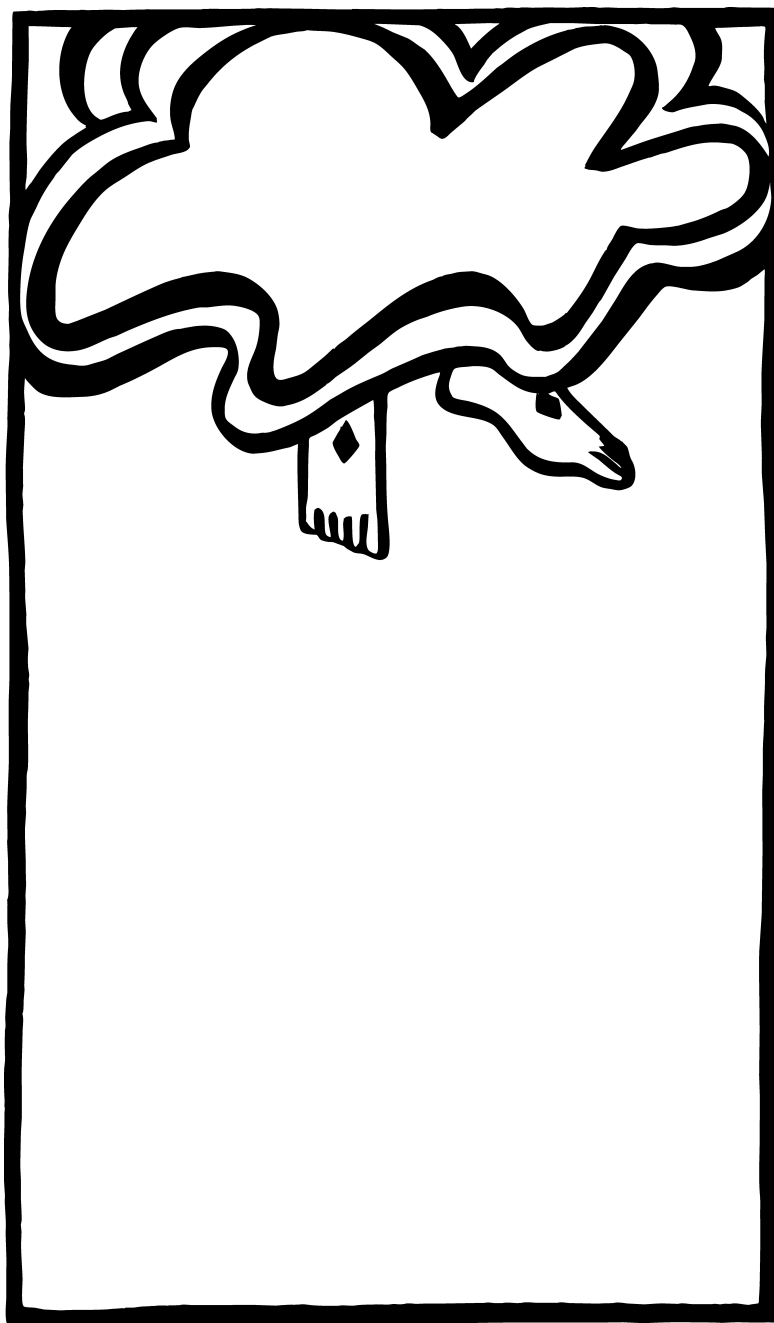


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church



29 MAY 2025
THE ASCENSION
Erie Lutheran Conference Worship

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.

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE – "Jubilant Procession"

M. Ardrey-Graves

Handbell Choir

"Declare Your Maker's Praise!"

L. Larson

Conference Choir

Please rise in body or spirit and face the font at the Crossing.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

ONE: Alleluia! God has gone up with a shout!

ALL: The Lord with the sound of the trumpet! Alleluia!

