

*Welcome to*  
Luther Memorial Church



8 JUNE 2025

**THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

*THE EPISCOPAL VISIT OF THE RT. REV'D. MICHAEL M. LOZANO,  
III BISHOP, NWPA SYNOD, ELCA*

10:30 am

## LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## WELCOME!

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

~ Luther Memorial Church and Academy is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

~ 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.

**PRELUDE – "Fanfare on the Tongues of Fire"**

L. King

*Please rise in body or spirit as the Bishop is met at the doors of the Church.*

**THE ARRIVAL OF THE BISHOP**

**BISHOP:** Greetings in the name of our Lord and Liberation, Jesus Christ.  
I come as one among many who are gathered here by the Holy Spirit.  
I seek to proclaim Christ crucified and risen,  
and to share in the Lord's Supper

**ALL:** We greet you in the name of Christ. Amen.

**ONE:** Let us go forth in peace.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN**

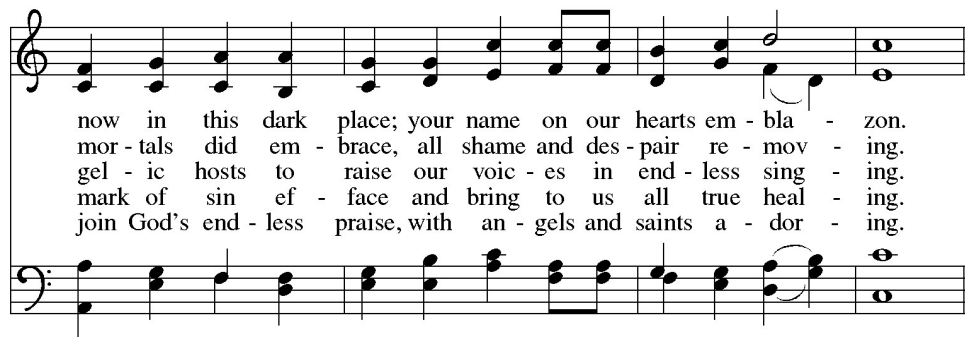
**ELW 627**

**O Day Full of Grace**

1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.  
 Music: DEN SIGNEDE DÅG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842  
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## GREETING

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit!

**Renew the whole earth! Alleluia!**

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

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, 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.*

## FIRST READING: Genesis 11:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup>And as people migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” <sup>5</sup>The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” <sup>8</sup>So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered people abroad over the face of all the earth.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 104: 24-34, 35B** (*Sung responsively.*)



Al - le - lu - ia! Send forth your Spir - it and re - new the face of the earth.

<sup>24</sup> How manifold are your [works] O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; ... the earth is [full of ] your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> **Yonder is the sea, ... great and wide, ... with its swarms too [many] to number,  
living things both [small] and great.**

<sup>26</sup> There go the [ships to] and fro,  
and Leviathan, ... which you [made for] the sport of it. *Antiphon*

<sup>27</sup> **All of them [look] to you  
to give them their [food in] due season.**

<sup>28</sup> You give it to [them;] ... they gather it;  
you open your hand, ... and they are [filled with] good things.

<sup>29</sup> **When you hide your [face they] are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, ... they die and re-[turn to] their dust.**

<sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, ... and [they are] created;  
and so you renew the [face of] the earth. *Antiphon*

<sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the Lord en-[dure] forever;  
O Lord, ... rejoice in [all] your works.**

<sup>32</sup> You look at the [earth and] it trembles;  
you touch the mountains [and] they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the Lord as [long as] I live;  
I will praise my God while I [have] my being.**

<sup>34</sup> May these words of [mine] please God.  
I will re-[joice in] the Lord.

