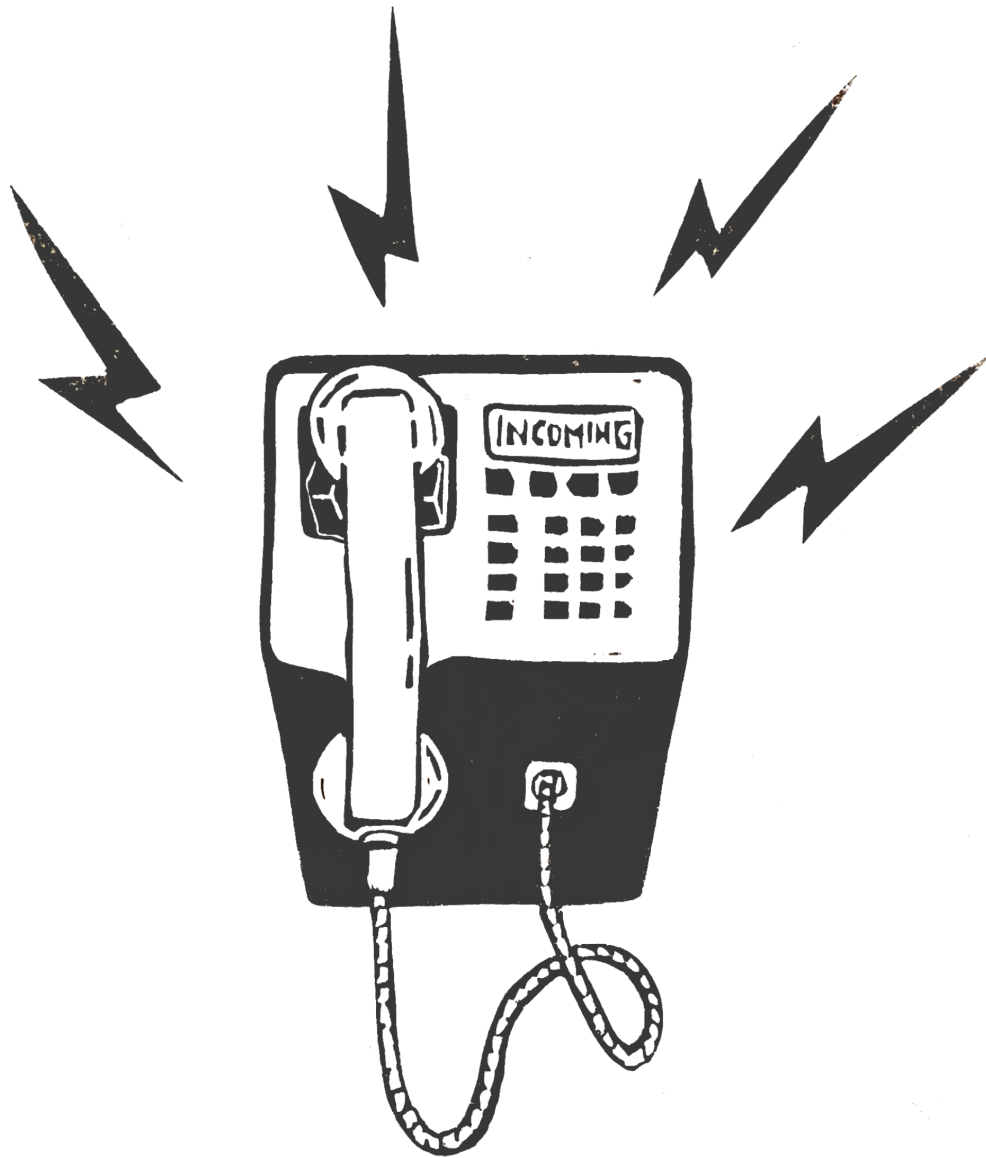


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church



19 OCTOBER 2025
THE 29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
SEASON AFTER PENTECOST
10:30 am

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 – “Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott Lasst Walten”

J. S. Bach

TEMPLE TALK

OUR NEIGHBOR’S PLACE

Sarah Prylinski

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 790

Day by Day



- 1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
- 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
- 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
wis-dom to o-bey; I will seek your lov-ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
draw me near-er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di-vine, be-yond all
o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e-vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat-ter
mor-tal mea-sure, brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior,
of the mor-row, I will trust in your en-dur-ing grace. Sav-ior,
what be-tide me, you will hold me ev-er in your hand. Sav-ior,
lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e-ter-nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo-ry I be-hold your face.
with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005
Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882
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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. Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, 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.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

²²At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then the man said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So the man said to Jacob, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked the man, "Please tell me your name." But the man said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there the man blessed Jacob. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of Christ's appearing and his dominion, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

