

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



8 January 2023  
The Baptism of Our Lord  
10:30 am

*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 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."***

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** – "Offertory No. 1 in F"

"Prelude & Fuga in G"

F. Melius Christiansen

### 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

*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 makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



**P** Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**C** we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
 and cannot free ourselves.  
 We have not practiced your righteousness.  
 Our hearts have turned away from you.  
 For the sake of the world you so love,  
 forgive us,  
 that we may be reconciled to one another  
 for the glory of your holy name.  
 Amen.

**P** Thus says our God:  
 “The former things have come to pass  
 and new things I now declare.”  
 God’s mercy makes us new.  
 We are forgiven in the name of  $\text{✝}$  Christ our Savior.

**C** Amen.

*Text for this hymn is the work of a minister of the United Church of Christ of Canada  
 who was also a hymn writer of considerable accomplishment in a short lifetime.*

*The tune is the work of a choirmaster in Gotha, Germany during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. With its two long  
 lines and a number of repeated tones, the melody has true congregational appeal.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**ELW 455**

**Crashing Waters at Creation**



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,  
 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,  
 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,  
 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



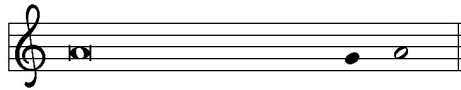
first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.  
 wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.  
 o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
 Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993  
 Music: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876  
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**GREETING**

**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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



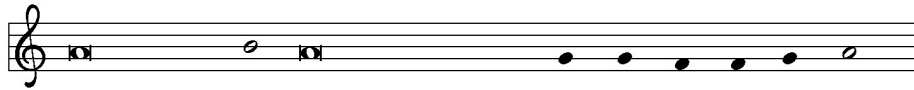
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

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

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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.”**

*God’s servant is endowed with God’s spirit in order to bring justice to the nations.*

*The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence,*

*nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant’s task.*

*God’s old promises have been fulfilled; the servant’s new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9**

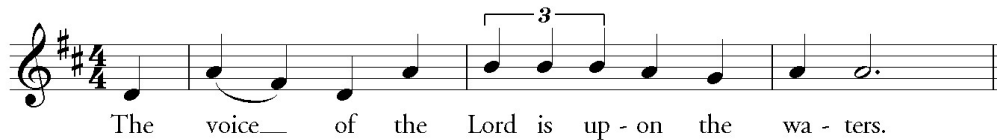
<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; upon whom I have put my spirit, to bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>Not crying out, not lifting up his voice, not making it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed my servant will not break, nor quench a dimly burning wick, but will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>My chosen one will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 29**

**Refrain:** (*Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.*)



<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 his 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. **R**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>he makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe

and strips the forests bare. **R**



<sup>9</sup>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>The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
 the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

**SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every people anyone who is God-fearing and practices righteousness is acceptable to God. <sup>36</sup>"You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised Jesus on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about Jesus that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Refrain:** *(Sung once by the choir, repeated by the congregation and repeated after the verse.)*



*A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."  
 (Matthew 3:17)*

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

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

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit,  
 and identified publicly as God's child.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup>Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to Jesus, and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

## SERMON

Pastor Lundwall

Please stand as you are able.

*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.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 305

### When Jesus Came to Jordan



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.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000  
Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune  
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## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

- P** Dear Friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ. We are renewed in the promises God made to us when we were washed of our sins, named beloved children of God, and received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We commit ourselves again to the mission into which baptism sends us.
- 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 and pray for one another in our 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

**A** Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect lakes, including Lake Erie, oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Provide help and recovery to those suffering from snowstorms in Buffalo and extreme flooding in California and in places throughout the United States. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**



**A** Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Bring an end to the violence and war in Ukraine. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany Kevin Duran, Autumn Meyn, Mason Henry, and Karissa Henry, who were baptized at Luther Memorial this past year. Inspire synodical leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. Merciful God,

**C** receive 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. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Promising God, your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. We give thanks for those who have died in Christ, including Carolyn Luebke and Elsie and Herb Gehrlein, trusting that we will be united with them and all the saints in Christ's resurrection life. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**P** We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**C** Amen.

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

**C** And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

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

## **THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED**

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

*“Jesus said, truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”*

*Luke 21: 3-4*

## **ANTHEM** – "The Baptism of Jesus"

Austin C. Lovelace

*When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,  
He did not come for pardon, but as the sinless one.  
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.*

*He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,  
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.  
So when the Dove descended on him, the Son of Man,  
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;  
This very day invade us, and every bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most;  
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.*

Please stand as you are able.

*This hymn combines a text by one of the most eminent Lutheran hymn writers with music by one of the most eminent Lutheran composers. The text was written by the author as an entrance hymn or introit, as "a list of awesome and exciting things that one should expect in worship." The tune was written for the text in 1969.*

## OFFERTORY

### Now the Silence

ELW 460

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed

Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919  
Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929  
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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

**C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness

and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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,  
his preaching and healing,  
his dying and rising,  
and his promise to come again,  
we await that day when all the universe  
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,  
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,  
we may be light for the world,  
revealing the brilliance of your Son.