In the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise



1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
bless-ings on his church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, c. 1781–1821

GREETING

Alleluia! God has gone up with a shout!
The Lord with the sound of the trumpet! Alleluia!

The grace of the Risen Christ, the love of our ever-living God,
and the fellowship of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-14

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹¹I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. ¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and

languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY *tune: ENGELBERG*

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,
to search the mystery in heaven stored,
the knowledge of the Holy One adored? Alleluia!

The Christ alone, whose hands and heart are pure,
one Servant of the Lord with purpose sure,
can enter in that glory to endure. Alleluia!

This One alone ascends to God's right hand
who first came down as his high mercy planned;
true God and man has earth and heaven spanned. Alleluia!

Before the clouds receive God's Christ on high,
a cross lifts up his form against the sky;
the Framer of the worlds has come to die. Alleluia!

Christ shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,
the God of glory, whose own blood out-poured
paid that dear price that mercy did afford. Alleluia!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe, according to the working of God's great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and seated him at the right hand of Power in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and might and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And God has put all things under the feet of Christ and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is the body of Christ, the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION


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1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
 say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!"



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴Jesus said to the eleven and those with them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you— that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And


see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰Then Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.


The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.


GOSPEL RESPONSE




4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



see re - turn-ing in great maj - es - ty." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

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

Before the Ancient One, Christ Stands



1 Be - fore the An - cient One, Christ stands, en - robed in cloud and
 2 Who was, who is, and is to come as ser - vant lived in
 3 Now in the lat - ter days you call, O Christ, and plead the



bright as snow, five wounds im - print his side, feet, hands, and
 hu - man sphere; com - pas - sion was his di - a - dem; his
 prem - ise clear, that pow - er grasped is none at all, and



thorns, the gar - land on his brow. Yet thrones and
 glo - ry was the gen - tle tear; hu - mil - i -
 serv - ing shows your Spir - it near. As na - tions



pow'rs fall to the knee and weave a song of maj - es - ty,
 ty, his pur - ple garb; the heal - ing hand, his roy - al orb.
 clash and wis - dom wanes, as glo - ries tempt and greed sus - tains,



for what the world ad - mires as gain is not the es - sence
 Such love drew ire and ire drew death, but God has proved the
 you bid us choose in ev - 'ry hour the pow'r of love, the



of Christ's reign, and strength is his, and name and
 tru - er strength, and through all space the host pro -
 great - est pow'r, that love may her - ald God's do -



might, be - cause he pit - ied hu - mans' plight.
 claims the name a - bove all oth - er names.
 main, and you, at last, may come to reign.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: CHRIST CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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NICENE CREED

Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father†,

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

With all who look to the coming of Christ, we raise our voices in praise of God's work.

For the Church; for all who raise their voices to tell the good news of life everlasting, we raise our voices in glad strains of:

Alleluia! Amen!

For creation; for the lengthening of days and the beauty of spring that remind us that God's life is abundant and eternal, we raise our voices in glad strains of:

Alleluia! Amen!

For the nations; for those who work for international peace and harmony, for those who serve the common good, we raise our voices in glad strains of:

Alleluia! Amen!

For your healing and wholeness for the sick and suffering; for God's gifts of science and medicine, and for those who share these gifts with others, we raise our voices in glad strains of:

Alleluia! Amen!

For all who have claimed baptismal promises: for Mary and Peter, John, Jiří, Mary, Elizabeth; for our beloved dead; and for the promise of new life—the promise of baptism—which holds us until we join with them around the Feast of the Lamb, we raise our voices in glad strains of:

Alleluia! Amen!

Into your wounded hands of love, O God, we place all our prayers trusting in the mercy and grace of the crucified-risen one, Jesus.

Alleluia! Amen!

THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen 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 mission and ministry of the Church. Tonight's offering goes to the Erie Lutheran Conference to support our gatherings and resourcing. Your offering will be recorded for your congregation and processed through Luther Memorial. You may make all checks payable to Luther Memorial Church. Additionally, if you'd rather give electronically, you may do so by scanning the QR Code or following: bit.ly/LMCDonate and scrolling to the bottom of the page.

