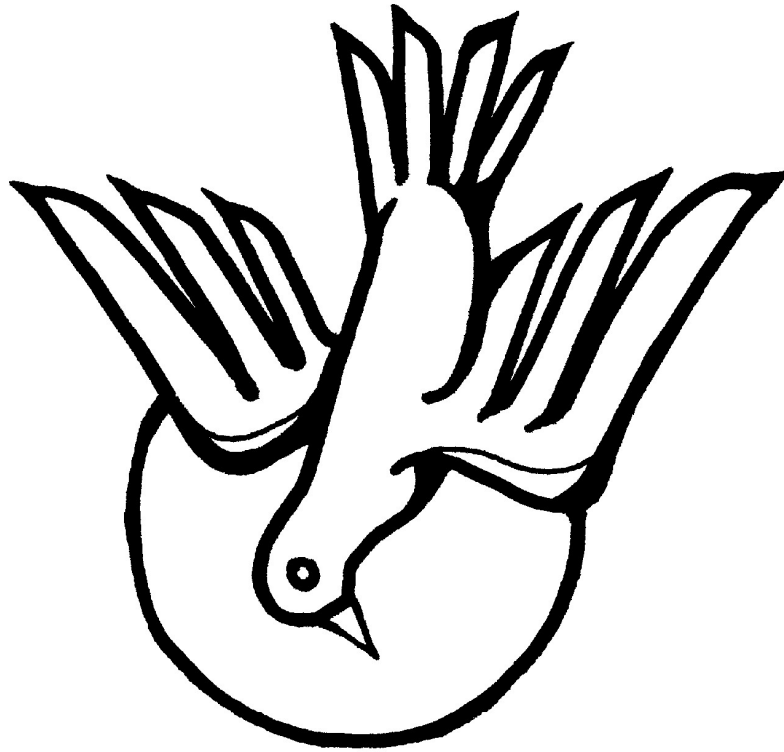


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



28 MAY 2023
The Day of Pentecost
10:30 am

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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28 MAY 2023

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Three • 10:30



LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

PRELUDE – “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”, *BWV 651*

J. S. Bach

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Please stand as you are able and face the procession at the doors of the sanctuary.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Come, Celestial Fire, and inspire our hearts to worship!

C Come, Holy Spirit!

P Come, Wind of Change, blow through your people!

C Come, Holy Spirit!

P Come, Flood of Justice, and bring peace to all places!

C Come, Holy Spirit!

P Come, Breath of Life, and fill our lungs with praise!

C Come, Holy Spirit!

P Come, all you people, let us praise God!

C Come, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Amen!

This hymn by Benedictine sister Delores Dufner sings praise to the Holy Spirit, which enables prayer and discernment. The sweeping tune THAXTED may be familiar from other hymns (ELW 710, 880).

In this context it is particularly fitting for its ability to express reverence with humility, honesty, and clarity. The most obvious use of this hymn is at Pentecost, but it is appropriate to other seasons and occasions too. Whenever God's people need passion, inspiration, and a ceaseless wind and undying flame to urge them forward, this hymn can prepare them for prayer and attentiveness to the Spirit's movement.

GATHERING 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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GREETING


- P** Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit!
- C** Renew the whole earth! Alleluia!
- 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!




1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength, And
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain Has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. ... *refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing and glo - ry are his. ... *refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: ... *to verse 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. ... *refrain*
gun his reign, Al - le - lu - ia! ... *final refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Dignus est Agnus, tr. John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

☞ **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, your Son and our 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.”

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ’s resurrection.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostle were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and ►

Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jewish-born and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs— in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“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. ¹⁸Even upon all of my slaves, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

📖 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

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



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

²⁴ How manifold are your works O Lord!

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

²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it. **R**

²⁷ All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.

²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth. **R**

³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

³² You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴ May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the Lord.

^{35a} Bless the Lord O my soul.
Bless the Lord O my soul. **R**

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free— and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

☐ Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as living water, quenching the thirst of all who come to him and filling the hearts of believers until they overflow.

GOSPEL: John 7:37-39

³⁷On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and 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.’” ³⁹Now 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.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able.

This hymn text is the work of a prolific writer from 17th century Leipzig. In addition to plays, song versions, and other scriptural works, his five hymns were extensively used in Germany. The familiar melody was used by J. S. Bach in six cantatas, his Choralgesänge, and an organ prelude.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 786

O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608



The young and young at heart are invited to meet Pastor Jay at the Font.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P Dear friends, rejoicing that we the Body of Christ, the Church, have received the outpouring of the Spirit in baptism, let us give thanks for its gifts:

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God; the powers of this world that rebel against God; and 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 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.**

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.**



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 your life in Christ?

