

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church



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SEASON AFTER PENTECOST
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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WELCOME!

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

~ Here are a few notes to help you participate in worship today: Almost everything you need is in this bulletin, including hymns. You are invited to participate with the words in **bold type**. You are invited to stand as you are able where indicated. Hymns are included in this bulletin, however if you need larger print, hymns may be found in the back of the red hymnal using the number indicated (#). Please join in singing all the music! Today especially we raise our voices in praise!

~ **You don't need to disconnect here!** You don't need to turn off your phone, but please place it in silent mode. Feel free to take pictures—of our building, of worship, but ask permission for any people-pictures. We ask that you not use flash during this worship service. Post your favorite quote from the sermon or verse from a hymn...just be sure to check in and let your friends know where you are!

~ **We welcome** all of God's children **no matter your age**. Wiggles, dancing, and singing welcome! Together we raise a joyful noise. If you would like a children's bulletin, a soft toy, or a book, they're near the ramp door (out the doors next to the pulpit on the long Welcome Table).

~ **Restrooms** may be found out either door at the front of the Sanctuary. There is an accessible ramp through the doors near the pulpit. At the top of the ramp(s), follow signs to the restrooms. A fully accessible restroom is available through the parlor.

~ There are **hand fans** available on the table by the pulpit. Please help yourself and remember to return after worship this morning.

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE – "Prelude and Fugue in G Major"

J. S. Bach, J. T. Krebs

Please rise in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ONE: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.

ALL: Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Have mercy, O God,

**against you, you alone,
we have sinned.**

**In your compassion,
cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt.**

**Create in us a new heart
and give us a steadfast spirit.**

**Do not cast us away,
but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us.**

Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

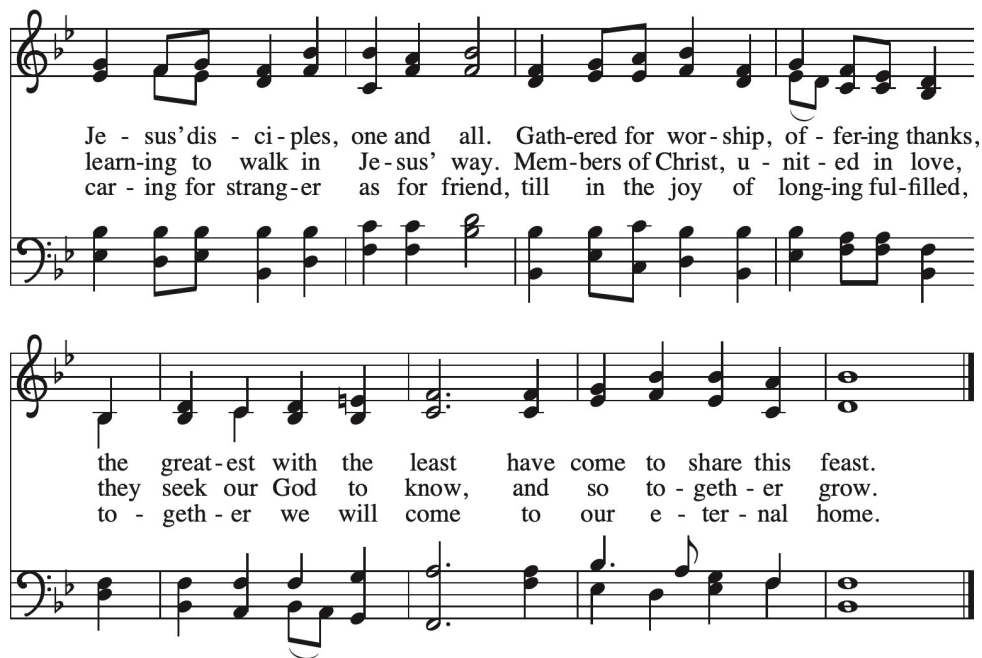
GATHERING HYMN

ACS 979

Making Their Way

1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney

heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor-ship, of - fer-ing thanks,
 learn-ing to walk in Je-sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
 car - ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,

the great-est with the least have come to share this feast.
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
 Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, 1906–2003
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OPENING SENTENCE

Blessed be our God,
forever and ever. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Let us pray.

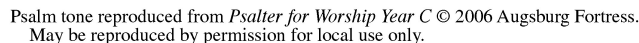
Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

PSALM: PSALM 49:1-12 (*Sung in unison.*)



1 Hear this, | all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,
2 **you of high de- | gree and low,
rich and | poor together.**
3 My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.
4 **I will incline my ear | to a proverb
and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.**
5 Why should I be afraid in | evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,
6 **the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess,
and boast of | their great riches?**
7 One can never re- | deem another,
or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;
8 **for the ransom of a life | is so great
that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,**
9 in order to live forev- | er and ever
and never | see the grave.

