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**LUTHER MEMORIAL  
CHURCH & ACADEMY**



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**The Day of Pentecost**

10:30 am

## LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

+ Everything you need to follow along in worship is included in this bulletin. You are invited to stand and sit—as you are able—as indicated herein.

+ If you have a need to **children**'s bulletins, coloring pages, crayons, or other supplies they are available on the Welcome Table. You can proceed out the door next to the pulpit and find the Welcome Table near the door.

- Children are always welcome in worship and together we make a joyful noise! However, if you have need, a staffed nursery is available down the stairs across from the Welcome Table.

+ An all-gender and accessible **restroom** is available out the door next to the pulpit, up the ramp, and to the right. Follow signs for "Handicap Bathroom." Other restrooms are available down the hallway next to Faith Chapel across from the parlor.

+ You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshipping around you and turn your phones and devices to silent. Feel free to take pictures of our beautiful sanctuary or post about the sermon. However, we ask that you ask permission before taking any people pictures.

+ We welcome all to worship and to the Table trusting that it is the Holy Spirit that draws us all together. If you would like information about joining the congregation or receiving the Sacraments of the Church, be sure to talk to Pastor Jay after worship (you can usually find him next to the pulpit after the service).

**PRELUDE – It’s a surprise**

*Dylan David Shaw*

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**GATHERING HYMN**

**ELW 401**

**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.

## GREETING

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit!

**Renew the whole earth! Alleluia!**

The grace of our risen savior Jesus Christ, the love of our ever-living God, and the communion of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

TFF 102

1. There's a sweet, sweet spir - it in this place, And I  
2. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, And I

1. know that it's the spir - it of the Lord; There are  
know they feel the pres ence of the Lord.

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove, Stay right here with us. Fill - ing us with Your

love, And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in praise, With - out a

doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived. When we shall leave this place.

### HOLY SPIRIT

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Doris Akers, 1965 (1922- )

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Doris Akers

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Oremus.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, 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.*

## MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

### BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Låt oss be: Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us. Holy God, send your Spirit to fall fresh upon us and upon Karen as she proclaims to us the scriptures. Mold our minds and melt our hearts to receive what the Spirit is saying to the churches, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Numbers 11:24-30

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. <sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!” <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

### PSALM: 104:24-34, 35b

*The choir introduces the antiphon and all repeat, and again where indicated. The psalm is sung responsively according to the tone.*

### ANTIPHON



*Tone*



How manifold are your [works] O Lord!

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

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

There go the [ships to] and fro,  
and Leviathan, ... which you [made for] the sport of it. Antiphon  
All of them [look] to you  
to give them their [food in] due season.

**You give it to [them;] ... they gather it;  
you open your hand, ... and they are [filled with] good things.**

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

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

May the glory of the Lord en-[dure] forever;  
O Lord, ... rejoice in [all] your works.

**You look at the [earth and] it trembles;  
you touch the mountains [and] they smoke.**

I will sing to the Lord as [long as] I live;  
I will praise my God while I [have] my being.

**May these words of [mine] please God.  
I will re-[joice in] the Lord.**

Bless the [Lord O] my soul.

Bless the [Lord O] my soul. Antiphon

## SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21

<sup>2:1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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 Jews 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, "Fellow Jews 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 youths shall see visions, and your elders shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon those who are enslaved, 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.'

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand as you are able.*



Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah,  
hal - le-lu-jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah!

**GOSPEL: John 7:37-39**

To ágio evangélio katá Ioánni.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup>and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ” <sup>39</sup>Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

To evangélio tou kyríou.

**Praise to you, O Christ.***Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.***SERMON**

Pastor Jay

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

ELW 407

*Talk about global church! This Swedish folk tune has lyrics in both English and Spanish!***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.

1. Soplo de Dios viviente que en el principio cubriste el agua,  
Soplo de Dios viviente que fecundaste la creación:

*Estribillo*

Ven hoy a nuestras almas, infúndenos tus dones;  
Soplo de Dios viviente, O Santo\_Espíritu del Señor.

2. Soplo de Dios viviente por quien el Hijo se hizo hombre,  
Soplo de Dios viviente que renovaste la creación: *Estribillo*
3. Soplo de Dios viviente por quien nacemos en el bautismo,  
Soplo de Dios viviente que consagraste la creación: *Estribillo*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:*

I present **Frank Bennett Zamperini** for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Frank Bennett baptized into Christ?

