

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church



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THE 33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
SEASON AFTER PENTECOST
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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WELCOME!

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

~ 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 – "Highland Cathedral"

C. Callahan

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 597

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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. 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, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: JOY TO THE WORLD (Psalm 98)

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every member of the community living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not

eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Dear family, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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



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

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And Jesus said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am the one!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and country against country; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before rulers and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

Pastor Karen

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

When Our Song Says Peace



1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will
 2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will
 3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will

sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
 sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
 sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,

who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.
 who o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.
 who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: JENKINS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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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 of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. 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.

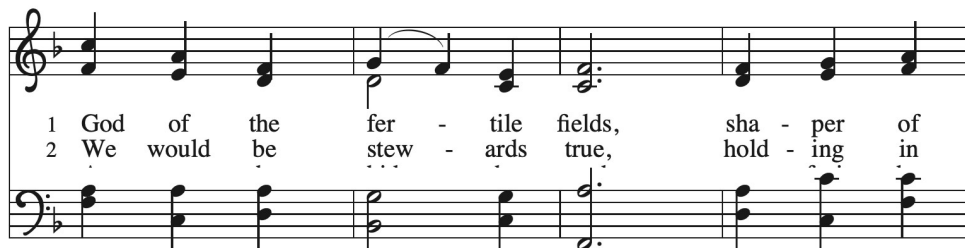
ANTHEM – “Voluntary”

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

OFFERING HYMN

ACS 1063

God of the Fertile Fields



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
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.

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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.

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, 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

Come to the Table of Mercy. Find here Christ our host, guest, and meal.

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.*

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,

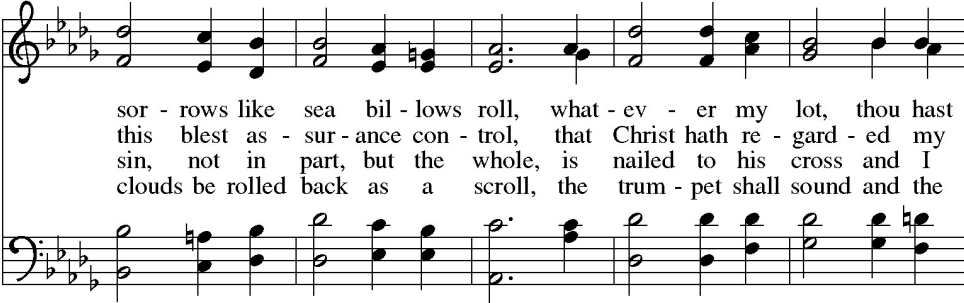
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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ELW 785

When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

ACS 1032

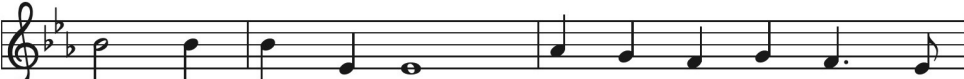
Lift Up Your Heads



1 Lift up your heads, all you bowed low,
 2 Lift up your hands, your voices raise,
 3 Lift up your hearts, your great A - men;
 4 Be - hold, the Spir - it here a - bides,



hear the liv - ing wa - ter flow: quench - ing
 bold in plead - ing, bright with praise. Weep no
 Mer - cy feeds her guests a - gain: bread e -
 bear - ing God's a - bun - dant life: peace be -



spring and cleans - ing pool, heal - ing riv - er, clear and
 more, your God has come; greet the wound - ed, ris - en
 nough to break and share, fes - tive wine that scents the
 tween you, love with - in, grace be - side you loos - 'ning

cool. One, air. sin. How who bless - es Oh, taste and Be - lov - ed, Christ falls up - with what a -

on your face, stream - ing from the font of grace.
 joy com - plete, dwell - ing in the Word of peace.
 once was lost ris - ing in this feast of love.
 mong you stands, mov - ing through your hearts and hands.

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TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 501

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: 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.

SENDING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW 632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: St. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Voluntary"

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 Karen Lundwall

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Stan Rose

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Tom Klomp

LECTOR – Cathy Meyn

USHERS – Sue Cappelletty, Mary Mumford, Betty Pletz

ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

VIDEO STREAMING – Gina Snider



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for many blessings by Pastor Jay and Chaz Mitchell.

Today's Events

We welcome Pastor Karen Lundwall as our Preacher and Presider this morning while Pastor Jay is on vacation.

Offering envelopes for 2026 are located on the table by the ramp door. To save on postage we ask that you please pick up your envelopes. They are arranged alphabetically. Thank you.

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 begin this Sunday at 11:45am in the main church. Rehearsals will also be held Sundays; November 23, 30 and December 7. Rehearsals for 3rd grade youth and older begin this morning. 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.

Worship

Interested in becoming a member of Luther Memorial Church? Please contact Pastor Jay or the church office for information or with questions.

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 remains on vacation the rest of this week. He will be back in worship on Sunday. In case of 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 Joy

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

Christmas Cookie fellowship, compliments of our Congregational Life Committee, will be offered in the parlor following each service on Sunday, December 7. Let's toast to the Christmas season together and enjoy some festive-licious treats.

Light the Way: A Concert for Hope and Home will be offered Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00pm in our sanctuary with a reception following. Enjoy a wonderful evening of music; dance, instrumentalists, vocalists and, of course, some Christmas carols. This concert will be a Christmas celebration featuring the superb talent within our community. Tickets will be available soon and proceeds will benefit Inter-Church Ministries and the VSEA voucher program. Please join us for a joyous gathering to support Inter-Church Ministries' work in our community.

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.

Opportunities for Fellowship

OWLS are looking forward to their annual Christmas Party. The festivities will be on Wednesday, December 17 at 11:00am. The main dish for lunch will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, or the church office by Wednesday, December 10.

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

Christmas Outreach

We're "Stocking the Streets"! Join with our youth as we come together to assist those in our community that are unsheltered. Donations of needed items will be collected through Sunday, December 21. Sarah Prylinski will then gather these items and distribute them to those in need that she assists on a daily basis. A complete list of items needed and a donation box is located at the Welcome Table. Thank you for helping others.

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.

— 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
Carl Larese

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

Readings and Commemoration This Week

November 17 – Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, 1231 – Psalm 141; Ezekiel 11:14-25; Ephesians 4:25-5:2 -- *Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.*

November 18 – Psalm 141; Ezekiel 39:21-40:4

November 19 – Psalm 141; Ezekiel 43:1-12; Matthew 23:37-24:14

November 20 – Psalm 46; II Chronicles 18:12-22; Hebrews 9:23-28

November 21 – Psalm 46; Zechariah 11:1-17; I Peter 1:2-9

November 22 – Psalm 46; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17

November 23 – Clement, Bishop of Rome, 100 or Miguel Austin Pro, martyr, 1927 – Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43 -- *Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians. **OR** Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"*



CALENDAR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17	6:00pm	PTL
	6:00pm	Hand-up Erie Meeting
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18		
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19	11:00am	OWLS
	4:30pm	School Board
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20	1:00pm	Grief Support Group
	5:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21	5:30pm	Family Thanksgiving
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22	8:00am	St. Lucia Baking Day

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025 THE MAJESTY OF CHRIST

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

St. Lucia Rehearsal will be held at 11:45am.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Julie Ditz
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Eric Hedlund
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Gina Snider
Counters	10:30am	Cindy Hedlund, Gail Zackrison
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	