¹⁰For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.

¹²Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But Jesus replied, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And Jesus said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then Jesus told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

ACS 1004

Faith Begins By Letting Go

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,

tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;

pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

The musical score is written for a choir in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff of each system. The first system has three lines of lyrics. The second system has three lines of lyrics. The third system has three lines of lyrics. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815
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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace a way of life that Christ teaches. Continue your journey with Elizabeth and Michael, our bishops, with _____ and Kristen, our bishop-elect in this season of transition. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. Continue to shield those in harms way of catastrophic weather patterns and awaken humanity to our role in their causes. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Bring justice to those wrongly deprived of liberty and human dignity. Encourage humanitarian workers and those who seek to feed the starving, particularly civilians under attack and in the midst of war in Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti, the Sudan. Bring your lasting peace to those places where division, strife, and war prevail: Israel, Russia, the United States. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear, in particular those whose names and needs we lift up now: _____. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. We give you thanks for all who served your church this past week at the Church-wide Assembly and for the needful work they did on our behalf. Continue to guide your church as we work in your vineyard. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors, particularly Dominic and Gage. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Please share greetings and gestures of peace with those around you. Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED



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

OFFERTORY – "Rondo"

J. Bull

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

Thank You, Lord

1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,
 2 Been so good, been so good, been so
 3 Been my friend, been my friend, been my
 4 Love you, Lord, love you, Lord, love you,

Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.
 good, I just want to thank you, Lord.
 friend, I just want to thank you, Lord.
 Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Text: Traditional
 Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

**hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

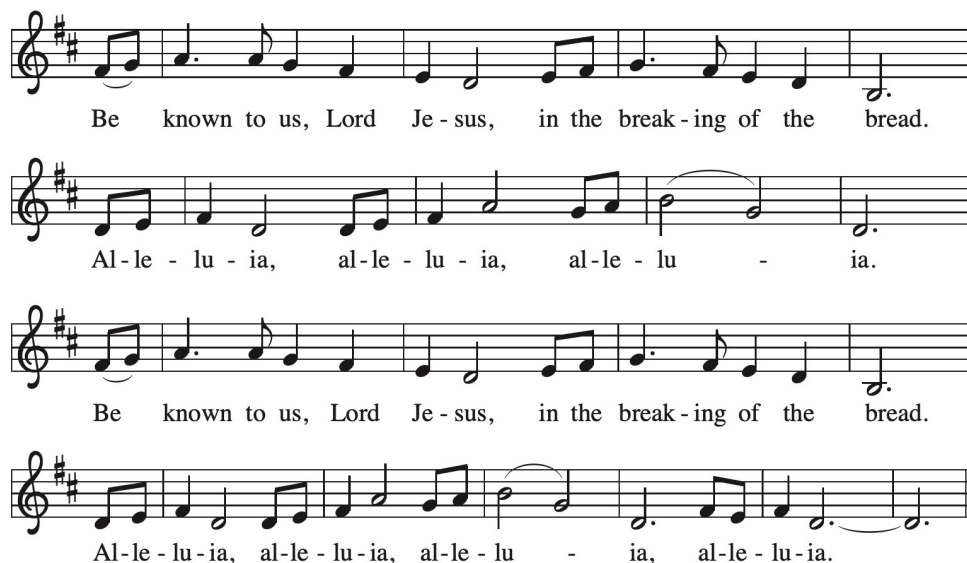
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Thanks be to God!

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

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

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

Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

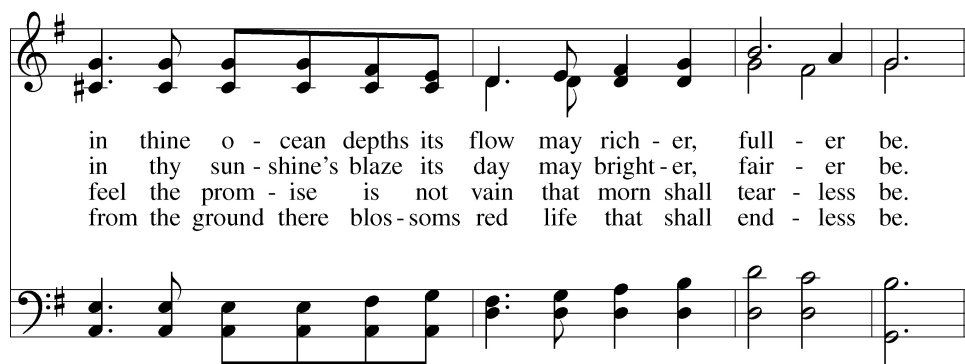
Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

LBW 324

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

1 O Love that will not let me go, I rest my wea - ry soul in
 2 O Light that fol - lowest all my way, I yield my flick - ring torch to
 3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not close my heart to
 4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not ask to fly from

thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
 thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
 thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain and
 thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and



Text: George Matheson, 1842–1906, alt.
Music: ST. MARGARET, Albert L. Peace, 1844–1912

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION *if needed*

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

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

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

...now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 790

Day by Day



com - fort to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
 serve and wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
 bur - dens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will

send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
 guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
 hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.

Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will

naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
 trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
 hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to

trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 sor - row, till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor"

J. S. Bach, J. T. Krebs

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ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Linda Swanson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

LECTOR – Cathy Meyn

USHERS – Cathy Beck, Mary Daniels, Linda Graffius, Carl Moore

ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

VIDEO STREAMING – Nick Lang



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my grandson, Gage Anthony Post, by Patricia Boyd.

Outreach Offerings

Giving offerings to outreach ministries allows Luther Memorial to support vital work beyond our church walls, like serving those in need and spreading the gospel. It enables us to fulfill our mission of serving God and others by funding programs that improve lives, both physically and spiritually. On Sunday, August 31 our morning offerings will be donated to Augusta Victory Hospital, Lutheran World Federation sponsored hospital in Jerusalem (avh.org/).

Worship Matters!

What is Worship after all? Is “worship” that thing we *have* to do on Sundays? Is it something God requires of us? Is it simple a “response” to what we have been given? Is it an hour once-a-week to commune with God? Is it about me-and-Jesus? Is it an obedience to the third commandment to keep holy the Sabbath?

Worship is entirely counter-cultural; not just historically but today. It is about getting out of the way and letting God act in our lives. It is about recognizing that nothing we do can be done without God. It is about seeing God in the rightful place as first-actor in our lives:

Worship is intentional time set apart out of our busy lives in which we allow God to be the primary actor. It is about hearing God whisper through the constant din of our lives to come and rest a while (*Gathering*). It is about quieting the various voices we listen to and listening to God (*Word*). It is about setting aside the coffee breaks, the business lunches, and the dinner plans to be fed by God (*Meal*). It is time that nourishes our whole selves so that when God sends us back out into the world we are strengthened and renewed to live the life to which we are called (*Sending*).

So is it all those things? Yes-and-no. God does not *require* that we come to worship. God invites us to be present in the gathering of God’s people. It is not the *only* place where we can experience God. But here in water, word, wine, wheat, and each other we find God most tangibly. None of our lives is about me-and-Jesus at the exclusion of all others but rather about me-and-us-and-Jesus. And that third commandment to keep the Sabbath holy? That’s still intact. We should keep holy the Sabbath for all the reasons God wants us to: to rest and renew ourselves, to reconnect, to ground ourselves. But Sunday is not the Sabbath. It never was. Very clearly we gather on Sundays as the “first day of the week,” as “the day named after the sun,” as the day of Resurrection. So please do consider keeping Sabbath in whatever way you can. And then come to worship, too!

Faith Formation Calendar 2025C-2026A

Catechism is getting a revamp! It seems like there has been a change every year since Pastor Jay has gotten here. And there has. But there has also been much in flux about ConfirCamp and other programming. A general schedule has been set: For students 7th grade through 9th grade, there will be four workshops offered throughout the year on the 2nd Sunday (in odd months: November, January, March, May) after the 10:30am worship service. In order to successfully complete confirmation classes, each confirmand must attend all four. However, the *same four* will be offered every year in slightly different orders to allow for flexibility in attending all four. There will also be a worship leadership and a biblical literacy component that will need to be completed along with the usual service hours. Finally, ConfirCamp is strongly recommended for *at least* one year between the end of 7th and beginning of 10th grade. Confirmation will still be held in the autumn of 10th grade to each confirmand.

Faith Formation Calendars for adults are available in hard copy on the Welcome Table near the Ramp Door. There are also electronic copies on the Facebook page and linked to the newsletters in August. Check out all the opportunities to gather for Adult Forum (beginning October 12), Brown Bag Bible (beginning September 4), and Bible After Dark (BAD, beginning October 7) every month! The schedule will be slightly different this year for some, and there are resources available for others. So check it out now and let the church office know if you need to put in a reservation for any of the resources!

Youth

Our Yard Sale is a-comin' soon. Treasures will be found at our annual fall yard sale on Saturday, September 6 from 8:00am – 1:00pm. Stop on down to fellowship hall for some great finds. Items for the sale may be dropped off beginning Sunday, August 17. Books, TV's or large electronic items, and soft furniture will not be accepted.