ANTHEM—"I Will Go Up"

Conference Choir

M. Joncas

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

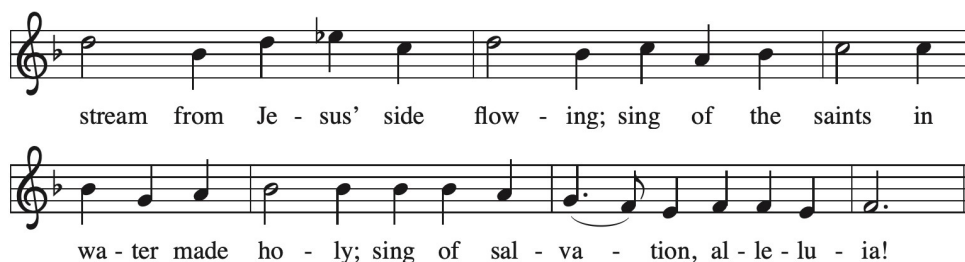
OFFERING HYMN

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

Musical notation for the hymn 'Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the



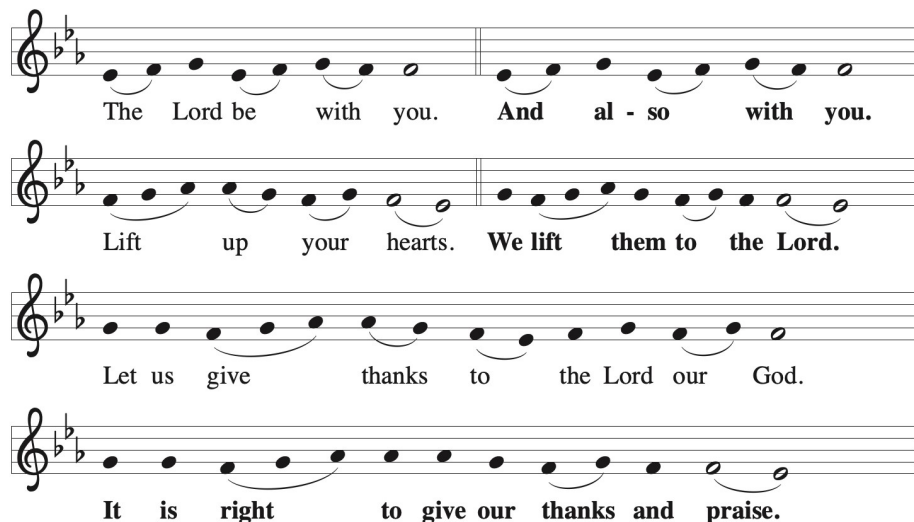
Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

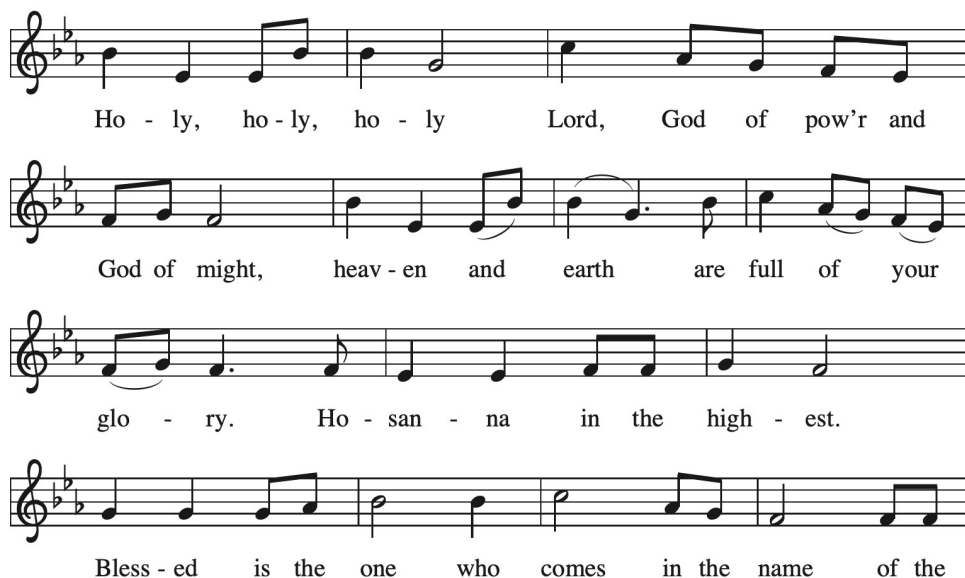
Amen.