*I do.*

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with Frank among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help him grow in the Christian faith and life?

*I do.*

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Frank in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*I do.*

*The presiding minister addresses the congregation:*

People of God, do you promise to support Frank and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors.*

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, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*I renounce them.*

*The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors and the congregation.*

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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

*Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,...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.**

BAPTISM

*The presiding minister baptizes the child. Water is poured on his head, as the presiding minister says:*

Frank Bennett Zamperini, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

*Water is poured on his head a second time:*

and of the Son,

*Water is poured on his head a third time:*

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The congregation joins in the sung acclamation:*

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Music: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962  
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*Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:*

Sustain Frank Bennett with 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 presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Chrism blessed by the Bishop is used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

Frank Bennett, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the congregation. The pastor leads the congregation in the welcome.*

Let us welcome Frank, our newest sibling in Christ!

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:**

**join us in giving thanks and praise to God**

**and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## SPRINKLING SONG

*During the singing of the hymn, the congregation is sprinkled with water as a reminder of baptism. It is customary to make the sign of the cross to remember that each is "sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever."*

### Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932  
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version  
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## LITANY OF THE NATIONS

*The leader names those for whom prayers are made. The assembly responds: Peace be yours.*

After each verse:  
Leader

For the heal-ing of the na-tions, we pray to you, O God.

Assembly

For the heal-ing of the na-tions, we pray to you, O God.

## THE PEACE

La pace di Cristo sia con voi. **And also with you.**  
*All share greetings and gestures of peace with those around you. Please be seated.*

**OFFERING**



*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.*

**MUSICAL OFFERING – “O Lord, What a Morning”**  
“All Creatures of Our God and King”  
*Handbell Choir*

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

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**ACS 970**

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.

You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:

and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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

## SANCTUS

ACS 1089

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.  
your glo - ry fills all heav - en and earth. . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . .  
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version  
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional  
English text © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

## 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 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.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, in the language of our heart:

**Our Father...**

**Padre Nuestro...**

فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ...

**Отче наш...**

**Pater Noster...**

**Onse Vader...**

**Baba Yetu...**

... ے باپ جو آسمان پر ہے

... మా తండ్రి, పర లోకమందున్న

... 我們在天上的父

**Πάτερ ἡμῶν...**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*Please be seated.*

## THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is 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. Receive the bread in your open palm. All bread is gluten free. Proceeding to either communion assistant, hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. Non-alcoholized grape juice is in the pre-filled cups. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the bowls. 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. If you need communion brought to you, please let a neighbor know to inform the Pastor.*

## HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

What if wheat was not the basic, staple grain of our diet? This hymn looks at the sixth chapter of John through the lens of an Asian diet. The text writer takes John 6 and retranslates it to "The living rice . . . came down eternal life to give." While it may feel strange in our mouths, it would make sense in Malaysia, where this text originated. The tune comes from a folk melody of the Bunan tribe, who are the native people of Taiwan still living in the inner regions of the country. Scholar and hymnist I-to Loh wrote down some of their songs, including this rice-pounding song, and gave it new life as a Christian hymn.

## The Rice of Life



1 The rice of life from heav - en came to  
 2 True rice the hun - gry world has fed, the  
 3 The rice of God for all is meant; no  
 4 The liv - ing rice, for all a sign, came



bring true life from God a - bove. Re - ceive this gift; God's  
 rice re - quired for life be - low. Pro - vide this gift; God's  
 one who comes is turned a - way. Be - lieve in Christ whom  
 down e - ter - nal life to give. A - bide in Christ, the



mer - cy claim; in joy and pain give thanks for love.  
 mer - cy spread; in weak - ness God's com - pas - sion show.  
 God has sent; in hum - ble trust God's will o - bey.  
 liv - ing vine; in Christ, with peo - ple, die and live.

