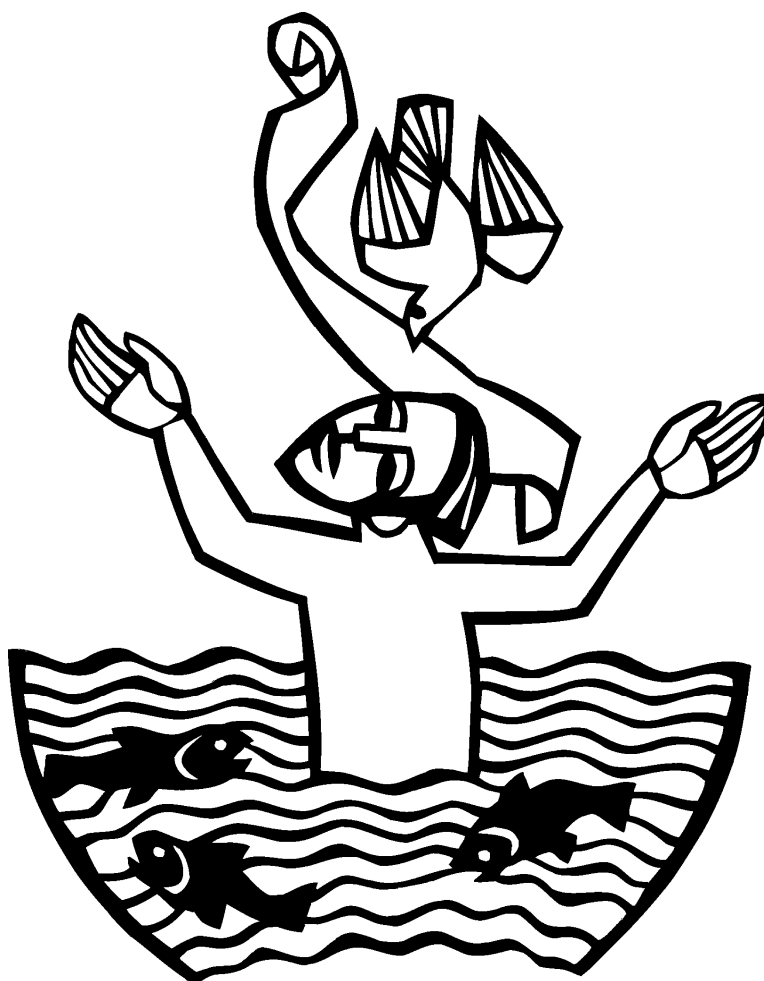


*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



9 JANUARY 2022  
The Baptism of Our Lord

*Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 8:15 & 10:30**

### LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Luther Memorial is Christ's church that brings its ministry to northwest Pennsylvania within the context of its Lutheran heritage.

As a church that ministers to the community, it seeks to be an inclusive congregation providing a welcoming environment for all to worship, learn, and enhance both personal spiritual growth and fellowship.

***GATHERING – “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”***

**PRELUDE** – "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

Charles Callahan, James Mansfield

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *1 John 1:8-9*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who creates us,  
redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

☑ **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



**P** Most merciful God,  
**C** we confess that we have sinned against you  
 and your beloved children.  
 We have turned our faces away from your glory  
 when it did not appear as we expected.  
 We have rejected your word  
 when it made us confront ourselves.  
 We have failed to show hospitality  
 to those you called us to welcome.  
 Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
 and the things we have left undone.  
 For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
 Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
 in the glory of your Son born among us,  
 and reflect your love for all creation.  
**Amen.**

**P** Rejoice in this good news:  
 In  $\oplus$  Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.  
 You are descendants of the Most High,  
 adopted into the household of Christ,  
 and inheritors of eternal life.  
 Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C Amen.**

*This hymn text comes from the pen of a widely honored and accomplished English Methodist clergyman. The melody is used for two English folksongs, and was first used as a hymn tune in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**When Jesus Came to Jordan**

**ELW 305**



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,  
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