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THE PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS





EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

As the shadows lengthen, we bless you, sheltering God.

We glorify you for the endless, starlit sky, deep with the mystery of your creative labor through all time and space. We praise you for the fertile earth and for the life its darkness holds and births: plants of every variety, animals curled in sleep, humankind you shaped by your own hand.

Stay with us, for it is evening.

Through the night you led your people into freedom. At day's end you rained down manna in the wilderness. At sundown your Son brought healing to people in need. In the midday night when Jesus died on the cross, life came forth for all.

Stay with us, for it is evening.

*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.*

Our hearts burn within us as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Like a mother hen, hold us close through the coming night. Watch with those who labor, accompany those who long for peaceful sleep, welcome those whose waking will be only in you. Into our deepest night, come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Holy Spirit, make here the body of Christ: in the breaking of the bread, in justice for our broken world, in rest for the weary, come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

To you, O God, painter of both night and day, guiding star and healing sun, breath of peace and wind of change, be all glory, all honor, all praise this night unto the coming dawn, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.*

Look, the Sight Is Glorious



- 1 Look, oh, look, the sight is glo - rious, see the man of sor - rows now;
 2 Crown the Sav - ior! An - gels crown him! Rich the tro - phies Je - sus brings;
 3 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned him, mock - ing thus the Sav - ior's claim;
 4 Hark! Those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark! Those loud tri - umphant chords!



from the fight re - turned vic - to - rious, ev - 'ry knee to him shall bow.
 on the seat of pow'r en - throne him while the vault of heav - en rings.
 saints and an - gels crowd a - round him, own his ti - tle, praise his name.
 Je - sus takes the high - est sta - tion; oh, what joy the sight af - fords!



Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
 Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
 Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
 Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!



Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow. Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow.
 Crown the Sav - ior, King of kings. Crown the Sav - ior, King of kings.
 Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame! Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame!
 King of kings and Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.
 Music: BRYN CALFARIA, William Owen, 1814–1893

ACS 937

Earth, Earth, Awake!



- 1 Earth, earth, a - wake! Your prais - es sing! Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 All na - ture sings of hope re - born! Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Win - ter is past; the night is gone! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Praise we the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son! Al - le - lu - ia!



Greet with the dawn your ris - en King! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ lives to com - fort those who mourn! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ's light, tri - um - phant, brings the dawn! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise we the vic - t'ry God has won! Al - le - lu - ia!



Bright suns and stars, your hom - age pay! Al - le - lu - ia!
 First fruit of all the dead who sleep! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Cre - a - tion spreads its spring-time bloom! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise we the Lamb who reigns a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!



Life reigns a - gain this Eas - ter day! Al - le - lu - ia!
Prom - ise of joy for all who weep! Al - le - lu - ia!
Life bursts like flame from death's cold tomb! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise we the King whose rule is love! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007
Music: STUEMPFLE, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952
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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to -
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION HYMN

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
 spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
 ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to
 danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;
 sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of
 fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor
 last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS*Please stand as you are able.***BLESSING****SENDING HYMN****ELW 878****Soli Deo Gloria**

1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
 2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and
 3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and
 4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
 5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the
 wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it
 voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of
 wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
 gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
 choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y
 Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic
 love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
 cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
 fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:
 phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:
 space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
 sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: SOLI DEO GLORIA, Marty Haugen

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! God has gone up with a shout!

