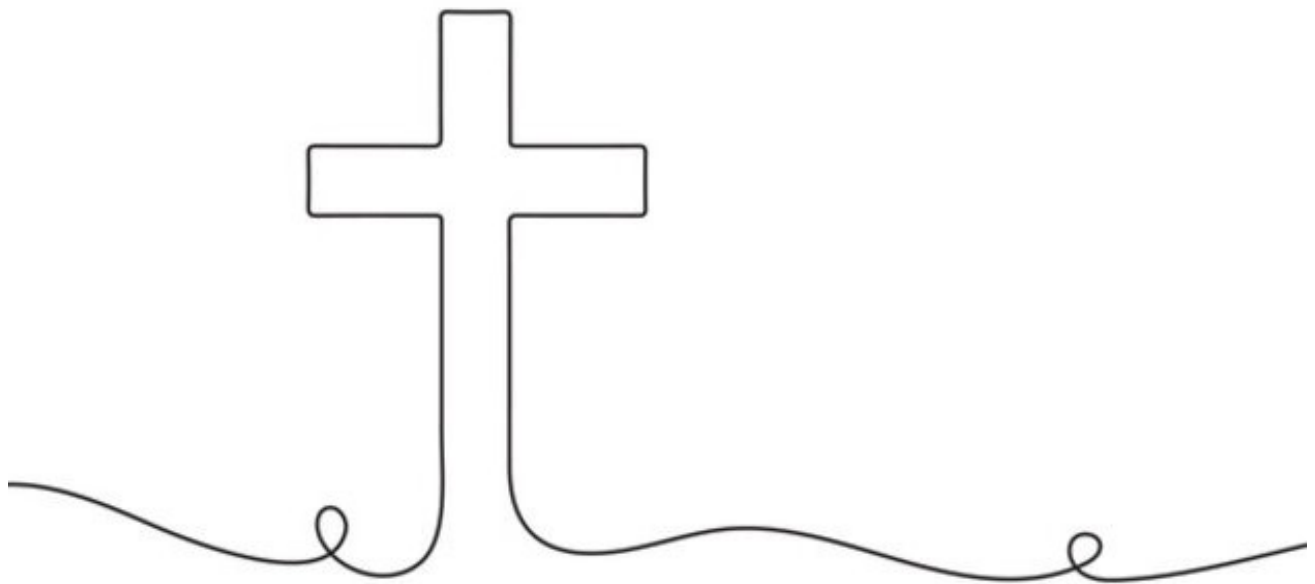


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church



9 NOVEMBER 2025
THE 32ND 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 – "Elegiac Poem"

G. F. McKay

TEMPLE TALK

Mary Mumford

Please rise in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ONE: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

ALL: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart,

yet we stray from your paths.

We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression

and do not embrace the freedom

of your faithful promises.

We ignore our neighbors.

We exploit the earth.

We reject your abundance,

trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.

Repair our relationships,

restore what we have broken,

renew our hearts,

and bring us to new life.

Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 437

On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the soprano part, featuring a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with each line corresponding to a different voice part. The lyrics are: 1 On Jor-dan's storm-y bank I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye; 2 All o'er those wide ex-tend-ed plains shines one e-ter-nal day; 3 No chill-ing winds or poi-s'nous breath can reach that health-ful shore; 4 When shall I reach that hap-py place and be for-ev-er blest?

to Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos - ses - sions lie.
 there God the Son for - ev - er reigns and scat - ters night a - way.
 sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
 When shall I see my Sav - ior's face and in God's bos - om rest?

Refrain

I am bound for the prom - ised land, I am bound for the prom - ised land;

oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom - ised land.

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727–1795
 Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836–1899

OPENING SENTENCE

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

KYRIE

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

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

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

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

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

²³“O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end will stand upon the earth; ²⁶and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ^{27a}whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 17:1-9

The Cantor introduces the Antiphon and all repeat. Verses are sung responsively with all joining on the Antiphon where indicated (▲)

Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;

hide me un - der the shad - ow of your wings.

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¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed | to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.

² **Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;**

let your eyes be | fixed on justice.