Text: J. Andrew Fowler, b. 1935

Music: BÍ-NÍU, I-to Loh, b. 1936

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## Welcome Table



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,  
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,  
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

I'm a - goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,  
 I'm a - goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,  
 I'm a - goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.  
 I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.  
 I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual; arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953  
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### Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.  
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

*Please stand as you are able at the invitation of the pastor.*

**TABLE BLESSING**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**SENDING**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**BLESSING**

...now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**ACS 944**

**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 - plo - re 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.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939  
 Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934  
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE – It’s another surprise!

*Dylan David Shaw*

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*Luther Memorial Church and Academy are located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people. These lands were ceded by the people of the Six Nations on October 22, 1784 in a treaty ratified by the United States Government in 1785 and never ratified by the people of the Six Nations. We gather in this place indebted to these peoples for their forced generosity. While some peoples were successful in resisting assimilation and genocide, and still live on dwindled homelands now, many were absorbed into other peoples, exiled, or annihilated by the United States government for their land. For those who remain and for the land on which we gather, we give thanks to the Creator and to those who have been custodians of this part of Turtle Island since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.*

### — SERVING TODAY —

*PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell*

*ASSISTING MINISTER – Julie Ditz*

*COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern*

*LECTOR – Karen Lundwall*

*USHERS – Mary Daniels, Jeanne Gaber, Linda Graffius*

*ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels*

*VIDEO STREAMING – Nick Lang*



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my sister, Cindy Schaper, by Mary Laver.

**Pulpit flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my brother, Donald W. Shaner, Sr., on his birthday by his sister, Sally McAfee.

**Pulpit flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Sharon Rositer-McGhee by her family.

**Geraniums** are also given to the Glory of God  
by Jean McMillin and David Morphy

**Thank you** to Dylan David Shaw for joining us for worship this morning and sharing his gift of music with us.

### Today's Events

**Smile!** for your picture. With your help our church directory will soon be updated. All you need do is stop in and have your picture taken. Pictures will be taken every Sunday in May (May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31) from 9:15 – 10:15am and 11:30am – 12:00 noon on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. No appointment necessary; just stop up to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor and say “cheese”. If you are not able to come to the church to have your picture taken or prefer to submit a favorite photograph, please email the picture as an attachment to [nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org). Please include each person's name listed left to right by row as shown in your photograph. Thank you.

**Join us** this afternoon at 2:30 as we welcome Assistant Grand Court Organist, Dylan David Shaw to Luther Memorial. Dylan is Parish Organist at Zion Lutheran Church in Bristol, PA and has served for nearly 11 years as Assistant Organist at the former Macy's Philadelphia, Wanamaker Grand Court with Peter Richard Conte. In addition to his duties at the Grand Court, Dylan is an Associate Organist at Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, New Jersey, home to the Largest Musical Instrument in the World.

**Please take a moment** to look at our LMA art display outside the parlor, which shows students' favorite things about our school in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> year. Adults please select your favorite for a People's Choice prize by writing the name and grade of the artist on a slip of paper from the little table outside the south east corner of the parlor, and then place your choice in the jar. Thank you.

### Worship Matters!

**On the Day of Pentecost**, we are reminded, those who gathered heard the Gospel proclaimed each in their own tongue. From its inception, the Church has been a **global** mission. Jesus, indeed, sends his disciples to ends of the earth to proclaim the good news. This morning, our music reflects this fact of the Church. You can see on the map all the places around the world whose music has influenced our singing this morning. In our singing of each other's songs, we are drawn into greater community with our siblings who are near and far, known and unknown, in languages we speak and others we will never discern. Come, let us worship and praise!



## Faith Formation

**Bible After Dark (BAD)** meets on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row (1317 State St.) for a time of conversation and fellowship. **YOU** are invited to join us on Tuesday, June 2. We are exploring *Belonging*, a study of the Woman at the Well by Karoline Lewis (you may have met her!). Books are available for purchase through the church office for \$15.

**Brown Bag Bible (B<sup>3</sup>)** gathers on Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. You bring a lunch, Pastor Jay brings something to talk about. B<sup>3</sup> will meet May 28 as we continue with a study on the book of Revelation.

**Mark your calendars for Adult Forum in July!** *Revolution and Reformation: Lutherans at the Time of Independence.* We will join in the library between the services July 12, 19, and 26 to explore some important Lutherans and how Lutheranism had an impact during the struggle for independence. Sundays in July (except the 5<sup>th</sup>) 9:15-10:15am in the Library.