The Lord with the sound of the trumpet! Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Trumpet: Brian Gray (Faith Lutheran)

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Please be sure to stay awhile
to visit and continue the celebrations.
There is a festive reception in the Parlor.
To access the parlor,
you may use either door at the front of the Sanctuary.
(The door near the pulpit has accessibility.)
Heading up the ramp and/or stairs,
the Parlor is on the other side of the Altar Wall.

LEADING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING

AT THE ALTAR

PRESIDING MINISTER _____ The Rev. Jay C. Mitchell
Pastor Loci

PREACHING MINISTER _____ The Rev. Jean N. Kuebler
Dean, Erie Lutheran Conference
Pastor, Faith, Harborcreek

ASSISTING MINISTER _____ Shari Repoff
Faith, Harborcreek

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St. Peter's, North East

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St. Paul's, Erie

ALTAR GUILD _____ Cathie Dugan
Chair, Worship and Music, Luther Memorial, Erie

AT THE PROCESSIONS

CRUCIFER _____ Gabe Stroup
Luther Memorial, Erie

BOOKBEARER _____ Jessica Copfer
Luther Memorial, Erie

JUBILATION STREAMER _____ C. Noelle Partusch
Luther Memorial, Erie

IN THE BALCONY

PRIMARY MUSICIAN _____ Bryan Timm, F.A.I.O.
Cantor Loci

CHOIR _____ Friends and Members of ELC Congregations

VIDEO STREAMING _____ Christy Adams
Luther Memorial, Erie

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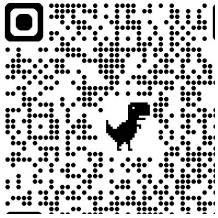
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The Erie Lutheran Conference—17 congregations in Erie County—is looking toward the future of ministry in our area. Serving in our conference are only four full-time equivalent pastors. And of the 17 congregations, only 4 have a full time pastor (the other FTE pastors are shared between two congregations). In 5-10, the number of full time pastors (not retired) will very likely be only 3. This is not a reason to fear or fret but a reason to open our hearts, minds, eyes, and ears to the various ways that God is calling us into the future! The Church of Jesus will stand the tests of time...whether it looks like it does today or not is only known to Jesus. As part of this planning and dreaming, folks have gotten together as a taskforce to consider models of collaborative ministry in our area. But this is not work just for a few people sometimes, but work that we are all called to do in God's future. In our planning and dreaming, we are looking toward what ministry looks like years down the road. As part of this dreaming and planning, YOU are invited to fill out a survey to assess the positions, feelings, hopes, and dreams of the Lutherans in Erie County. To take the survey, you can follow the QR Code, or follow: <https://forms.gle/nw9Sr4K6vQ9TMS928> to take the survey online.

Readings and Commemorations

May 26 – Psalm 93; I Chronicles 12:16-22; Revelation 21:5-14

May 27 – John Calvin, renewer of the church, 1564 – Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 8; Romans 8:28-30; John 15:1-11 -- *Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.*

May 28 – Psalm 93; II Chronicles 34:20-33; Luke 2:25-38

May 29 – Jiří Tranovský hymnwriter, 1637 – II Chronicles 20:20-21; Psalm 96; Ephesians 5:18b-20; Matthew 13:44-52 -- *Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.*

May 30 – Psalm 97; Exodus 33:12-17; Revelation 22:6-9

May 31 – THE VISIT OF MARY TO ELIZABETH – I Samuel 2:1-10; Psalm 113; Romans 12:9-16b; Luke 1:39-57 -- *This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.*

June 1 – Justin, martyr at Rome, 165 – Psalm 16:5-11; I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 12:44-50 -- *Born of pagan parents, Justin Martyr was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.*