³ Examine my heart, visit | me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.

⁴ **I have not regarded what | others do;**

at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent. A

⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;
and my feet | do not slip.

⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;**

incline your ear to me and | hear my words.

⁷ Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.

⁸ **Keep me as the apple | of your eye;**

hide me under the shadow | of your wings,

⁹ from the wicked | who assault me,
from my deadly enemies | who surround me. A

SECOND READING: II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, dear family,
²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction, ⁴who opposes and rises up above every so-called god or object of worship, to take a seat in the temple of God, and claiming to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, dear family beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose God called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, dear siblings, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God, our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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
SINE NOMINE



♫ *Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.*

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus ²⁸and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now God is God not of the dead but of the living, for to God all of them are alive.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 636

How Small Our Span of Life



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;
3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,
4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,



a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch-ing of a breath,
our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.
to share the short-ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.
il - lu - min - ing our pil-grim-age through mists of doubt and fears;

a drop with-in the o-ccean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,
 While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos-mic space,
 You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end
 for hope that sees a life be - yond the swift - ly pass-ing days;

a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more.
 while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace.
 and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time trans-cend.
 for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English traditional
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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

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders: Yehiel and Kristen, our bishops; Jean, our dean; Jay, our pastor. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Guide those with authority to share of your abundance rather than hoarding as means of power. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world particularly in those places where war and strife are a daily reality: Gaza, Ukraine, the United States. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body particularly those whose names and needs we lift up now: _____. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for those who create and maintain our congregation: for Norma and Miriam; for Michelle and Amanda; for David and Jan; for Byran and Sarah and Beth; for our teachers and students and families; and for those who lead and chair our councils and committees. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith especially Martin, Soren, and Jax. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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

God of the Fertile Fields

A musical score for the hymn 'God of the Fertile Fields'. It features two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system has two verses: '1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of' and '2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in'. The second system continues the lyrics: 'earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your' and 'trust from you all that you give; help us in'.

boun - teous hand, come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

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

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: we who are surrounded by evil and bordered by death appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge. We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

*In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world. Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Creator, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This table does not belong to any denomination, church or community. It belongs to Jesus. It was at table that Jesus met people, heard their stories and shared his. It was at table that Jesus deepened his friendship with poor folk and prostitutes, the business class and puzzled bystanders. It was at table that Jesus shared profound insights into who God is and what God wants. And it was at table, with bread and wine, that Jesus initiated the Sacrament we now celebrate. So come to this table. Leave behind any baggage of arrogance or unworthiness. Do not think, 'This is not for me.' Think rather of Jesus saying, 'I am for you,' and accept the invitation to be the friend Jesus cherishes and longs to feed.

Amen. We come.

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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What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;
 Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,
 lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919
 Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638



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



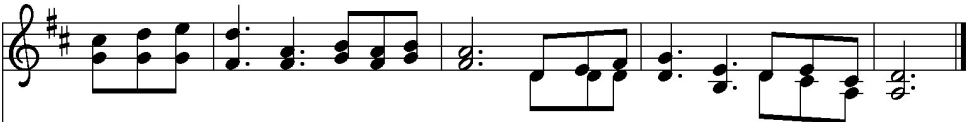

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.



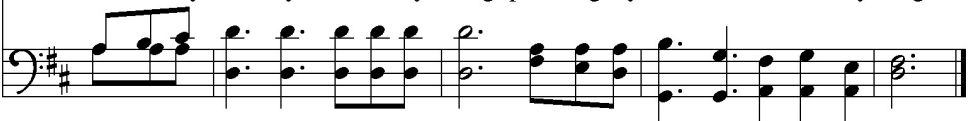
Refrain



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

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



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

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

ELW 501



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



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

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

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

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

...now and forever.

Amen.

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
 there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
 there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
 thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.
 Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version
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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE – "Blessed Assurance"

J. B. Carlson

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

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ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

VIDEO STREAMING – Christy Adams



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our son, Jax Stone, who passed away on July 27, 2014. We remember him on his 21st birthday on November 11, 2025.