**GREETING** 2 Corinthians 13:14

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

**KYRIE** Luke 17:13

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** Luke 2:14

Assisting minister




Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All




Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

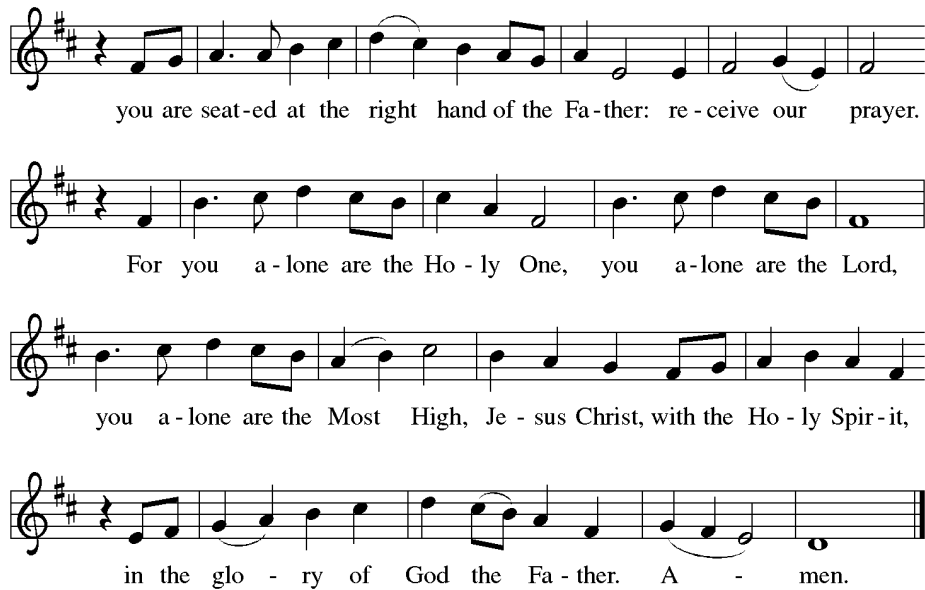


Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;





you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** *Ruth 2:4*

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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.”*

*Near the end of Israel’s exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.



<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

☒ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 29** (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**  
<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.  
<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**  
<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**  
<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.  
<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**  
<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"  
<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**  
<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

**SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17**

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

☒ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.*

## GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Moran

*Please stand as you are able.*

*The author of this hymn text is a tremendously accomplished musician and author who was born in Ashtabula, OH. The text is based on John 15:3, "I am the vine, you are the branches."  
The melody was composed for this text by a distinguished composer and Lutheran pastor who had attended a workshop with the author of the text.*

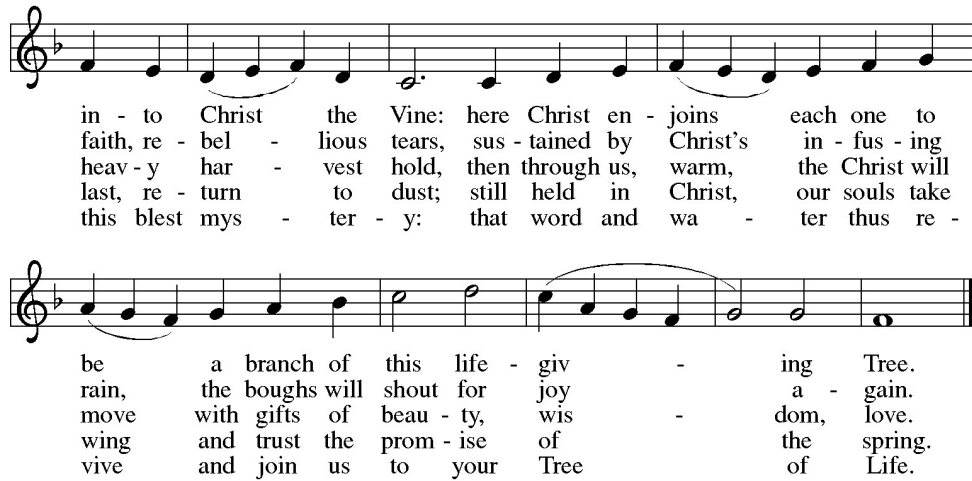
## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 447

### O Blessed Spring

1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for





in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
 this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -

be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953  
 Music: BERGLUND, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950  
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 Music © 1993 Robert Buckley Farlee, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

- P** Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this day of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ we remember and renew the vows once spoken at our baptisms -- that time when we were washed of our sins and received the Holy Spirit which dwells within us. Let us boldly profess our faith before God, renouncing those things which harm us, and embrace a Spirit-filled life of faith.
- P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church.
- P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
- C** **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- C** **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C** **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C** **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 into hell.  
 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.**





**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** **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.**

**P** You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**C** **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

**P** People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**C** **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**P** We give thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