<sup>35b</sup> **Bless the [Lord O] my soul.**

**Bless the [Lord O] my soul. *Antiphon***

**SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jewish-born and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs— in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "You Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your children shall prophesy, and your youth shall see visions, and your elders shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon all of my slaves, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire,

and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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### O Living Breath of God



1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;  
2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;  
3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

#### *Refrain*



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923  
Music: VARVINDAR FRISKA, Swedish folk tune  
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## GOSPEL: John 14:6-17, 25-27

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but it is the Father who dwells in me who does these works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. <sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, who will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees nor knows that Spirit. You know that Spirit because that Spirit abides with you, and will be in you." <sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I

give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

SERMON

Bishop Lozano

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

IN THE MIDST OF NEW DIMENSIONS



1. In the midst of new di - men - sions,  
2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple,  
3. As we stand a world di - vid - ed  
4. We are man and we are wo - man,  
5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions

in the face of chang - ing ways, who will lead the  
war - ring fac - tions and de - spair, who will lift the  
by our own self - seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your  
all per - sua - sions, old and young, each a gift in  
cause us to with - draw in pain, may your blaz - ing

pil - grim peo - ples wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?  
ol - ive branch - es? Who will light the flame of care?  
glo - bal vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.  
your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.  
phoe - nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

*Refrain*  
God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar,  
we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney now and ev - er,  
now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

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## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM BY THE ASSEMBLY**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptismal Gifts**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

### **Blessing of the Baptismal Waters**

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again, and the Ethiopian official is drawn into new life with Phillip. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in these waters.

Breathe your Holy Spirit into these waters, into all who are gathered here, and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Profession of Faith**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**



Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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?

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

Do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

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

Let us pray.

We give you 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.**

## SPRINKLING SONG

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### This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,  
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;  
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day  
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r

the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.  
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.  
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.  
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the sick and those in need who we hold dear and name now: \_\_\_\_\_. Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation. Bless now and guide always Abigail, Simone, Lyric, Gia, Holden, Dakota, Imani, Wyatt, Gabriella, Isla, Deacon, Justin, and Alexander as they prepare to graduate from Luther Memorial Academy. May they wear truth and honor like a banner. Be in their every step as forward they travel the paths far and near. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you, particularly Columba, Bede, Barnabas, Basil, Gregory, Gregory, Macrina, Henry, Betty and Martin. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**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

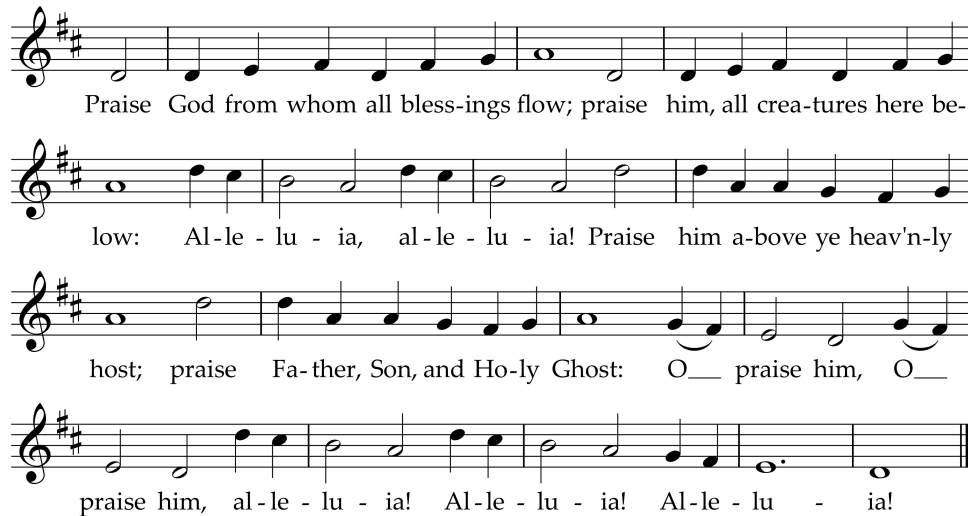


*An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church. Additionally, you may visit <https://bit.ly/LMCDonate> or scan the QR Code and scroll to the bottom of the page to give electronically.*

**ANTHEM – "Voluntary"**

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

### OFFERING HYMN



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-  
low: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly  
host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost: O\_\_ praise him, O\_\_  
praise him, al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