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

Opportunities for Fellowship

Family Beach Night and our L. I. A. gathering will be Tuesday, August 12 from 5:30-7:00pm. We will meet at the Stull Nature Center beach area. Bring your chair, towel, blanket and toys for a fun evening of building sand castles and playing spike ball. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

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 from 10:00am– 12:00 noon; August 12 and 26. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will enjoy the beautiful scenery and a delicious lunch at Ferrante's Winery and Ristorante, 5585 N. River West, Geneva, OH on Wednesday, August 13. Reservations are at 12:00 noon and the drive is approximately 1 ½ hours. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, or the church office by Friday, August 8. If you are interested in carpooling, please let Jan know.

Grief Group

Grief and Loss Group for parents and grandparents who have dealt with the loss of a child of any age will have gatherings in the church parlor beginning Thursday, September 11 from 1:00 – 3:00pm. Gatherings will be held every Thursday through December 4. Please contact Karen Braendel at 814-835-5029 with any questions.

Items to Note

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.

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.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Walt Gaber

Ed Hokaj

Rose-Marie Rose

Pat Gilbert

Friends and Family:

Mary Beth & Nancy Kelly

Justin

Jeff

Dolores Koscinski

Maureen C.

Gwen Smith

Andrew Wachter

Sullivan

Carol Steffey & Marissa

Sandy M.

Ron Lester

Sherry Giles

Phil Nagy

Henderson family

Carol Johnson

Grief:

Marilyn Bohn family

Lois Fobes family

Woodard family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson

Michael Stickner

Andrew Watson

Alli Brown

Ben Dixon

Lt. Col. Mark Collins

Christopher Rose

Readings and Commemoration This Week

August 4 – Psalm 127; Ecclesiastes 2:1-17; Colossians 3:18-4:1

August 5 – Psalm 127; Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:8; Colossians 4:2-6

August 6 – Psalm 127; Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14; Luke 12:22-31

August 7 – Psalm 33:12-22; Job 21:1-16; Romans 9:1-9

August 8 – Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), 1221 – Psalm 33:12-22; Ecclesiastes 6:1-6; Acts 7:1-8 -- *Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.*

August 9 – Psalm 33:12-22; Genesis 11:27-32; Matthew 6:19-24





ERIE GIVES DAY 2025

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP A NON-PROFIT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025 8:00AM – 8:00PM
12 HOURS OF GIVING

NEW! The Erie Community Foundation and our community partners will cover ALL online fees
AND sponsor the Bonus Bucks (Prorated Match Pool)!

Day and Time: The online event takes place on August 12. You have 12 hours to make your donation between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm.

Participating Nonprofits: Your organization must be a 501(c)(3), serve Erie County and either be a member of [The Nonprofit Partnership](#) or have an Agency Endowment with the Erie Community Foundation to participate in Erie Gives. **Luther Memorial Church, Luther Memorial Academy and Bethany Outreach Center appreciate your support.**

Gift Amount: The minimum gift is \$25. There is no limit to the amount of money you may give. There is no limit to the number of organizations you can donate to in a transaction.

Making a Donation: Simply log on to www.eriegives.org or call the Erie Community Foundation at 814-454-0843.

Credit Cards: Only Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover will be accepted. The credit card processor charges a nominal fee per transaction. The Erie Community Foundation does not receive any fees. Debit cards will also be accepted. (Credit card gift cards will not be accepted.)

Checks: Donors can write a check for their Erie Gives donation.

- Checks must be made out to The Erie Community Foundation;
- All check donations must be accompanied by a Check Donation Form. The Check Donation Form is available for download and included with this newsletter. A Check Donation Form can also be mailed to you by contacting the Foundation or our church office;
- Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) before Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

Prorated Match: The Erie Community Foundation and our sponsors will enhance each donor's gift by providing a prorated match to each gift made to a nonprofit.

Your Receipt: You will receive an email receipt of your gift; please retain it for tax purposes. Unless you choose to remain anonymous, your donor information will be sent to the appropriate organizations.

ERIE GIVES CHECK CONTRIBUTION FORM

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR FAVORITE NONPROFITS ON ERIE GIVES!
A \$25 MINIMUM DONATION PER ORGANIZATION IS REQUIRED.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR CHECKS, STOCK GIFTS, OR IRA DISTRIBUTIONS. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE ERIE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND MAIL OR DELIVER TO 459 WEST 6TH STREET, ERIE, PA 16507 BY **TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025**.



First Name(s): _____ Last Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____ State (Abbreviated): _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

To ensure a quick and accurate process, please clearly provide your email address – you will receive an emailed receipt for your donation.

Check Number: _____ Contribution Total \$: 0

Please list how you wish to be identified:

Example: Jayne & John Doe | John Doe | Anonymous

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CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 3:00pm LMA Block Party Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 10:00am Quilting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Emma Chaffee
Communion Assistants	10:30am	Linda Graffius
Lector	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Gina Snider
Counters	10:30am	Emma Chaffee, Stan Rose
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Carl Moore