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**L.I.A.**, Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, June 9 from 5:30-7:00pm for planning of our upcoming service projects and some very creative ideas. L.I.A. is open to families and those looking to help with small hands on service projects. And it's a great opportunity to take care of those service hours many youth need. Be sure to check the bulletins for surprises all summer. If you are not familiar with the BAND App, contact Sarah Prylinski as outings are also posted on the app. We're looking forward to see everyone this summer!

**Come and join** us for an escape from reality. Enjoy a relaxing morning with friends at the Magic Fingers Grace Group as you knit your cares away sprinkled with some laughter. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. We hope to see you June 9 and June 23 from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

**OWLS** will welcome summer with a picnic in the parlor on Wednesday, June 17 at 11:00am. Tasty grilled hotdogs, hamburgers and beverage will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, or the church office, 454-0106, ext. 221 by Friday, June 12.

**W/ELCA** will gather for their annual end of the year picnic on Tuesday, June 2 at 5:00pm in the parlor. All women are invited to join us as we welcome summer. The main course is provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please contact Pat Your, 455-7736, or the church office with any questions.

## For Your Health

**No Strings Attached!** Begin your journey and learn how to better manage blood sugars, blood pressure, cholesterol and weight with nutrition. The National Diabetes Prevention Program will offer this free one year "journey" beginning Thursday, June 18 at 10:00am in our parlor. One hour sessions will be held weekly for 3 months, bi-weekly for 3 months and monthly for 6 months. Please join us on Thursday, June 18 for the free Discovery Session when information will be shared to learn more about the program. Delicious meals and free giveaways will be included throughout the one year journey. This is a wonderful opportunity to improve your health. Please RSVP to Diabetes Prevention Program of The Sight center at 814-455-0995, opt. 4 or contact Norma in our church office.

## 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.

**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.

— PRAYER LIST —

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Our Members:**

Betsy Brumagin	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	David Leemhuis
Diane Parsons	Judy Karney	Karen Zamperini	Kate Martin
Donna Sedelmyer	Sutton Rowland	Mary Mumford	

**Friends and Family:**

Mary Beth & Nancy, Kelly Archer Bardwell; age 3	Gail Lesuer	Linda F.	Kris
Erin N.	Brooks Davis	Ellie	Peggy S.
Kevin Soles & family	Carl Larese	Shirley	Brynlee
Adam & Connie Ogle	Jenny	Caroline Daniels	Valerie
Hannah Jacob	Katja & family	Peter Maker	Anthony Benacci
	Mike		

**Grief:**

Don MacGregor family

**Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	Justin Gajewski

**Readings and Commemorations This Week.**

**May 24 – Nicolaus Copernicus, 1543, Leonhard Euler, 1783, scientists** – *These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.*

**May 25** – Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24

**May 26** – Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27

**May 27 – John Calvin, renewer of the church, 1564** – Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39 – *Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.*

**May 28** – Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11; II Timothy 1:8-12a

**May 29 – Jiri Tranovsky, hymnwriter, 1637** – Psalm 8; John 38:12-21; II Timothy 1:12b-14 -- *Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.*

**May 30** – Psalm 8; John 38:22-38; John 14:15-17



**CALENDAR**

<b>MONDAY, MAY 25</b>		LMA & Church Offices Closed
<i>Memorial Day</i>		
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 26</b>	10:00am	Pericope
	10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 27</b>	9:30am	Early Connections Graduation Newsletter Mailing
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 28</b>	12:00pm	Brown Bag Bible
	1:00pm	Grief Group
	2:30pm	LMA Study Skills
	5:30pm	Handbells
	6:45pm	Choir
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 29</b>		LMA Field Day & Talent Show
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 30</b>	1:00pm	Family Celebration

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026**  
**THE HOLY TRINITY**

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

<b>SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Stan Rose
Communion Assistant ( <i>1 needed</i> )	10:30am	
Lector ( <i>1 needed</i> )	10:30am	Linda Melaragno
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Gina Snider
Counters	10:30am	Emma Chaffee, Ken Kraut
Ushers ( <i>4 needed</i> )	10:30am	



Well now,  
this is  
awesome!

And, no, we  
haven't been  
drinking!