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

P 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.

C Amen.

Text and tune for this hymn are the work of a Minnesota composer who served the Lutheran church for over 20 years as a youth director, and continues to create resources that include works for children, preschoolers and youth.

SPRINKLING SONG

ELW 453

As this hymn is sung, all are sprinkled with water from the font as a reminder of baptism. You may make the sign of the cross when the water reaches you to remember you are "marked with the cross of Christ forever."

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

PRAYERS

A United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you, especially Cindy Schaper, Donald W. Shaner, Sr., Fred Bohn and Thelma Fetrow. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord is with you.

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:

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

ANTHEM – "O Spirit of Life"

J. S. Bach

*O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God, in every need you bring us aid,
Proceeding forth from heaven's throne, from God, the Father and the Son;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.*

*O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God, increase our faith in our dear Lord;
Unless your grace the power should give, none can believe in Christ and live;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.*

*O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God, make us to love your sacred word;
The holy flame of love impart, that charity may warm each heart;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.*

*O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God, enlighten us by that same word;
teach us to know God's radiant love, lead us to Christ who reigns above;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.*

Please stand as you are able.

Text for this hymn is the work of a Mennonite poet in California, who based her text on several songs by Hildegard of Bingen. The tune is ancient and was adapted by a church musician and organist of enormous accomplishment.

OFFERTORY

ELW 399

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



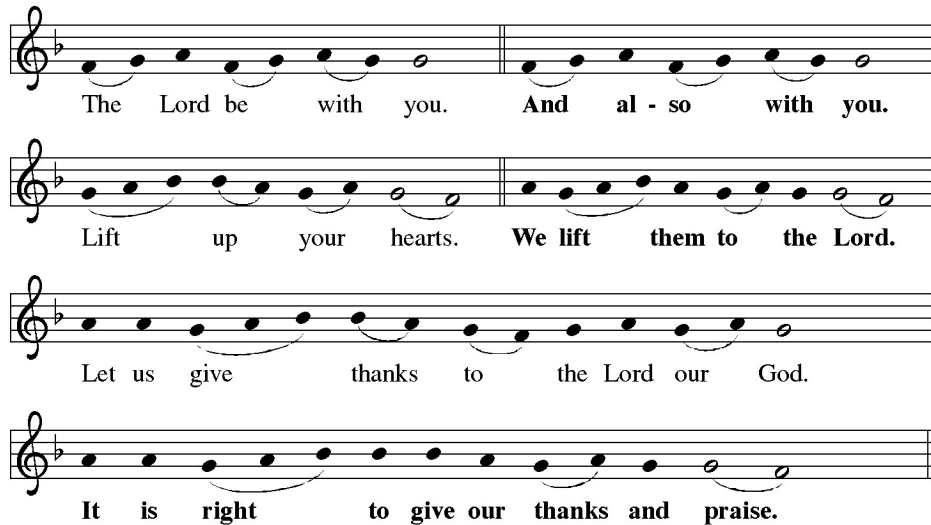
wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

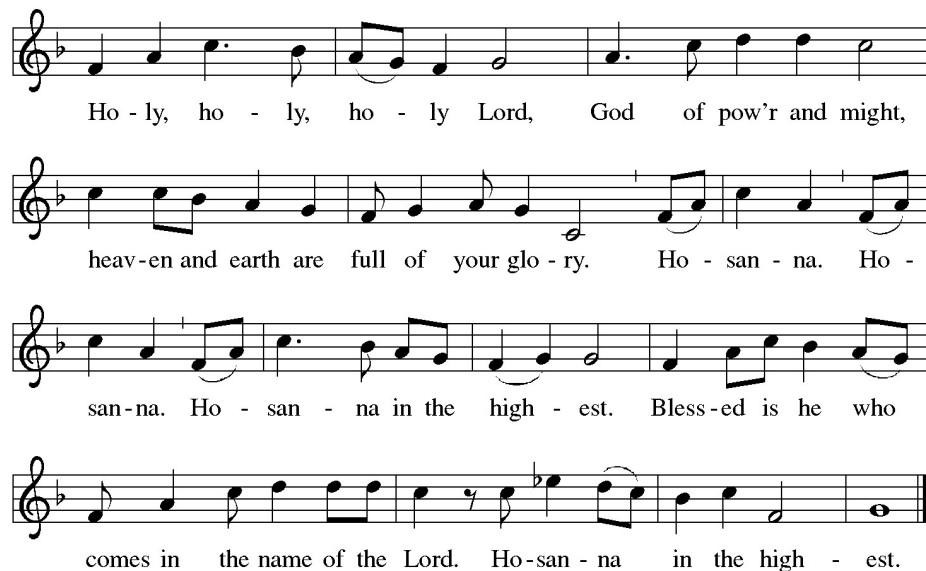
- A** Let us pray:
Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

- 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, Holy God, through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, on this day, as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. As this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. As so, 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, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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 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.

