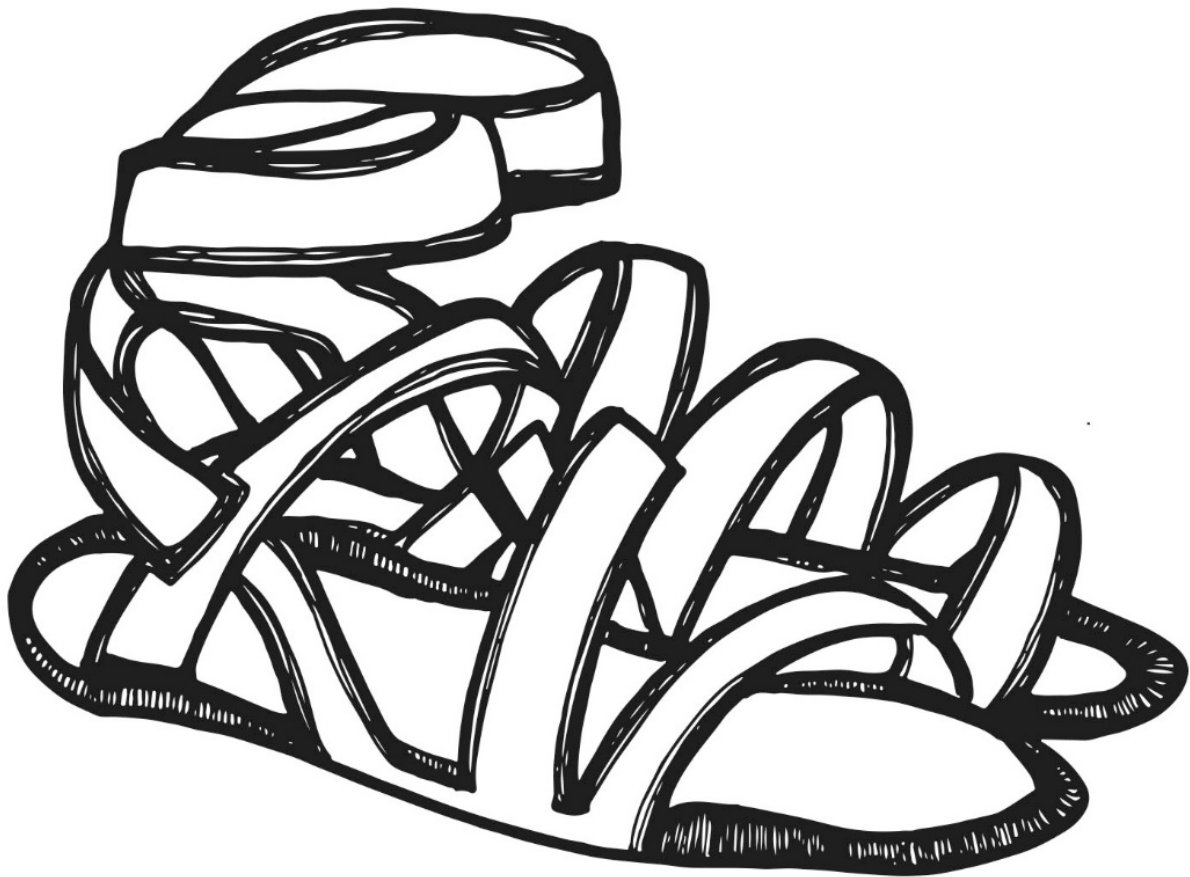


WELCOME TO
**LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & ACADEMY**



14 JUNE 2026

The 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRELUDE – “Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne”

D. Buxtehude

Please rise in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us,
renew us,
and lead us,**

**so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 575

In Christ Called to Baptize

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of a series of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, there are four lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a different version of the hymn. The lyrics are: 1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace; 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share; 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach; 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love.

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876, alt.
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OPENING SENTENCE

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God.