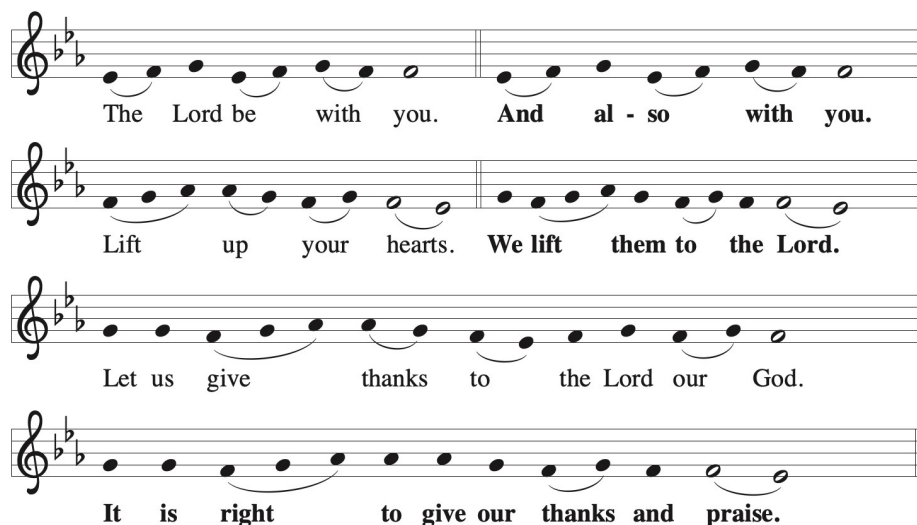
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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623

### 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.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING SURSUM CORDA



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### THE PROPER PREFACE

*It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...join their unending hymn:*

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Thanks be to you, O God, for the power of your loving Spirit. We worship you for your Spirit, who forms life out of chaos and dust. We bless you for your Spirit, who ignites the words of the prophets. We praise you for your Spirit, who carries your people together in unity.

Glory be to you, O God, for the comfort of your creative Spirit. By your Spirit your Son preached and healed, rebuked and forgave. Dying on the cross for a wounded world, he gave over his Spirit. Risen from death, he pours out your Spirit on all who believe.

*On the night before he died,  
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.*

On this bread and wine, come, Holy Spirit:

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Manifest here the body and blood of Christ. Come, Holy Spirit:

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

On this assembly, come, Holy Spirit:

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

On Luther Memorial, come, Holy Spirit:

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

On all who minister in your church, come, Holy Spirit:

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

On this earth, its waters and lands and skies, come, Holy Spirit: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

On plants and animals, and even on the stars, come, Holy Spirit: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

We plead for your Spirit, to cry aloud in us, with us, and for us. Breathe your life into our bones. Anoint us for service with your oil of gladness. Translate our speech into tongues of wisdom. Shower on us your gifts: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Sanctify the whole earth with your truth. Bring us at the end with all your needy children into your homeland of mercy.

Once more we praise and worship and bless you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God of supreme mercy and might, God of the cross and the empty tomb, God of the power of justice and peace, 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.**

### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

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

*Please be seated.*

### **THE COMMUNION**

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is, himself, present whenever we feast together. **You** are welcome to the feast! Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle. Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle. White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know. Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray. All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

## Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

*Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema*


*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*  
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead-ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.




*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*  
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
 nor rootless liberty;  
 turn disquiet to contentment,  
 doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
 unswayed by earth's allure.  
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
 which you alone assure.

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

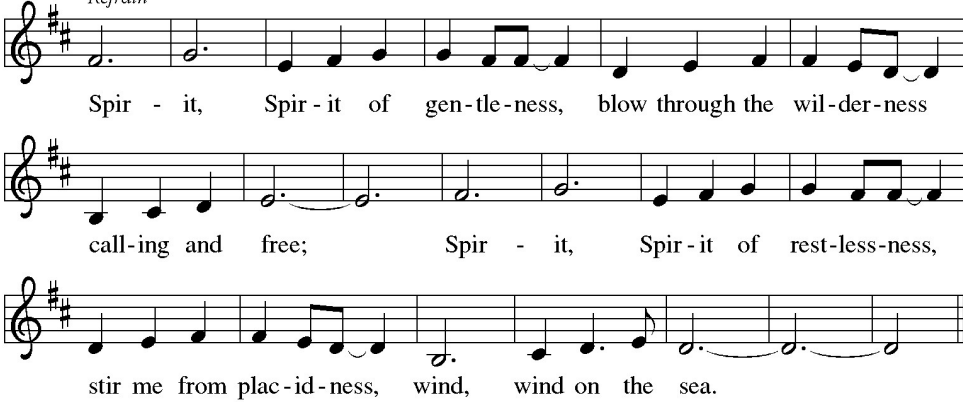
Music: NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila; arr. Egil Hovland, b. 1924

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# Spirit of Gentleness

*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness  
call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,  
stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,  
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,  
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,  
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

*Refrain*

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940  
Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley  
Text and music © 1978 James K. Manley, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## TABLE BLESSING

## 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.**

## SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION *if needed*

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that the Meal we have shared here may be extended for our siblings who are not here.