P 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.*

P On this bread and wine, come, Holy Spirit:

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P On this assembly, come, Holy Spirit:

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P On this earth, its waters and lands and skies, come, Holy Spirit:

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P On plants and animals, and even on the stars, come, Holy Spirit:

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P 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.

P 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.

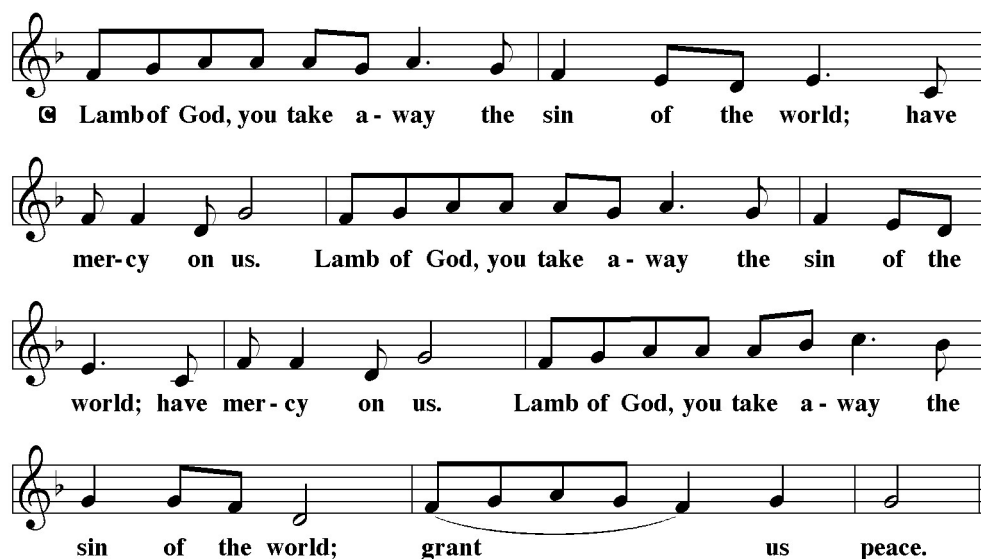
C **Amen.**



☐ 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.

AGNUS DEI



☑ 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table not of the church, but of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come—not because the Church invites you—it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

☑ **Amen. We come.**

☐ 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

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!
We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

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.*

The author of this hymn text was a Unitarian minister and the brother of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The tune was composed by an important 17th century composer for the Anglican Church, recognized today for having led England's old polyphonic style to its high point.

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 398

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892
Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625



The author of this well-known and important Latin hymn is not known with certainty, but the most likely writer was a Benedictine monk who also served as the archbishop of Mainz. Martin Luther prepared the German translation from which stanzas 1 and 3 are drawn today. The melody is based on the plainsong melody proper to *Veni Creator Spiritus* and was included with Luther's translation.

ELW 577

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove,
 2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry;
 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold,
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part,
 5 Keep far from us our cru - el foe,
 6 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son,



de - scend up - on us from a - bove;
 to you, the gift of God most high,
 we God's al - might - y hand be - hold;
 and shed your love in ev - 'ry heart;
 and peace from your own hand be - stow;
 and you, of both, to be but one;



with grac - es man - i - fold re - store
 true fount of life, the fire of love,
 while you with tongues of fire pro - claim
 your own un - fail - ing might sup - ply
 up - held by you, our strength and guide,
 that through the a - ges all a - long



your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
 the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 to all the world God's ho - ly name.
 to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.
 no e - vil can our steps be - tide.
 your praise may be our end - less song.



7 Praise to your e - ter - nal mer - it,



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. composite
 Music: VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS, Sarum plainsong, mode VIII

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

☐ May the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you,
keep you in all goodness and health,
and bring you to everlasting life.

☑ Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

☐ Let us pray:
Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

☑ Amen.