And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray: Bless Karen O Lord, as she reads to us the scriptures. As rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return until the earth is watered, let your word not return empty, but accomplish your purpose and succeed in that for which it was sent; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-15, 22:1-7

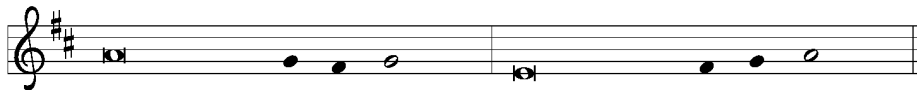
¹The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" ¹³The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. The Lord said, "Yes, you did laugh." ^{21:1}The Lord dealt with Sarah as the Lord had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as was promised. ²Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." ⁷And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: 116:1-2, 12-19

The psalm is sung in unison according to the tone:



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I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
for the Lord has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.
How shall I re- | pay the Lord
for all the good things God has | done for me?
I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows¹ to the Lord
in the presence of¹ all God's people.

Precious in your¹ sight, O Lord,
is the death¹ of your servants.

O Lord, truly I¹ am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me¹ from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice¹ of thanksgiving
and call upon the name¹ of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows¹ to the Lord

in the presence of¹ all God's people,

in the courts of¹ the Lord's house,

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.¹ Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But it is proof of God's own love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The congregation may rise in body or spirit to greet the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACS 974

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is



close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be-gan cre-a-tion;



lis-ten e-ven if you don't un-der-stand.

Text: Anonymous, Canada

Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the dominion of heaven and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send

out laborers for the harvesting.” ^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The dominion of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. ¹⁶I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and rulers because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Sibling will betray sibling to death and the parent the child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son-of-Man comes.”

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

LLC 420

¡Aleluya! te bendecimos
Hallelujah! We sing your praises

Estribillo
la m Sol Do Sol

¡A - le - lu - ya! te ben - de - ci - mos, e - res
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

Re la m Sol Sol⁷ la m Do

nues - tra a - le - grí - a. ¡A - le - lu - ya! te ben - de -
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

Sol/Re mi m Re⁷ Sol Fin

ci - mos, e - res nues - tra a - le - grí - a.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

Estrofas

la m Sol Do Sol Re la m Sol Sol⁷

1 Je - su - cris - to nos di - jo: yo soy vi - no y pan, yo soy
 Christ the Lord . . to us said: I am wine, I am bread, I am

la m Do Sol/Re mi m Re⁷ Sol *Estrillo*

vi - no y pan, pa - ra to - da sed y ham - bre.
 wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.

Estrillo
 ¡Aleluya! te bendecimos,
 eres nuestra alegría.
 ¡Aleluya! te bendecimos,
 eres nuestra alegría.

Refrain
 Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
 all our hearts are filled with gladness.
 Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
 all our hearts are filled with gladness.

1 Jesucristo nos dijo:
 Yo soy vino y pan,
 yo soy vino y pan,
 para toda sed y hambre. *Estrillo*

1 Christ the Lord to us said:
 I am wine, I am bread,
 I am wine, I am bread,
 give to all who thirst and hunger. *Refrain*

2 Ya nos manda a salir,
 fuertes en nuestra fe,
 fuertes en nuestra fe,
 anunciando la palabra. *Estrillo*

2 Now he sends us all out
 strong in faith, free of doubt,
 strong in faith, free of doubt,
 tell to all the joyful Gospel. *Refrain*

Texto: tradicional sudafricano
 Música: tradicional sudafricano

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

God of freedom, you ransomed Jacob from slavery to be a holy people. As we remember this week the Emanuel Nine, turn our hearts from prejudice and hate toward reconciliation and equity. As we observe Juneteenth this coming week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain those who advocate for peace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries, particularly those on our prayer list and those whose names and needs we lift up now: _____. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of faith, we give thanks for Macrina, Basil, Gregory, Gregory, The Emanuel Nine, and our own beloved dead: Chelsea, Henry, Betty, Martin, and Bill. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
All share greetings and gestures of peace with those around you. Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING



An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church.