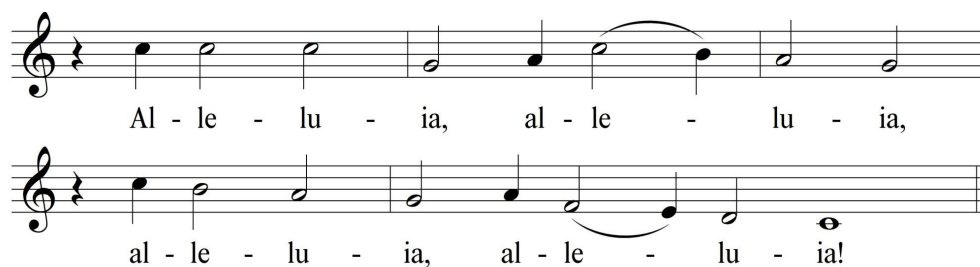
The Word of the Lord.

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 God is living and active,
able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴For a while the judge refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to God's chosen ones who cry out day and night? Will God delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son-of-Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

Pastor Moran

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

If You But Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite
 Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark
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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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Renewed in God’s everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for your mercy, Lord:

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos.

We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. **P**

There is none on earth but you, O God:

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer, especially those whose names and needs we cry out now: _____.

We pray for Luther Memorial. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need.

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed, especially Adam and James. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ such as James, Jim, and Adam.

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 – “Aria”

N. Rawsthorne

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

OFFERING HYMN

Give Thanks

TFF 292



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!

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.

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

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive the same Jesus with a living faith who comes to us in this holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*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.*

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, 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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By Gracious Powers

1 By gra - cious pow'rs so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,
 2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,
 3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming
 4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us
 5 By gra - cious pow'rs so faith - ful - ly pro - tect - ed,

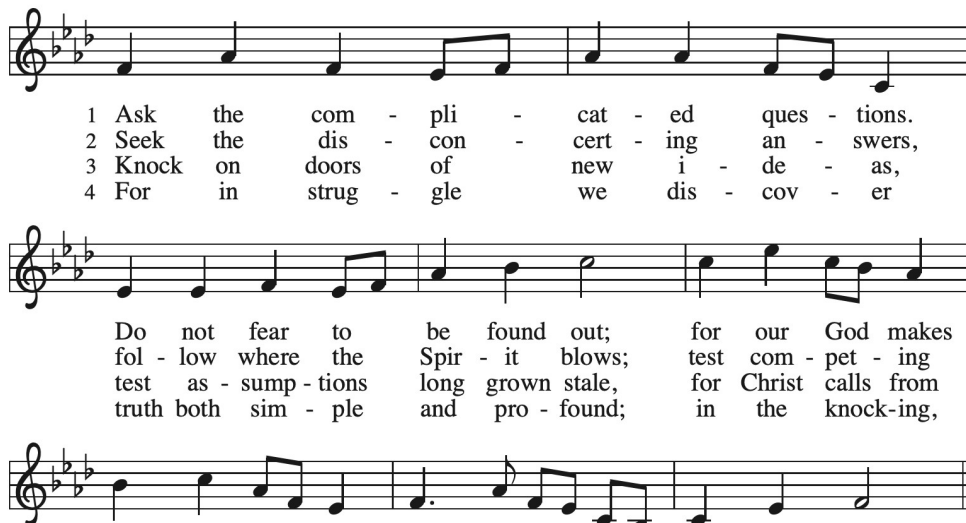
and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what may,
 still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;
 with bit - ter suf - f'ring, hard to un - der - stand,
 the joy we had, the bright - ness of your sun,
 so qui - et - ly, so won - der - ful - ly near,

we know that God is with us night and morn - ing,
 oh, give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion,
 we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling
 we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through
 we live each day in hope, with you be - side us,

and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.
 for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.
 out of so good and so be - loved a hand.
 and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.
 and go with you through ev - 'ry com - ing year.

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Ask the Complicated Questions