Please be seated.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

☐ The God who spoke all creation into being with a Word,
who breathed life in abundance into the world on the cross,
who is outpoured into your hearts,
God Motherly, + Majestic, and Mighty bless you now and always.

☑ Amen.

*A pre-Reformation vernacular day song found in a manuscript at Uppsala University
formed the basis for this hymn text, which has undergone several revisions.
The tune, written for the thousandth anniversary of the introduction of Christianity to Denmark,
is among the composer's finest and one of the grandest church melodies to come out of Scandinavia.*

SENDING HYMN

ELW 627

O Day Full of Grace



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
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
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
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



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.
Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- P** Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve!
- G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "O Day Full of Grace"

Charles W. Ore

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

GREETER – Pat Young

ACOLYTES – Jessica Copfer, Lincoln McCall

RIBBON BEARER – Cecilia Montroy

ASSISTING MINISTER – Stan Rose

LECTOR – Loretta Deeds

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Ann Flick

ALTAR GUILD – Loretta Deeds

USHERS – Cathy Beck, Pat Gilbert, Linda Graffius, Dave Griswold



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

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, Fred, by Marilyn Bohn.

Front altar 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.

Congratulations to Kate Zamperini on the birth of her daughter, Maeve Helena Zamperini, on May 12. Congratulations also to grandparents Carol and Mark Zamperini.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Thelma Fetrow, Sharon Burke's mom, who died Saturday, May 20, 2023. Her funeral service was held in York, PA on Saturday, May 27.

We would like to recognize our high school and college graduates. If you have not yet contacted the church office, please do so by Tuesday, May 30 with the following:

For our high school graduates, please share:

1. Name
2. High school they are graduating from
3. Future plans, college, service, etc.

For our college graduates, please share:

1. Name
2. College they are graduating from
3. Degree

A reception will be held in the parlor following the 10:30am service on Sunday, June 4 honoring our graduates.

Today's Events

Join us for refreshments and fellowship in the parlor following the 10:30 service this morning. Thank you to our Deborah Circle for these delicious goodies.

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

Outdoor worship service will be held Sunday, June 18 at Presque Isle, Rotary Pavilion, No. 9. We will gather for worship at 10:30am and enjoy a picnic lunch and games following. The Rotary Pavilion is enclosed so we will worship together rain or shine. Hotdogs, condiments, beverage and coffee will be provided. Please bring a dish to share, place setting, lawn chairs, and a favorite game for some fun after lunch.

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.

Where Is Pastor Jay?

For the week of May 28, Pastor Jay's drop-in hours will be on Wednesday from 3:00-5:00pm in the office OR Thursday from 2:00-4:00pm at Café 710 (7 W. 10th St). As always you can make an appointment at a different time by e-mail: JMitchell@luthermemorialonline.org OR by using: calendly.com/TheRevJCM.

Paving Project

Parking has improved dramatically with the addition and improvements made over the last few weeks. We continue to ask for your financial support as our Capital Campaign moves forward. Additional commitments are needed as we look to fulfilling our financial goal. Your help and all that you do at Luther Memorial is appreciated; thank you.

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School – It's a Family Affair! Four fun evenings are underway for children, youth, and adults for VBS. Our first gathering was held Wednesday, May 24, but there are three more exciting Wednesdays to join us; May 31, June 7 and June 14. Our evenings together will be from 5:30-7:00pm and begin with a potluck meal (main dish provided; please bring a dish to share), followed by a Bible message, craft, music and some energetic activities, too. VBS has always been a fun experience for our children, and we are excited to make it a Family Affair this year.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 6 at 12:00 noon in the parlor.

Tuesday Circle will gather for their summer picnic on Tuesday, June 6 at 5:00pm in the parlor. The main dish, beverage and table service will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Dr. Karen Mitchell, Pastor Jay's mom, will join us on Tuesday, June 20 and offer a presentation on how the elder brain functions. Please join us for this program and a delicious lunch beginning at 11:30am. The main dish and beverage will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We hope many can attend this interesting program and conversation. Reservations are due by Friday, June 16 to Jan MacInnes or the church office. Thank you.

Magic Fingers Grace Group is sure to put a skip in your step when you begin the day with friends. Combine that with your favorite yarn projects, knitting and crocheting and you're sure to be smiling. Join us the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am-12:00pm; June 13 and June 20. 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.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Pasta/Soup Kitchen

We are praying for volunteers for our ministry. Holy Trinity serves Tuesday evening dinner at 5:00 and a simple, nutritious lunch at noon on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. For lunch, volunteers arrive at 10:30am to prepare the meal, then serve and clean-up, usually leaving by 1:00pm. Volunteers are especially needed for one Wednesday or Saturday a month. Substitutes will also be needed during the summer, as regular volunteers take some time for vacation.