MUSICAL OFFERING – "Song of Hope"

P. Fey

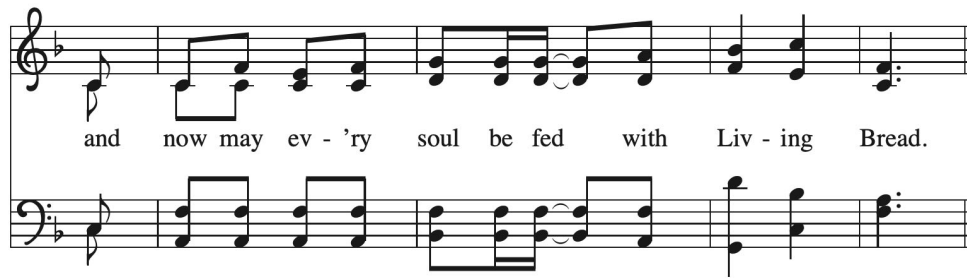
OFFERTORY HYMN

ACS 970

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

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

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



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

Text: Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop
 Music: LIVING BREAD, St. Vincent traditional, adapt.; arr. Patrick Prescod, 1932–2013
 Text and music © Caribbean Conference of Churches

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

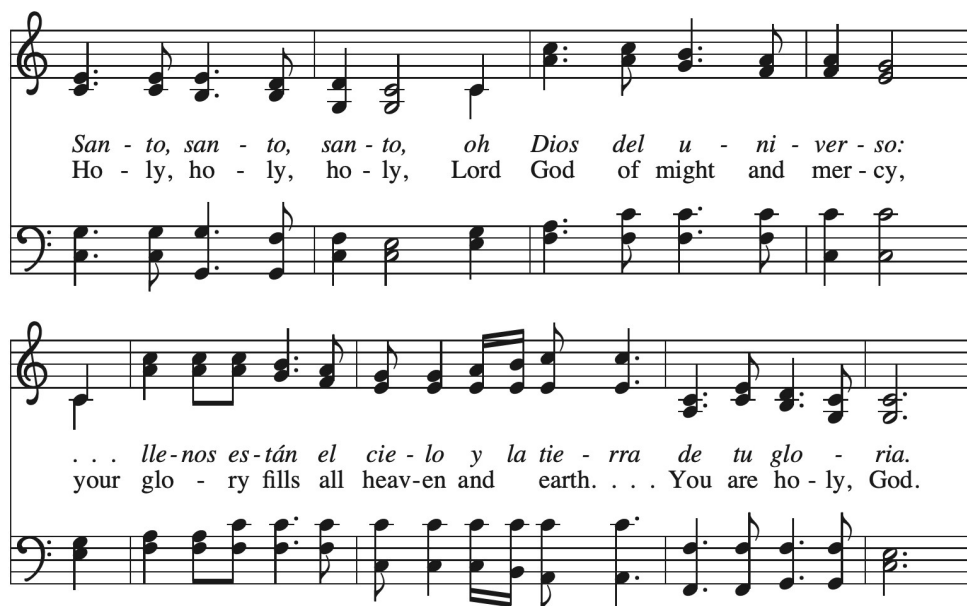
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Trinity of grace and love, we thank and praise you, for you purposed before the foundation of the world to open your dance of delight to include even us, and you shaped your very life to incorporate us in your dance forever. While we were yet sinners, Christ not only came among us but died at our hands. In the glory of his resurrection, he called ones like us to be his apostles and spread the good news of his mercy to all the world. And so with apostles and saints and angels and every creature in whose heart your song is sung, we join our voices in your eternal praise:



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

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

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

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

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version
 Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional
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Abiding God, in three visitors you appeared to Abraham in the heat of the day, and before him you broke bread and made your glorious purpose known. Come among your people today, that in the sharing of food we may be made bearers of your covenant of grace. Send your Holy Spirit on the bread that we break and the cup that we share, that they may be for us the body of blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,

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

And in the same way, after supper, 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 sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Sustaining God, as your servant Paul and his Lord Christ before him suffered and endured, strengthen your Church and hasten your reign through the witness of your people under persecution. When your children are oppressed, give them courage to endure. When they find strength to endure, produce in them character, manifest in them hope of your deliverance. When they grow in hope, do not disappoint them, but roll down justice like a never-failing stream, until that day when a new heaven and a new earth engulf the longings of your aching people, God of eternity, ever Three, ever One.