Today's Events

Prayer Ventures is a monthly pamphlet that provides a prayer for each day. The November pamphlet is available at the welcome tables. Please feel free to take one for you and anyone you would like to share this with.

Second Sunday Soirée will gather in the parlor for refreshments and fellowship this morning at 9:15. Please join us.

Adult Forum will gather at 9:15 this morning. Pastor Jay will lead the discussion, The Communion of Saints.

The first gathering of our four Confirmation class workshops for our 7th-9th grade youth will be held this morning following the 10:30am worship service. These workshops will be offered the second Sunday of odd months (January, March, May). In order to successfully complete confirmation classes, each confirmand must attend all four. However, the *same four* will be offered every year in slightly different orders to allow for flexibility in attending all four. There will also be a worship leadership and a biblical literacy component that will need to be completed along with the usual service hours. Finally, ConfirCamp is strongly recommended for *at least* one year between the end of 7th and beginning of 10th grade. Confirmation will still be held in the autumn of 10th grade to each confirmand.

Sunday School for PreK-grade 5 will be held this morning at 9:30. Youth in grades 6-12 will also gather at 9:30.

Worship

This Tuesday is the 11th of November. For millennia this has been celebrated as the Feast of St. Martin. Indeed, our own beloved Luther is named Martin because he is baptized on this day (and the tradition was to take the name of the saint-of-the-day). It is not a mistake that the 11th of November was chosen for Armistice Day (now Veterans' Day in the United States, which shifts the focus of the international commemoration of the end of World War I, as in the Commonwealth where the day is Remembrance Day). St. Martin is the patron of soldiers. You can read his brief biography later in the bulletin. But Martin was a Roman soldier who was converted by giving his cloak to a beggar. He was later elected to the bishopric of Tours where he was known for his poverty and humility in his service among his flock.

St. Martin's Day is also traditionally the beginning of Advent. The remainder of November begins the looking to the coming Savior and then the transition with St. Andrew's Day (November 30) to looking to the coming of the baby in the manger.

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.

Where is Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay will be on vacation from Thursday, November 13 through Friday, November 21. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church office.

Stewardship

Commitment Sunday is Sunday, November 23! We will gather at both services on this Sunday to focus ourselves on God's abundance in our lives and to make our commitments to God's mission through financial support of Luther Memorial. If you did not receive your Pledge Card yet, please talk with the church office. If you will not be with us in person on Sunday, November 23, you can turn in your Pledge Card to the church office before that as we gather all our commitments and offer them to God on November 23.

Faith Formation for All Ages

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 in November. Our next gathering will be December 4. 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! December's gathering will be on December 2.

Christmas is Creeping Up

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 any time, 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.

Hanging of the Greens will be held Sunday, November 30 following each worship service. Please join us to decorate our beautiful church.

St. Lucia will be presented at Luther Memorial on Sunday, December 14 at 4:00pm in our main church with a reception following in fellowship hall. Rehearsals will be held Sundays; November 16, 23, 30 and December 7. Rehearsals for 3rd grade youth and older will begin on Sunday, November 16. Rehearsals for children 2nd grade and younger will begin on Sunday, November 23. All rehearsals will be held from 11:45am – 1:00pm. Prior to the St. Lucia program on December 14 a brief rehearsal will be held at 11:45am. Parents are asked to attend the first rehearsal to sign in their child. Please contact Lena Donnelly at 814-403-7825 with any questions.

Opportunities for Fellowship

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.

Family Thanksgiving Night is set for Friday, November 21 from 5:30-9:30pm. A deliciously fun evening starting with our meal (please bring a dish to share) followed by crafts, a scavenger hunt and lots more. Bring the family, bring your friends and have a great time. Please contact Sarah Prylinski at 814-882-1695 and let us know you're coming.

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; November 11 and November 25. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

RADA

RADA knives will make a wonderful Christmas gift for the culinary expert in your home. These handcrafted knives are made in the USA with materials only from America and have a lifetime guarantee. Catalogs are available on the Welcome Tables. Order forms with payment are due by November 18 to any W/ELCA member or the church office. Proceeds will benefit community outreach.