**We who are many are one body in Christ, sharing one bread, one cup.**

## SENDING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

Bow down before the Lord.

*Please bow your heads to receive the:*

## SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich in blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit forever.

**Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the divine light.

**Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to Christ in word and deed.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, who is

+ Sovereign,

+ Savior,

and + Spirit,

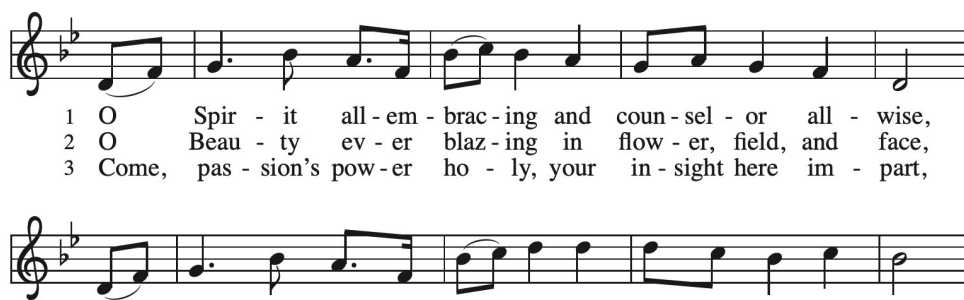
rest upon you now and always.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

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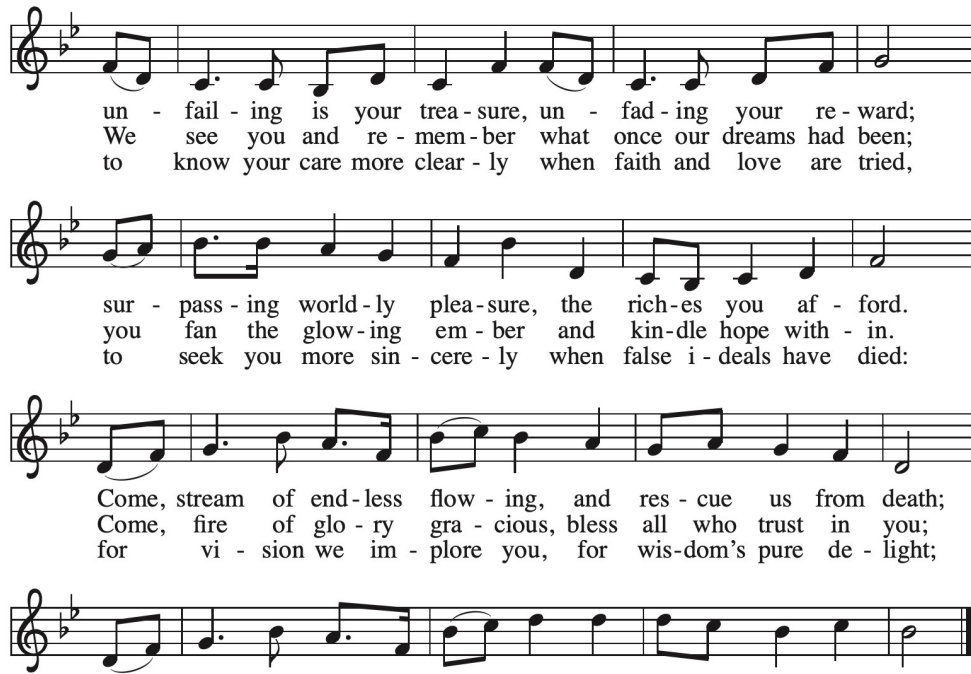
### O Spirit All-Embracing



1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,  
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,  
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,

un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:  
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.  
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart





un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;  
 We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;  
 to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,

sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.  
 you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.  
 to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:

Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;  
 Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;  
 for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;

come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.  
 un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.  
 in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

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 Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934  
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## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit!