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is present whenever we feast together. **You** are welcome to the feast! Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle. Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle. Receive the bread in your open palm. All bread is gluten free. Proceeding to either communion assistant, hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. Non-alcoholized grape juice is in the pre-filled cups. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the bowls. All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing. If you need communion brought to you, please let a neighbor know to inform the Pastor.*

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 661

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911
 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

ELW 824

This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of
rus - tling grass I
Lord is king, let

skies and seas; I
hear him pass; heav -
en ring; his hand the
won - ders wrought.
he speaks to me ev-'ry-
where. God reigns, let
earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901
Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

...now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

see insert

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Psalm 19"

B. Marcello

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ASSISTING MINISTER – Chloe Meucci

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

LECTOR – Karen Braendel

USHERS – Sue Cappelletty, Mary Daniels, Carol Davis, Carl Moore

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

VIDEO STREAMING – Patrick Cimino



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Chelsea Braendel by the Braendel family.

Pulpit flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Henry Gilbert by his wife, Pat.

Pulpit flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Ed Hokaj's 90th birthday on June 18 by Marilyn Rositer.

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

Columbarium flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bill Schaal, whose birthday would have been today, by his wife, Carol.

Where is Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay's **Coffee Shop Office Hours** are back! This week you can find him at *Pressed (8th and Greengarden)* on Thursday (6/18) from 8-10am. As always, Pastor Jay is available and wants to get together anytime. Please call and make an appointment!

Capital Campaign

The Capital Campaign for the Parking Lot project comes to a conclusion on June 30. If you have not fulfilled your pledge (or even if you want to give a little extra) please be sure your donations are submitted by the 30th! Thank you for your continued support!

Worship

Our worship service on Sunday, June 28 will be held at Presque Isle. We will gather at Shelter #1 (located by the bike rentals) for our 10:30am service. A picnic and games will follow to make it a wonderful afternoon. Please bring a dish to share, your place setting, and a chair or blanket. If you have a favorite game, bring it along too. The 8:15am service will not be held.

Luther Memorial on Vacation!

Going on vacation? Know you'll be away for a while this summer? Please take a "**Luther Memorial on Vacation**" sign with you—and send us a picture from wherever you find yourself! We are collecting pictures for our bulletin board and for social media (optional) to show all the places Luther Memorial is traveling this summer! It's a great reminder that wherever we are, we are Church together. *If possible, please return the sign when you return to church after your vacation so others may use them and we can be good economic and ecological stewards.*

Church Office Hours

For the summer: Please note for the summer, Church office hours are 8:30am-2:30pm Monday through Thursday. The Church office is variably open half-days on Fridays, call before popping by!

Faith Formation

Brown Bag Bible (B³) gathers on Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. You bring a lunch, Pastor Jay brings something to talk about. B³ will meet each Thursday throughout the summer continuing with a study on the book of Revelation.

Bible After Dark (BAD) meets on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row (1317 State St.) for a time of conversation and fellowship. **YOU** are invited to join us on Tuesday, July 7. We are exploring *Belonging*, a study of the Woman at the Well by Karoline Lewis (you may have met her!). Books are available for purchase through the church office for \$15.

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

Opportunities for Fellowship

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

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

OWLS will celebrate summer with a picnic on Wednesday, June 17 from 11:00am – 1:00pm in the parlor. Tasty grilled hotdogs and hamburgers will hit the spot. Please bring a side dish to share. RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, or the church office by Wednesday, June 10.