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.

***Thank you** to the 25 of you who wrote and/or sent emails to Rep. Mike Kelly, urging him to cosponsor legislation that will make it easier for women, infants, and children to receive nutritious foods and programs that support health and growth.*

The letters were delivered to Rep. Kelly's office by Lois Smith and Pastor Karen Lundwall. They met with a staff person and gave him information about the significance of this legislation. They also extended an invitation to visit Bethany Outreach Center and Holy Trinity's soup kitchen, and meet our neighbors who are struggling to support themselves and their families. Thank you for making your voice heard!

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Dorothy Youngman
Diane Parsons

Ed Hokaj
Judy Karney

Rose-Marie Rose

Pat Gilbert

Friends and Family:

Mary Beth & Nancy Kelly
Maureen C.
Henderson family
Kevin Soles & family
Linda F.
Katja & family

Justin
Gwen Smith
Sandy M.
Jenny
Joel

Jeff
Andrew Wachter
Shirley
Carol Johnson
Debbie Betit

Jeff Monroe
Sullivan
Judy
Valerie
Haven Schaefer

Grief:

Pat Lupo family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Matt Anderson
Ben Dixon

Michael Stickner
Mark Collins

Andrew Watson
Christopher Rose

Alli Brown



From a grateful nation and our congregation, we express our gratitude for your service

- ★ Thank you, Veterans, for your sacrifice during wartime when deployed to a combat area while being separated from your family, and during peacetime as we celebrated stability to uphold peace in our native land. THANK YOU for your service.
- ★ In memory of deceased Veterans, we honor your allegiance to protect our freedom within our country and abroad. We recognize your strength and perseverance demonstrated during your military service and most of all your persistent commitment to our country. Your legacy is the promise that binds us together as one nation under God.
- ★ Prisoners of War (POW) who survived captivity, and to families of a Missing in Action (MIA) who did not return home, YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN. We remember your great qualities of discipline and respect and medals awarded to you during your service to our country.
- ★ In recognition of church members or family of members who serve full-time around the world to defend and protect our country from all enemies, foreign and domestic; and US Reservists within the homeland who are called upon for national emergencies or specific missions around the world, thank you for your preparedness to safeguard us from harm. We acknowledge and appreciate your bravery and sacrifice. THANK YOU.

Active Full Time Military – listed in alphabetical order

- Lt. Colonel Mark Collins – US Army
- Staff Sergeant Ben Dixon – US Air Force
- Master Gunnery Sergeant Christopher Rose – US Marine Corps
- Captain Michael Stickner – US Air Force
- Tech Sergeant Andrew Watson – US Air Force

US Reserves

- Staff Sergeant Alli Brown – US Air Force Reserve

If information about our military members is incorrect, please notify the church office.

Today's bulletins provided by Carol and Bob Davidson

Readings and Commemoration This Week

November 10 – Psalm 123; John 20:1-11; II Peter 1:16-21

November 11 – **Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397** *or* **Soren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, 1855** – Psalm 123; John 21:1, 17-34; II John 1-13 -- *Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.* *or* *Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.*

November 12 – Psalm 123; Job 25:1-26:14; John 5:19-29

November 13 – Psalm 98; I Samuel 28:3-19; Romans 1:18-25

November 14 – Psalm 98; II Samuel 21:1-14; II Thessalonians 1:3-12

November 15 – Psalm 98; Ezekiel 10:1-19; Luke 17:20-37



CALENDAR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11	10:00am	Pericope
	10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
	1:00pm	Pericope
	6:00pm	Church Council

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12	6:30pm	Worship & Music
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13	1:00pm	Grief Support Group
	5:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15	10:00am	Quilting
	12:00pm	Bethany Outreach Center Luncheon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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

St. Lucia rehearsal at 11:45am.

VASA will gather at 1:00pm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Stan Rose
Communion Assistant <i>(1 needed)</i>	10:30am	Tom Klomp
Lector <i>(1 needed)</i>	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Gina Snider
Counters	10:30am	Liz Stroup, Pat Young
Ushers <i>(4 needed)</i>	10:30am	