**Renew the whole earth! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE – Chorale and Variation "Veni Creator"

M. Durufle

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— SERVING TODAY —

AT THE ALTAR

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BOOKBEARER

Jessica Copfer

JUBILATION STREAMER

Delaney Marnen

IN THE BALCONY

PRINCIPAL MUSICIAN

Cantor Bryan Timm, F.A.I.O.

LIVESTREAMING

Emma Chaffee

USHERS

Cathy Beck, Elaine Kern, Carl Moore



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our Luther Memorial Academy 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates by Mrs. Susan Belott and Mrs. Pat Young.

**Lectern flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Gilbert on his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday in heaven, by his wife, Pat.

**Lectern flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Betty and Martin Halttunen by their daughter, Janet Kent.

**In memory** of Sharon Rositer McGhee “The Monastery of the Heart” by Joan Chittister has been donated to our church library by Elaine Kern. The library is located next to Pastor Jay’s office on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

**Today’s Events**

**Greeting cards** can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

**Worship**

**Holden Evening Prayer** services will be held each Wednesday in June at 7:00pm. Please join us on the fifth floor as we end our day with a simple prayer service.

**Our worship service** on Sunday, June 22 will be held at Presque Isle. We will gather at the ***Runner’s Club Pavilion***, located near Beach 1, for 10:30am worship. A picnic and games will follow to make it a wonderful afternoon. Please bring a dish to share, your place setting, and a chair or blanket. If you have a favorite game, bring it along too. The 8:15am service will not be held.

**We are excited** to announce that we are forming a new Counting Committee and are looking for volunteers! We need individuals to help count all the offerings following the 10:30am worship services. If you're interested in contributing to this important role or would like more information, please contact the church office or Gina Snider at [gms0606@gmail.com](mailto:gms0606@gmail.com) or 814-60 2-7679. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

### Outreach Offerings

**Giving offerings** to outreach ministries allows Luther Memorial to support vital work beyond our church walls, like serving those in need and spreading the gospel. It enables us to fulfill our mission of serving God and others by funding programs that improve lives, both physically and spiritually. Two of our summer months have five Sundays; June 29 and August 31. On these Sundays our morning offerings will be given to support:

- Lutheran Services in America ([lutheranservices.org](http://lutheranservices.org)) on June 29, and
- Global Refuge ([globalrefuge.org](http://globalrefuge.org)) on August 31

### Worship Matters!

**If Easter is the “Queen of Seasons,” surely Pentecost is the Prince!** We gather on the third of the three major festivals of the Church: The Feast of the Incarnation of God in the Flesh (Christmas), the Feast of the Resurrection (Easter), and the Feast of the Sanctification of the Church (Pentecost). This is where *we* enter the story. Since Advent, we have been hearing and sharing and celebrating the story of Jesus from his birth through his ascension. Today we celebrate the fulfillment of the promises of resurrection with the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. And for the next half of the Church Year we will hear and share and celebrate the story of the Church. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles prophesy and preach to the people *outside* the upper room where they have gathered. The Wind of the Spirit has literally blown them out into the world. And that is where the Spirit continues to blow the Church to proclaim in word and deed the mighty acts of God in Christ that we share every time we are together. Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit!

Beginning this Sunday and lasting through the summer, we will share in *All Creation Sings* Setting XII of the liturgy. Composed largely by Anne Krentz Organ, this liturgy is unique in the liturgical settings in the ELW panoply of resources. There are two options for most of the liturgical texts: one, like we are sharing in worship this season to be used for usual services of Holy Eucharist and another with texts particularly appropriate for use at *evening* gatherings of Holy Eucharist. We have used many of the pieces of this setting before, and in this season we will use them all together.

A reminder that *All Creation Sings* (ACS) is the hymnal supplement to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW), the official worship resource of the ELCA. Like *With One Voice* was a supplement to the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, ACS seeks to expand the worship offerings of the ELCA since the publication of ELW almost 20 years ago. It comprises some 200 new hymns (all written in the 21<sup>st</sup> century) and two full settings of the liturgy, one of which is the first time a bilingual service of Holy Communion can be found on the same pages of an ELCA worship resource.

