pm	Council

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

11:00am	OWLS / Mandy's Dutch Treat
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

12:00pm	Brown Bag Bible
1:00pm	Grief Support Group
5:00pm	LMA Cross-Country Banquet
5:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal
6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:00am	Quilting
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

VASA will meet at 1:00pm.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Ellen DiPlacido
	10:30am	Julie Ditz
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Sarah Prylinski
Counters	10:30am	Cindy & Mike Hedlund
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	