#### **THE PRAYERS**    *1 Timothy 2:1*

**A** The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

**A** By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Establish among the nations the blessings of peace. Raise up leaders who will protect vulnerable people in their care. Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation for the sake of mercy and justice. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness. Comfort all who are in need, especially those affected by the fires in Colorado. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** For our congregation, and especially all who remember their baptism. On this day we pray for Evan Anthony Duran, Kajsa Jane McClintock, Elijah James Montroy, Noah Alexander Montroy, Samantha Claire Stelmack, August Hunter Wertz, Eleanor Grace Wertz, Kimberly Ann Wertz and Madeleine Harper Wertz who were baptized in 2021. We pray for them and their families that they continue to live into their baptismal promises. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**



**A** You guide us in all times of our lives. In this time of pastoral transition at Luther Memorial Church, strengthen all congregational members, leaders, and the Call Committee to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** You created each of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace, especially Elsie and Herb Gehrlein and Susan Palo Cherwien. Comfort us in grief and release us from fear. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

**L** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.** *Romans 16:16*

*Please be seated.*

**MEAL – “God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.”**

*This hymn text from the pen of Susan Palo Cherwien was written in 1995, when the author was 42 and raising a family in St. Louis Park, MN. The melody was written by accomplished church cantor and composer Thomas Pavlechko, who, like Cherwien, is a native of Ohio.*

*Please meditate on the text of this hymn as the voluntary is played.*

**VOLUNTARY – “In Deepest Night” (ELW 699)**

Susan Palo Cherwien / Thomas Pavlechko

*In deepest night, in darkest days,  
when harps are hung, no songs we raise,  
when silence must suffice as praise,  
yet sounding in us quietly  
there is the song of God.*

*When friend was lost, when love deceived,  
dear Jesus wept, God was bereaved;  
so with us in our grief God grieves,  
and round about us mournfully  
there are the tears of God.*

*When through the waters winds our path,  
around us pain, around us death:  
deep calls to deep, a saving breath,  
and found beside us faithfully  
there is the love of God.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.  
Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.

**C** **Amen.**



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

**C Amen.**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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.** *Matthew 6:9*

## AGNUS DEI



**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Come to God's table.  
There is a place for you and enough for all.

**C Amen.**

**P** Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.  
(10:30 am Service)

*The congregation is seated.*

*Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.*

*Please come forward by the center aisle and maintain appropriate physical distancing.*

*Receive the bread from the pastor then proceed to the assisting minister who will be holding a tray of cups with wine, and also cups with grape juice.*

*Take a cup and then return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*Gluten-free wafers are on the stand in front of the baptismal font.*

*If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.*

## COMMUNION *John 1:29*

*The author of this hymn was ordained in the Church of Ireland and served there for some years, then moving to London where he had a very successful career in literature. His text is here paired with a tune by a successful church organist and choirmaster from Norwich, England.*

## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 800

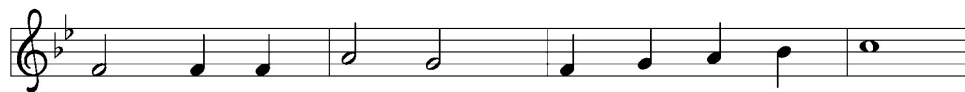
### Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860  
Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-189

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

*SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”*

## BLESSING *Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Text for this hymn is the work of poet Susan Palo Cherwien, who wrote it in 2006.  
The melody dates from the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and was used by J. S. Bach in several cantatas.*

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 672

### Signs and Wonders



1 Signs and won - ders lead the danc - ing from the heart God frees from fear:  
3 Cast a - side all fear and hid - ing; hand in hand we dance the round.



wings of an - gels greet the mai - den, and God finds a dwell - ing here;  
God is with us, Christ, a - bid - ing, and the Spir - it's gifts a - bound.



bold - ly may we lift our hands, bow the head, and voice A - men;  
Called by God to ho - li - ness, let us bold - ly serve and bless;



thus does glo - ry shine at mid - night: o - pen hearts in - vite the star - light.  
and to hearts that sigh and hun - ger may our lives dance signs and won - ders.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953  
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551  
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## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

**A** Go with Christ into a weary world.  
Share the good news.

**C** Thanks be to God!

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

*PREACHING* – Pastor Brian Moran

*ASSISTING MINISTERS* – Jan MacInnes (8:15 am)

Pat Bellingham (10:30 am)

*LECTOR* – Diane Banks (10:30 am)



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Elsie and Herb Gehrlein by Pat Young.

**Today's Events**

**Offering envelopes** for 2022 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.

**Please stop in** to have your picture taken so our Pictorial Directory will be complete. Pictures will be taken during the week through January 15. Many have not yet had their picture taken and we hope that you will stop down to the church, email or text a picture to us.