### Opportunities for Fellowship

**OWLS** will have a summer picnic on Wednesday, June 18 under our beautiful magnolia tree on the west side of the church. If weather doesn't cooperate we'll gather in the parlor. Join us from 11:00am – 1:00pm for hotdogs, hamburgers and maybe a good old fashioned root beer float. Please bring a dish to share and even some yard games. RSVP to Jan MacInnes by Wednesday, June 11.

**OWLS** will set sail on the Victorian Princess Wednesday, July 9. Enjoy a scenic cruise and delicious lunch while visiting and taking in the sights of Presque Isle. Boarding is from 11:15-11:30am. The cost per person is \$44. Reservations, with payment, are due to Jan MacInnes or the church office no later than Friday, June 27.

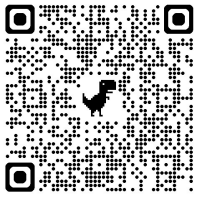
**Come and join** us for an escape from reality. Your cares will be left behind after a morning of laughter and conversation with the Magic Fingers Grace Group. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am– 12:00 noon; June 10 and June 24. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

### Youth

**Flea Markets** will be held in our parking area (rain or shine) the third Saturday of the month continuing through September 20. Set-up begins at 8:00am with shopping held from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Cost of a parking space is \$10 so load your car with unwanted treasures and come on down to park and sell. Please see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski for more information.

**LIA**, Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, June 10 from 5:30-7:00pm as they continue completing service projects. All youth in grades 5-12 are encouraged to join in.

## Erie Lutheran Conference



**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 3 have a full time pastor (the other FTE pastor is shared between two congregations). In 5-10, the number of full time pastors (not retired) will very likely be only 2. 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 talk with Pastor Jay about a link to take the survey online.

### LMA News

**Two teaching positions** are open for the 2025/2026 school year:

- Full-time fifth grade classroom teacher – A degree in education or a related field is required. Elementary classroom experience is preferred. Candidates must be proficient with classroom technology and basic communication tools.
- Part-time music teacher – General music classes for grades Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> one day per week. The teacher will design and implement engaging lesson plans that cater to diverse learning styles. The position also includes planning, rehearsing and directing the LMA Sunday performance, end-of-year music program and other events as needed. Qualifications: BA in Music, Music Education or related field; teaching experience preferred.

Please send a letter of interest and current resume, including three references, via email to LMA Administrator, Michelle Thom, at [mthom@lmaerie.org](mailto:mthom@lmaerie.org).

### Items to Note

**In case of a pastoral emergency**, please contact Pastor Jay either at the church (814-454-0106 x. 227) or, if not, on his personal phone (267-549-9858). If you are unable to reach him and need a response quickly, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. Thank you.

**Summer office hours** will begin Monday, June 9 and continue through Monday, August 25. The offices will be open 8:30am-2:00pm. Offices will close on Fridays at noon.

### — PRAYER LIST —

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

##### **Our Members:**

Marilyn Bohn & family  
Pat Gilbert  
Judie Harrison-Means

Ed Hokaj  
Lois Fobes

Rose-Marie Rose  
Bea Leemhuis

Robert Copfer  
Sally McAfee

##### **Friends and Family:**

Mary Beth & Mary Kelly  
Nicholas Nasibyan  
Carol Steffey & Marissa  
Wyatt Culbertson  
Robert Timm

Laura L  
Gwen Smith  
Janine Frank  
Henderson family  
Phil Nagy

Mary Lou  
Andrew Wachter  
Sandy M.  
Justin

Shelby  
Sullivan  
Ron Lester  
Beth Sedelmyer

##### **Grief:**

Sharon Rositer (McGhee) family

Dee Lasher family

##### **Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson  
Ben Dixon

Michael Stickner  
Lt. Col. Mark Collins

Andrew Watson  
Christopher Rose

Alli Brown

### Readings and Commemoration This Week

**June 9 – Columba, 597; Aidan, 651; Bede, 735; renewers of the church** – Psalm 97:1-2, 17-12; I Corinthians 3:11-23; Luke 10:17-20 -- *These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.*