For Your Health

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

Items to Note

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

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

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Betsy Brumagin
Diane Parsons
Donna Sedelmyer

Ed Hokaj
Judy Karney
Mary Mumford

Rose-Marie Rose
Karen Zamperini
Betty Pletz

David Leemhuis
Kate Martin

Friends and Family:

Hannah Jacob
Archer Bardwell; age 3
Erin N.
Kevin Soles & family
Adam & Connie Ogle

Gail Lesuer
Mike
Carl Larese
Jenny
Katja & family

Linda F.
Ellie
Shirley
Anthony Benacci
Peter Maker

Kris
Peggy S.
Brynlee
Valerie

Grief:

Don MacGregor family

Bulos family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Matt Anderson
Ben Dixon

Michael Stickner
Mark Collins

Andrew Watson
Christopher Rose

Alli Brown
Justin Gajewski

THERE'S A LOT GOING ON HERE! MIRACLES, SENDING DISCIPLES, WARNINGS OF PERSECUTION. LOOKS LIKE JESUS WAS HAVING A **BUSY DAY!**



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THE RULE AND REIGN OF GOD COMES WHEN JESUS SHOWS UP.



IT GETS INTO **EVERYTHING** BRINGING LIFE AND CONFRONTING DEATH. IT STILL DOES BECAUSE **JESUS STILL SHOWS UP!**



I THINK HE'S GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN TO **PACE HIMSELF** AND SET SOME BOUNDARIES.



MATTHEW 9:35-10:23

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Readings and Commemorations This Week.

June 14 – Macrina, teacher, 379; Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, 385; Gregory Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, 389, the Cappadocians – *The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.*

June 15 – Psalm 126; Genesis 23:1-19; I Thessalonians 3:1-5

June 16 – Psalm 126; Genesis 25:7-11; II Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

June 17 – Emanuel Nine, martyrs, 2015 -- Mark 4:1-20 (the scripture worshippers were studying the night of the shooting); Psalm 46:1-6,10 (God is our refuge and strength) ; Psalm 13 (“How Long, O Lord?”) -- *On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged to reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.*

June 18 – Psalm 86:1-10; Exodus 12:43-49; Hebrews 2:5-9

June 19 – Juneteenth -- Exodus 3:7, 9; 1 Corinthians 15:57; Luke 4:18 -- *June 19 is the national day of observance and celebration for the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. Shortened to “Juneteenth”, it was on this day that federal troops trekked into the state of Texas to personally ensure and witness that African Americans were released from slavery, as resolved by the Emancipation Proclamation. While this is indeed an occasion for celebration, it is a profound act of solidarity to weave truth and history among our praise and cymbals. It behooves congregations to educate its community and members not only about the dreadful period of slavery, but also its residue that remains and continues to permeate the nervous system of our communities. Surely, liberation is a spiritual experience! Jesus calls us to account for our witness; this must be achieved not only by our faith, but also by our example. The gospel presents an invitation as well as an expectation to unite our hearts and hands to actively pursue justice and liberation for all. May our advocacy for others equal Jesus’s for us - bold, passionate, and unwavering.*

June 20 – Psalm 86:1-10; Ezekiel 29:3-7; Luke 11:53-12:3

CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 15	8:00am	LMA Summer Boot Camp
TUESDAY, JUNE 16	8:00am	LMA Summer Boot Camp
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17	8:00am 11:00am 4:15pm	LMA Summer Boot Camp OWLS Summer Picnic School Board
THURSDAY, JUNE 18	8:00am 10:00am	LMA Summer Boot Camp Diabetes Prevention Program
FRIDAY, JUNE 19	8:00am	LMA Summer Boot Camp
SATURDAY, JUNE 20	4:30pm	Ordination Service of Michael Snider

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Ellen DiPlacido
	10:30am	Julie Ditz
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Tom Klomp
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Lynnette Gustafson
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Nick Lang
Counters	10:30am	Skip MacInnes, Jonathan Ulrich
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Linda Graffius