- Pictures will be taken during the week from 9:00am – 3:00pm. Please stop in our church office and Norma will meet with you to take your picture.
- We also welcome you to email or text pictures. Pictures may be texted to 814-450-7162 or emailed to [nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org).

**ReCharge contemporary service** will gather today for fellowship and worship. Welcome the new year and join us at 4:00pm for dinner, conversation and games. Our worship service will be held in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor “upper” room.

**Music Ministry**

**Today we celebrate** the life of **Susan Palo Cherwien (1953 -2021)**, a native of Ashtabula - poet, hymn writer and thinker. She earned undergraduate degrees from Wittenberg University, as well as advanced degrees from universities in Germany and Illinois. Her output of individual hymn texts is voluminous - there are eight in Evangelical Lutheran Worship alone! She also published three volumes of hymn collections. In addition she published several works about hymns used in hymn festivals. Her lifetime of devotion to the church will be celebrated for many years to come.

**Worship**

**Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, January 30, 2022 following the 10:30am service. The 8:15am service will not be held. Annual reports from staff members, committee heads and other key members of the congregation are appreciated to the church office by Sunday, January 16, 2022. The Annual Report will be emailed prior to January 30, and copies will be available to the congregation. Pretzel sandwiches, compliments of our youth, will be available for purchase.

**Christian Education**

**Children's Church classes** are held Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. Masks are worn and all safety protocols are followed. We hope to see many of our children join us. Our class schedule is as follows:

Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month (not meeting in January)

**Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (January 9)**

LYO – third Sunday of the month (January 16)

Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (January 23)

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** hopes you begin your new year with lots of yarn and join us the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am – 12:00 noon. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, January 11 as we gather with friends. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

## In Case of Emergency

**In case of an emergency** please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162 or Linda Graffius at 440-5458. Thank you.

## Luther Memorial Church Policy –

**Luther Memorial Church** requests that all those worshipping wear a mask regardless of your vaccination status. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

## CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 10</b>	6:00pm	Legos
<b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 11</b>	10:00am 6:00pm	Magic Fingers Grace Group Church Council
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12</b>		
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 13</b>	6:00pm	Legos
<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 14</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 15</b>		

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022 THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Pastor Karen Lundwall** will preach at the 8:15 and 10:30am worship services in the main church. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel; go to YouTube, in the search bar type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA”. Subscribe to the channel.

**The recorded service** is also available on Luther Memorial Church’s website at [www.luthermemorialonline.org](http://www.luthermemorialonline.org) by clicking on the tabs of “Resources & Online Worship” and “Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study”.

**Confirmation Class** and LYO will gather at 9:15am.

**VASA** will meet at 1:00pm.

<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Acolytes	10:30am	Gabe & Mitch Stroup
Assistant Ministers	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Liz Stroup
Communion Assistants	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Altar Guild	8:15am	Amy Kurtich
	10:30am	Dave Griswold



— PRAYER LIST —

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Our Members:**

Sarah Prylinski	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Lois Fobes	Bill Grande
Tim Houston	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Joyce Zwilling	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Julie & A. J. Chandler	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Mark Lechner
Rosanne & Roy Strausbaugh	Dave Mumford	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Nancy Downey
Bev Held			

**Friends and Family:**

Cecily DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	Bobbi MacInnes
Frank Nalepa	Kristen	Larry E.	Kirsten Braley
Roger Maki	Amy Valentine	Jesse McFadden	Abby
John & Naomi Howard	Ed Hokaj	Elijah Montero	Ray Polasky
Marianella	Linda Grimm	Gayle Rumbaugh	Shelly
Kim Robertson	Edna Pett	Bea Becknell	Shaffer family
Josie W.	Jeff F.	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingraham	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Steven & Ally Soltesz	Paul Spierling	Frank S.	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. S.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Amy
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Dick Lechner
Christian	Jeff F.	Sue Kuhn	Diane Nowak
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Paula and Chet Bixby	Pete Battersby	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Missy & Jeff	Sue Agens	Sophia	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Patrick L	Paula Bauda
Marilyn Schultz	Ron Trisket	Sidney	Lorraine Pond
Allison & Erick	Bryan & Bev	Judy Oosterkamp	Marianella
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Meghan Kessler	Dorothy McCarty	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Steve & Leah W.	Scott Respecki
Noni Bennett	Ashlynn Rowane	Jim Sturm	Amy & Nate
Patty & Ken Tuck			

**Grief:**

Kathy & Bob Cooksey family	Pastor Al Gesler family	Richard Thorn family
Pastor Roy Washill family		

**Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
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