

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



26 September 2021
Luther Memorial Academy and Church
Sunday Worship
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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26 SEPTEMBER 2021 • 10:30

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Luther Memorial Academy opened its doors in September, 1976, with one Kindergarten class. A grade was added each year and the first eighth grade graduation took place in 1985. We have developed an outstanding reputation in Erie for academic excellence, strong values, and community spirit. Our goals are to provide, in a Christian atmosphere, a high-quality education; to develop the child's full potential; to encourage special interests and abilities; and to have an atmosphere of courtesy and respect which leads to healthy discipline. In short, to provide a total Christian learning and growing experience.

It is the purpose of our school to have our children grow as Jesus grew...

in wisdom (academically),

in stature (physically),

in favor with God (spiritually),

and in favor with man (socially).

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

PRELUDE – “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Variations on “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Alice Jordan, Gordon Young

Christine Schulz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Moran

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – “Earth and All Stars”

arr. John Behnke

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

Mr. Christopher Paul – LMA Administrator

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.



P God our comforter:
C like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
 We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
 We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
 We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
 Free us from our sin, gracious God.
 Listen when we call out to you for help.
 Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
 Amen.

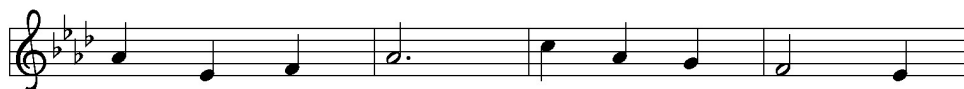
P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
 By the gift of grace in \mp Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
 Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
C Amen.

This lively text was written for the 90th anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Echoing Psalm 98, it is a prime example of a 20th-century hymn style based on phrases rather than complete sentences. The exuberant tune was created expressly for these words.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 731

Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class - rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl - edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!
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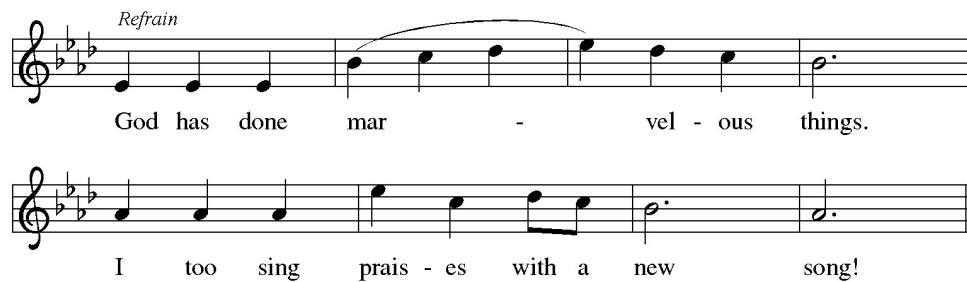


Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
 Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987
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GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

- ☐ Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God:
 grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
- ☑ And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Ruth 2:4

- ☐ Let us pray with one another,
- ☑ Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD – “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.”

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God’s spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me?

¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?’ ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then 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.



²⁶Two 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, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But 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!”

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 19:7-14 *(Spoken responsively by whole verse)*

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one’s own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

*Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need,
celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed,
confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.*

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.
- ☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-42

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord
- ☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Moran

Please remain seated.

The original fifteen stanzas of this hymn text were paired with another tune when they were written for the daily devotions of the boys at Winchester College. This tune was later composed especially for these words.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 557

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
 2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
 4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
 5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
 hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
 I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye

joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
 all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
 Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

A Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians, readers, acolytes, usher, altar guild, and communion assistants. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for children in Luther Memorial Academy and Church. Give them compassionate and patient families, caregivers, mentors, teachers, and friends. Assure them that Jesus is always with them and loves them. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We give thanks for Luther Memorial Academy, its students, parents, and teachers. Be present with them, O Lord, and let this school always be a place of learning and love. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.



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

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We give thanks for all your saints, especially C. Richard Overberg, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful Father

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us,
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

A Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

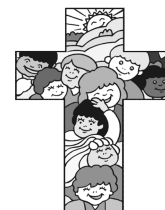
C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.** *Matthew 6:9*

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

BLESSING *Numbers 6:24-26*

P Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive blessing:
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**



This easy-to-sing folk melody became familiar in England as well as Wales, having been widely published by 1939. The melody is familiar to all at Luther Memorial as it serves as the school song of Luther Memorial Academy, with a text by longtime LMA teacher Cheryl Lucht. The author of today's text, Omer Westendorf, is the author of many hymns in use today. He is also celebrated for publishing The Peoples Mass Book, which with its use of the vernacular implemented the liturgical reforms developed by Vatican Council II.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 547

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



Sent forth by God's_ bless - ing, Our true faith_ con -

fess - ing, The peo - ple_ of_ God from his dwell - ing take leave.