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.**

## 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 and taste the joy of God!

**C** Amen.

**P** Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

*The congregation is seated.*

## SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

*O Jesus, our great high priest, be present with us as you were present with your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread.* Lutheran Book of Worship

## COMMUNION

*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.*

*Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.*

*Prefilled cups with white grape juice for those who prefer it*

*are located in the tray on the stand in front of the baptismal font.*

*Gluten-free wafers are also on the stand in the dish on top of the tray.*

*Receive the bread and wine and return to your place by the side aisle.*

*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.*

*The text of this hymn, included in the United Methodist Hymnal (1989), elaborates on the promises of baptism as the transforming rite of initiation into the Christian family. The melody is the work of a self-taught and highly successful singing school teacher, who prepared the manuscript for Southern Harmony and also published The Sacred Harp, an often-printed collection of Old Baptist tunes.*

## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 445

### Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.  
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.  
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.  
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.  
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!





Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.  
one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.  
By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947  
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*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** Holy One,  
we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you.  
**C** Amen.

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

## BLESSING

- P** The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.  
**C** Amen.



The author of this text was the nephew of poet William Wordsworth. He was an accomplished student, educator and later in life Bishop of Lincoln. The tune is the work of a German court musician.

**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW 310**

**Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

**DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE**

- A** Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
- C** Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE – "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"**

Michael Bedford

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**— SERVING TODAY —**

- PREACHING* – Pastor Karen Lundwall
- GREETER* – Bill Lasher
- ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer
- ASSISTING MINISTER* – Emma Chaffee
- LECTOR* – Marilyn Rositer
- USHERS* – Sandy Barbaro, Linda Graffius, Eric Hedlund, Elaine Kern
- ALTAR GUILD* – Pam Masiroff



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Carolyn Luebke (Pat Young's cousin who recently passed away) and Elsie and Herb Gehrlein by Pat Young.



## Today's Events

**Children's Church** for PreK – grade 6 will meet this morning from 9:30 – 10:15 and will continue to gather the second Sunday of each month. Our youth in grades 7 - 12 will continue meeting on the third Sunday of the month at 9:30am.

**Offering envelopes** for 2023 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 take** one or more poinsettias home with you for yourself, to give to family and friends, or a homebound member.

**ReCharge** contemporary worship will be offered for all this afternoon. We welcome everyone to join us at 4:00pm for a home-cooked meal and many smiles during some fun games. Our worship service will be held from 5:00 – 6:00pm.

**Desk calendars** for 2023, compliments of the Burton Quinn-Scott Funeral Home, are located at the welcome tables. Please pick up as many as you need for the coming year.

## Congregational Announcement

**A Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, January 15 following each service to vote on the call of Rev. Jay C. Mitchell as the next pastor of Luther Memorial Church. A letter has been sent by mail and emailed to our congregation regarding this meeting. All are invited to a meet and greet on Saturday, January 14 from 3:30 – 6:00pm in the church parlor.

## Worship

**Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, January 29, 2023 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 15, 2023. The Annual Report will be emailed prior to January 20, and copies will be available to the congregation. Homemade soup and/or chili will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit our youth.

**The Prelude** brings us together for the beginning of our worship service each Sunday morning. Our worship time together concludes when the Postlude is complete. We ask that the chancel area remain unoccupied during these times of music as live video streaming continues through the entire worship service. Thank you.

## Christian Education

**Teachers** and helpers are needed for our Children's Church classes. This will only be the second Sunday of each month. If you are able to help monthly or on a rotating basis it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the church office with any questions. Thank you.

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-12:00pm. Begin 2023 by keeping those knitting and crocheting needles busy and join us January 10 and 24. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes and let us know if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

## 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.



*Many thanks for your Christmas cards, gifts, and the generous monetary gifts  
from the congregation, council, and Women of the ELCA.  
It has been a blessing for us to be partners with you in ministry in 2022!*

*Pastor Brian Moran and Pastor Karen Lundwall*

## CALENDAR

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**      10:00am      Magic Fingers Grace Group  
    10:00am      Pastor's Study Group  
    6:00pm      Church Council

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12**      5:30pm      Handbell Rehearsal  
    6:30pm      Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**      3:30pm      Pastor Mitchell Reception

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**Pastor Jay Mitchell** will preach at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and the 10:30am service in the main church.

**LYO** will meet at 9:30am.

**Homemade soup** will be available for purchase following the 10:30am service. Proceeds benefit our youth.

<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Jan MacInnes
	10:30am	Liz Stroup
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeters	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Counters	10:30am	Pat Bellingham, Liz Stroup

— PRAYER LIST —

<b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b>			
<b>Our Members:</b>			
Jan & Skip MacInnes	C. Noelle Partusch	Chickie Braine	John Downey
Dave Parsh	Mark Howell	Mike Daniels	Paul Meucci
<b>Friends and Family:</b>			
Elise VanDamia	Elayne Morphy	Tammy Fuller	Linda F.
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie	Mary Correll	Judy Skoog	Sue O'Mahony
Edie Jackman	Melissa Geiser	Bob Guenther	Christine Norris
Jessica & Damian Ream	Brittani H.	Tom McGrail	Meghan Kessler
Susan Brooks	Kevin	Tom Wilson	Dawn Weborg
Brian Nicewonger	Linda F.		
<b>Grief:</b>			
Kaitlyn Farley family	Mark Lechner family	Bev Held family Pastor	
Ralph Storm family	Carol Luebke family		
<b>Our Military Service Men &amp; Women:</b>			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			