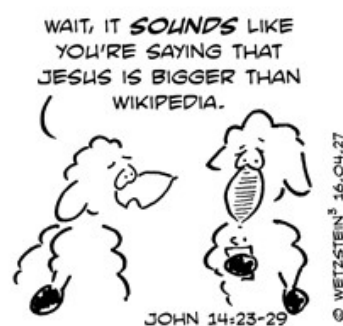
**June 10** – Psalm 48; Ezekiel 11:14-25; I Corinthians 2:12-16

**June 11 – Barnabas, Apostle** – Isaiah 42:5-12; Psalm 112; Acts 11:19-30, 13:1-3; Matthew 10:7-16 -- *Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.*

**June 12** – Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:13-18; Ephesians 1:17-19

**June 13** – Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:19-26; Ephesians 4:1-6

**June 14 – Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379; Gergory, Bishop of Nyssa, 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, 389; Macrina the Younger, Teacher, 379, the Cappadocian Mother and Fathers** -- Wisdom 7:24-28; Psalm 19:7-14; Romans 11:33-36; John 14:23-26 -- *The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.*



## C A L E N D A R

**MONDAY, JUNE 9**

<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 10</b>	10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
	6:00pm	LIA (Lutherans in Action)
	6:00pm	Council
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11</b>	4:30pm	Julia Hospice House
	7:00pm	Holden Evening Prayer Service
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 12</b>	1:00pm	LMA Kindergarten Celebration
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 13</b>	8:30am	LMA Awards Assembly
	11:00am	LMA Dismissal / Last Day of School

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025**  
**THE HOLY TRINITY**

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

<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Julie Ditz
Communion Assistant ( <i>1 needed</i> )	10:30am	
Lector	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Sarah Prylinski
Counters	10:30am	Liz Stroup, Pat Young
Ushers ( <i>4 needed</i> )	10:30am	Carl Moore



**Luther Memorial Academy  
Graduation Ceremony  
Sunday, June 8, 2025**

**Baccalaureate and graduation** for Luther Memorial Academy's class of 2025 begins at 3:00 this afternoon. A post-graduation reception will then be held in the church parlor. Congratulations, prayers, and best wishes are extended to all students who are graduating. We wish them the best of luck as they continue their studies in high school.

ABIGAIL ALLEN	Mercyhurst Prep High School
SIMONE BOYD	NW PA Collegiate Academy
LYRIC DABROWSKI	Mercyhurst Prep High School
GIA FRACASSI	NW PA Collegiate Academy
HOLDEN HARRIS	NW PA Collegiate Academy
DAKOTA MCGILL	NW PA Collegiate Academy
IMANI MOORE	McDowell High School
WYATT NOYES	Mercyhurst Prep High School
GABRIELLA PAGE	Cathedral Prep High School
ISLA POWELL	NW PA Collegiate Academy
DEACON RIVAS	NW PA Collegiate Academy
JUSTIN STOVALL	Cathedral Prep High School
ALEXANDER TEETS	NW PA Collegiate Academy



**We wish the best** to our graduating high school seniors. Please congratulate our graduates and wish them the best as they continue their education and new careers. They have worked hard and we are proud of their accomplishments.

BRODY CAROLUS	Collegiate Academy	Trade School <i>Electrician</i>
GRACE GRAFFIUS	McDowell High School Erie County Technical School <i>(Early Childhood Education)</i>	Slippery Rock University <i>Early Childhood and Special Education</i>
MARIAN GRAFFIUS	Collegiate Academy <i>Capstone diploma for AP &amp; research studies</i>	Penn State University <i>Astronomy and Astrophysics</i>
AVERY ELSA JANTZI <i>Arlene &amp; John Evans granddaughter</i>	McDowell High School	University of Pittsburgh
KARA PARTUSCH	McDowell High School	Baldwin Wallace University <i>Music Education</i>
JEANA WILLIAMS	Collegiate Academy Erie Community College <i>(Assoc. Degree)</i>	Penn State University / Behrend Campus <i>Nursing</i>

**Congratulations** to our college graduates:

LYDIA COWAN <i>Mary Mumford's granddaughter</i>	Western Michigan University <i>BA in Communications &amp; BA in Creative Writing</i>	University of Alabama (Grad School) <i>MFA in Fiction (writing)</i>
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**Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Grad** moving on up to high school:

ALEX COONEY

Parker Middle School

General McLane High School