Our wor - ship is_ end - ed. Oh, now be_ ex - tend - ed The

fruits of_ this_ ser - vice in all who be - lieve.

The_ seed of_ his_ teach - ing, Re - cep - tive_ souls_

reach - ing, Shall blos - som_ in_ ac - tion for God and for all.

His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us To

work for_ God's king - dom and an - swer his call.

Text: Omer Westendorf, b. 1916

Tune: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

DISMISSAL Luke 7:50

A Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

C Thanks be to God!

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor Brian Moran
ASSISTING MINISTER – Pat Bellingham
ACOLYTES – Marshall & Mitchell Boyd
FIRST READING – Jack Bartlett
SECOND READING – Tessa Bartlett

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the teachers, staff and students of Luther Memorial Academy by Mrs. Susan Belott and Mrs. Pat Young, former administrator and secretary of LMA.

Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of C. Richard Overberg by his family.

Offering plates are located at the doors. You are welcome to use the pew envelopes, designate how your offering is to be used and place in the plate following the service. Thank you.

In Case of Emergency

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

Opportunities for Worship and Prayer

Sunday Morning Worship – In-person worship at 8:15am and 10:30am. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel. To watch the service on YouTube, go to YouTube, in the search bar type in "Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA". Subscribe to the channel. Our worship services are also available on our Luther Memorial Church website. If you have any problems or questions, please reach out to Norma Buerk in our church office.

Today's Events

Chinese Auction, which benefits the LMA library, is set up in the school library this morning. Please stop in the library today and have some fun at the auction. Items are spread out so distancing is possible. Winners will be contacted early in the week. Thank you.

CROP Walk is today meeting in our Luther Memorial parking lot. Registration begins at 1:30pm. Did you ever hear the real story of the purpose of Lawn Jockeys in the route to freedom of slaves? Plan on joining us today and we'll explore the history of Erie's Underground Railroad in our neighborhood while walking to help end hunger. This is a 2 mile walk, but a 1 mile walk is also available. If you would like to make a donation to CROP, you are welcome to use the pew envelopes and mark "CROP" on the envelope. Thank you.

Christian Education

Children's Church classes will begin on Sunday, October 3 and be held from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. Masks will be worn and all safety protocols will be followed. We hope to see many of our children join us. Our classes will be held as follows:

Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month (October 3)
Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (October 10)
LYO – third Sunday of the month (October 17)
Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (October 24)

Worship

The Apostles' Creed was written in Latin in the 8th century. The original apostles did not write it, but it was taken to represent the authentic apostolic tradition. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* uses ecumenical texts developed by an international consultation of many church bodies. The use of these worship texts is a visible sign of the unity we share with all Christians around the world. Most of the changes made from the version of the Apostles' Creed used in the green Lutheran Book of Worship were made to better reflect the original Latin.

"He descended into hell" has been modified to "He descended to the dead." The Latin word for *hell* has little or nothing to do with a place of eternal punishment. *To the dead* emphasizes the reality of Jesus' death and his entering into the depth of the human condition.

ReCharge contemporary service will be held Sunday, October 10. Join us for fellowship from 3:00-4:00pm. Our service of praise and song will be held from 4:00-5:00pm.

At Luther Memorial Church we are thankful that we are able to provide at home communion. Understanding that the bread and wine is a sustaining gift from Jesus that is blessed and received in community, we now have available bread and wine in individual packets that, after being blessed on Sunday morning during our worship, will be available for those worshipping from home to pick up at the church during the week. The intention is that you take home enough bread and wine for each member of your family for the month. During our worship service, those worshipping from home would set before them the consecrated bread and wine, and then receive the bread and wine during worship. To make arrangements to pick up the bread and wine from the church please contact Linda Graffius by email at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org, Norma Buerk by email at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

Family Events

Trunk or Treat will be held Sunday, October 24 in our Luther Memorial Church parking lot. This will be a super fun event for the entire family, safely held outside with all treats individually wrapped. We are hoping for full parking lot of cars filled with treats for our trunk-or-treaters. Set up will be at 12:30pm; the event will be held from 1:30-3:00pm. Decorate your car, wear a costume, and enjoy. Please RSVP to our church office by Wednesday, October 20 that you will be participating. Thank you.