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er

Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock-ing,

strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

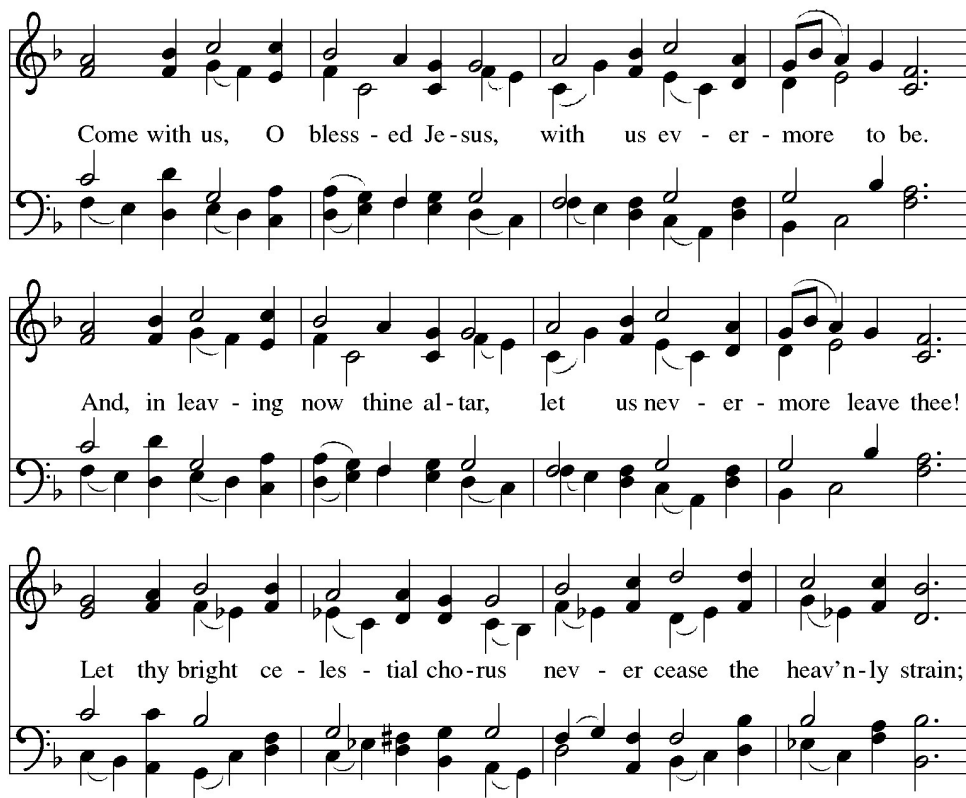
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TABLE BLESSING

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;



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.



SENDING HYMN

ELW 624

Jesus, Still Lead On





Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – “Sortie”

P. Fey

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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 Brian Moran

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Julie Ditz

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

LECTOR – Jane Moran

USHERS – Cathy Beck, Betty Pletz

ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

VIDEO STREAMING – Sarah Prylinski



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Adam Surovick and James Hammond by Bridget and Riley Surovick and Janet Hammond.

Today's Events

Bishop Papson's Installation is today at 3:30pm at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Oil City! The bus is leaving from Luther at 1:30pm sharp. If you have registered and paid to ride the bus, please be here and ready to ride no later than 1:20 to ensure an on time departure. For those driving themselves to the Installation, Good Hope is located at 800 Moran Street in Oil City.

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 2:30pm 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

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. Brown Bag Bible will not meet on October 23. We will gather again on October 30. 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.

Hunger Cravings

Nothing Bundt Cakes, a sweet way to support our LYO, will be available to order through Sunday, November 2. Orders will be available to pick up on Sunday, November 16. Individual bundtlets are only \$7 each and a perfect dessert for the holiday season. Varieties are available sure to satisfy anyone’s craving. Order forms are available at the welcome tables and in the church office. Thank you for your support!

Hamloaf is back, but there is even more to choose from. Sausage varieties return and a new flavor, Philly CheeseSteak Bratwurst, makes its debut. Great for the holidays or anytime, and the price is right. Keeping it local, Gahr’s Hamloaf in Franklin, PA is delicious. Orders are due Friday, November 21 with pick-up on Sunday, December 14. Order forms are available at the welcome tables, the church and school offices. Proceeds will benefit our youth. Thank you.

Opportunities for Fellowship

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.

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 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 enjoy a celestial experience of the Winter Sky and Christmas Sky at the Penn State Planetarium on Wednesday, November 19. Join us for a presentation by James Gavio at 11:00am. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes at 814-833-0476 or the church office by November 13.

Items to Note

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
Kevin Soles & family	Jenny	Carol Johnson	Valerie
Linda F.	Joel	Debbie Betit	Haven Schaefer
Shirley			
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 20 – Psalm 57; I Samuel 25:2-22; I Corinthians 6:1-11

October 21 – Psalm 57; I Samuel 25:23-35; James 5:7-12

October 22 – Psalm 57; I Samuel 25:36-42; Luke 22:39-46

October 23 – **James of Jerusalem, martyr, 62** – Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 9:1-16; II Timothy 3:1-9

October 24 – Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 9:17-26; II Timothy 3:10-15

October 25 – Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 14:1-6; Luke 1:46-55



CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 4:30pm School Board

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23	9:00am	Tea with Thom
	1:00pm	Grief Support Group
	5:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 6:30pm LMA Halloween Dance

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025
REFORMATION SUNDAY

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

Confirmation breakfast for confirmands and families will be served at 9:15am.

Trunk-or-Treat fun begins at 1:30pm.

Western New York Chamber Orchestra presentation begins at 2:30pm; concert at 3:00pm.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Stan Rose
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Christy Adams
Counters	10:30am	Skip MacInnes, Mary Mumford
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	