Additionally, Holy Trinity has been awarded a grant to install a free laundromat for our friends, neighbors and the homeless to use. Installation will begin in June and July, and they are looking/praying for volunteers who would be willing to oversee the operations. Times being considered are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9:00am-3:00pm, with volunteers working 3 hour shifts 9:00am-12:00pm or 12:00-3:00pm.

If you can help, please contact Ron King at rkingerie@roadrunner.com. Pastor Karen Lundwall can give you more information.

Bethany Outreach Center

Are you a Walker? Do the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community – with the Bethany Outreach Team!

Join us for the Highmark Walk at **Presque Isle on Saturday, June 3, at Beach 11 at 8:30am**. Our team will assemble, and the walk (5K or 1 mi.) will begin at 9:00am! Sign up to join our team, or donate at:

http://hcf.convio.net/site/TR/Erie/HighmarkWalk?px=1128217&pg=personal&fr_id=3965

Call, text, or email Eric Hedlund if you have any questions *or just want to let him know that you are attending*, at (814) 898-1233 or (814) 722-7732 or eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org.

Are you a Golfer who Enjoys a Good Scramble? Join us at the 6th Annual Harbor Ridge Open, this year in Support of the Bethany Outreach Center!

Save the Date: Sunday, July 30 Time: 10:00am

Location: Harbor Ridge Golf Course at 3730 Harbor Ridge Trail in Erie, PA 16510

Highlights of this "Fun" Fundraiser:

- 16 Teams will compete in two 9-hole "Scramble" Rounds
- 9 optional "Fun" Skill Contests, such as Hole-In-One, Closest-To-The-Pin, etc.
- ***Even if you're not a golfer***, you can still enjoy the Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Pull-Tab Prizes/Games in the Club House during and after golf
- Hot dogs and drinks at the turn
- All Proceeds go to support the Bethany Outreach Center
- Cost is \$300 per Foursome

To sign up see the registration information at the Bethany Outreach Center website (www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org). Call, text, or email Eric Hedlund if you have any questions, at (814) 898-1233 or (814) 722-7732 or eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org

Thank You! The Bethany Outreach Center continues to serve the underprivileged in our community, and *we are so thankful for the help that the Luther Memorial congregation has been giving us* -- in all forms: money, food & clothing donations! Right now (and almost always) our Clothes Closet could use Baby clothes, Kids clothes, and Adult male clothes (as a priority). However, clothing of all types is always welcome. If you would like to donate clothes or food, please bring them in a bag or box and place them near the white cupboard in the Luther Memorial Parlor area. Someone will deliver them to Bethany each week or so, as needed.

Items to Note

Parking in the lot across from 11th Street is not permitted. Please do not park in this area as your car will be towed. Thank you.

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.

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon			
Friends and Family:			
Debbie	Elayne Morphy	Kate Collins	Bernie Wiest
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie	Mary Correll	Roger Smith	Branden Jones
Mark Smith	Nichole Jones	Bob Guenther	Caitlyn Kessler
John Varner	Melissa Pierce	Diane Henry	Meghan Kessler
Michael Collins & Mary	Kevin	Ginger	Adam Surovick
Baby Archer Bardwell	Curtis Krick	Barbara Dennison	Susan Brooks
Michele Seifert	John Semonis	Bonnie Ford	Karen Chilcote
Grief:			
Dennis Sander family	Ann Coleman family	Pia Glover family	Joan Peters family
Thelma Fetrow family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			

CALENDAR

MONDAY, MAY 29 <i>Memorial Day</i>		Church Offices and LMA Closed
TUESDAY, MAY 30	10:00am	Pastors' Study Group
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31	5:30pm	Vacation Bible School – It's a Family Affair Newsletter Mailing
THURSDAY, JUNE 1	8:30am 5:30pm 6:30pm	Grade 8 Awards Assembly Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, JUNE 2	6:00pm 7:00pm	Grade 8 Banquet Grade 8 Dance
SATURDAY, JUNE 3	10:00am	Quilt Gathering

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023 **THE HOLY TRINITY**

Worship with us at 8:15 and 10:30am.

Reception honoring our graduates will be held at 11:30am.

LMA Baccalaureate and Graduation begins at 3:00pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Emma Chaffee
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeters	8:15am	Mike Hedlund
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham
Counters	10:30am	Gina Snider, Liz Stroup