Family Scavenger Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, October 17 beginning at 12:30pm from our church. Be a super sleuth and use the clues to find your destinations. One of the stops along the way will be a "God's Work. Our Hands" small service project, which will also serve as an event for our confirmation students. The scavenger hunt will conclude no later than 4:00pm.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group is the fun, relaxing and joyous way for a Tuesday to begin. Bring any knitting, crocheting, or crafty project you'd like to work on and spend some time with us the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. We look forward to seeing you on September 28 from 10:00am- 12:00 noon. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

OWLS will enjoy a fieldtrip on Wednesday, October 13 to the Watson-Curtze Mansion-Hagen History Center, 356 West 6th Street. We will be treated to a tour from 11:00am-12:30pm of the Frank Lloyd Wright Exhibit and Erie Canal Exhibit. Please meet at the parking lot located behind the Mansion at 10:45; parking is free. Cost of the tour is \$5/person. Masks are necessary for safety purposes. An elevator is available for use during the tour. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Sunday, October 10.

Outreach

If you would like to help those affected by Hurricane Ida, you can make a contribution to Lutheran Disaster Response in several ways. To give online, go to LutheranDisasterResponse.org. To give by phone, call 800-638-3522. Checks may be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009; write "Hurricane Ida" on the memo line.

Luther Memorial Church Policy –
Following the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines

In accordance with the Pennsylvania mask mandate in place, it is now necessary for all those worshipping at Luther Memorial Church wear a mask regardless of your vaccination status. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. We are pleased and thankful that our members have been so cooperative during this difficult time and we thank you for your continued cooperation.



C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27	6:00pm	Legos
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28	10:00pm	Magic Fingers Grace Group
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29		Newsletter Mailing
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30	6:00pm	Legos
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1		
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2	1:00pm	Baby Shower

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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Children’s Church for Pre-K and Kindergarten will be held from 9:30-10:15am.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Sarah Prylinski	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Roy Washill	Bill Grande
Bob Peterson	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Brent Young	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Lois Fobes	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Mark Lechner
Tim Houston	Dave Mumford	Joyce Zwilling	

Friends and Family:

Cecily DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	Bobbi MacInnes
Loraine Pond	Kristen	Larry E.	Kirsten Braley
John & Naomi Howard	Amy Valentine	Jesse McFadden	Abby
Madison & family	Ed Hokaj	Elijah Montero	Ray Polasky
Marianella	Linda Grimm	Amanda Toms	Rich Hudic
Carol & Frank V.	Edna Pett	Bea Becknell	Katrina Foltz
Kim Robertson	Jeff F.	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingram	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Hildy	Paul Spierling	Joan Torrelli	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. F.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Brandy Dyne
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Dick Lechner
Conor Chadwick	Lucia Doyle	Jeff F.	Sue Kuhn
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Stephany Bourne	Michele Black	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Missy & Jeff	Sue Agens	Patty Meadowcroft	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Mike B.	Paula Bauda
Marilyn Schultz	Theresa Abrams	Sonya Kisak	Frank Nalepa
Scott Respecki	Bryan & Bev	Andrew Dahlstrand	Logan
Sidney	Meghan Kessler	Dorothy McCarty	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Steve & Leah W.	John Wilson
Judy Oosterkamp	Amy	Patrick L	Pete Battersby
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Frank S.	Shelly	Jack Wong

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson
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Grief:

Amy Peters Hoffer family	Wilda Sundberg family	Steve Narusewicz family
Leola & Ed Wiest family		

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Welcome to the 45th annual Luther Memorial Academy Sunday. We gather as a school family to worship and celebrate LMA's continued educational mission to the Erie community.

Additional monies for school equipment, supplies, and special projects are available through the Thrivent Choice program. The Thrivent Choice program enables every member of Thrivent to designate where funds from their Thrivent membership are to be dispersed ~ Luther Memorial Church and Luther Memorial Academy are designated recipients of Thrivent Choice Dollars. Please donate funds to LMA by looking into the financial services provided by Thrivent (life insurance, annuities, Medicare supplements, etc.). Visit their website at www.thrivent.com or we welcome you to speak with our Thrivent representative, Terry Hokaj at 878-5727. Terry is also a member of Luther Memorial Church.

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY BOARD:



JAMES WERTZ – President
SHANNON MCADOO – Secretary
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PARENT/TEACHER LEAGUE:

Parental involvement helps enhance the quality of school life.

KIM WERTZ – President
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ANNA WILLIAMS – Treasurer
CARYN WELLS – Teacher Representative



2020-2021 ACADEMY STAFF:

MR. CHRISTOPHER PAUL – Administrator
MRS. AMANDA FRIED – Secretary
MRS. CHERYL STEELE – Kindergarten
MRS. KATIE ROMBA – Grade 1
MRS. BETH KELLER – Grade 2
MRS. KIM EVANS – Grade 3
MRS. CAROL CROCKET – Grade 4
MRS. BECKY CAREY – Grade 5
MS. IMARII ANDERSON – Grade 6 (English, Reading, Literature)
MS. AMY GILEWICZ – Grade 7 (Social Studies, Art, Study Skills)
MS. CARYN WELLS – Grade 8 (Math and Science)
MRS. A. J. NOYES – Physical Education, Life Skills and Guidance
MRS. JAN BIRKNER – Librarian Emeritus
MRS. SALLY MCAFEE – Librarian
MRS. PAT YOUNG – Library Aide
MRS. M. J. HOWELL – Primary Aide Emeritus
MRS. CHERYL CARAM – School Aide
MRS. MAUREEN KURTIC – Language Development
MS. STEPHANIE SHERWOOD – Reading Specialist
MRS. JODY DONOVAN – Math Specialist (Kdg. – Grade 6)
MRS. CHRIS MUSI – Math Specialist (Grades 7 & 8)
MS. CARYN WELLS – Before School Program
MRS. BETH KELLER (Coordinator), MS. IMARII ANDERSON
MS. CARYN WELLS, MS. ANNA WILLIAMS – After School Program

ERIE PHILHARMONIC MUSIC PROGRAM:

LMA has been blessed this school year with a grant-funded music program for our kindergarten and 1st grade students through the Erie Philharmonic. This music program focuses on music and motion three days per week and will run until February. The kids love it and they're learning about music!

Our students continue to excel academically at Luther Memorial Academy. They are challenged to reach their full potential in every way. Our Standardized Test scores show that your children are on the road to achieving success.

Average grade level are as follows:

Grade 2	2.8	Grade 6	7.2
Grade 3	6.0	Grade 7	10.1
Grade 4	5.9	Grade 8	10.0
Grade 5	6.9		

Students are tested in Word Study Skills, Reading Vocabulary, Comprehension, Mathematics Problem Solving, Mathematics Procedures, Language, Language Mechanics, Language Expression, Spelling, Science, Social Science, Social Studies, Listening and Thinking Skills. Kindergarten and First Grade receive the DIBELS screening.

Luther Memorial Academy Library:

LMA Library continues to keep their selection of books and study materials current. Mrs. McAfee tunes into favorite books of our students and makes sure they are available to them.



Please visit our library this morning to browse the shelves. We invite you to enjoy the Chinese Auction which is set up in the parlor. All proceeds from the Chinese Auction will benefit the library. The library is supported solely by the gifts and donations we receive from you. **Thank you** to those who supported our library by their donations for our Chinese Auction this morning. We hope everyone enjoys the fun.

Opportunities to Support LMA

- **Members of Thrivent** may designate their Choice Dollars to Luther Memorial Academy by calling Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 by March 15, 2021. It is necessary to call yearly to specify with Thrivent that your donation is to be directed to LMA. Simply specify that your donation is to benefit Luther Memorial Academy regarding the grant opportunity. The more donations that are received will boost our school's chances of being selected to receive this grant.
- **Recycling** – Save these items that help our school: cell phones and printer cartridges.
- **Amazon Smile** – When ordering through Amazon you may designate “Luther Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church” as your charity of choice. Luther Memorial Academy will receive this donation.
- **Coca-Cola Gives** – Codes on the bottle caps and boxes of 12-pack cans of Coca-Cola products can be entered online at Coca-Cola Give. Designate Luther Memorial Academy as the school of choice. For your convenience these items can be sent to the church office and we will enter them.
- **Box Tops for education** – Store receipt information for eligible products can be photographed and submitted online or on the Box Tops for education app. The school is listed as “Luther Memorial Learning Center”.

