

WELCOME TO
**LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & ACADEMY**



16 AUGUST 2026
**The Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Theotokos**
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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

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.

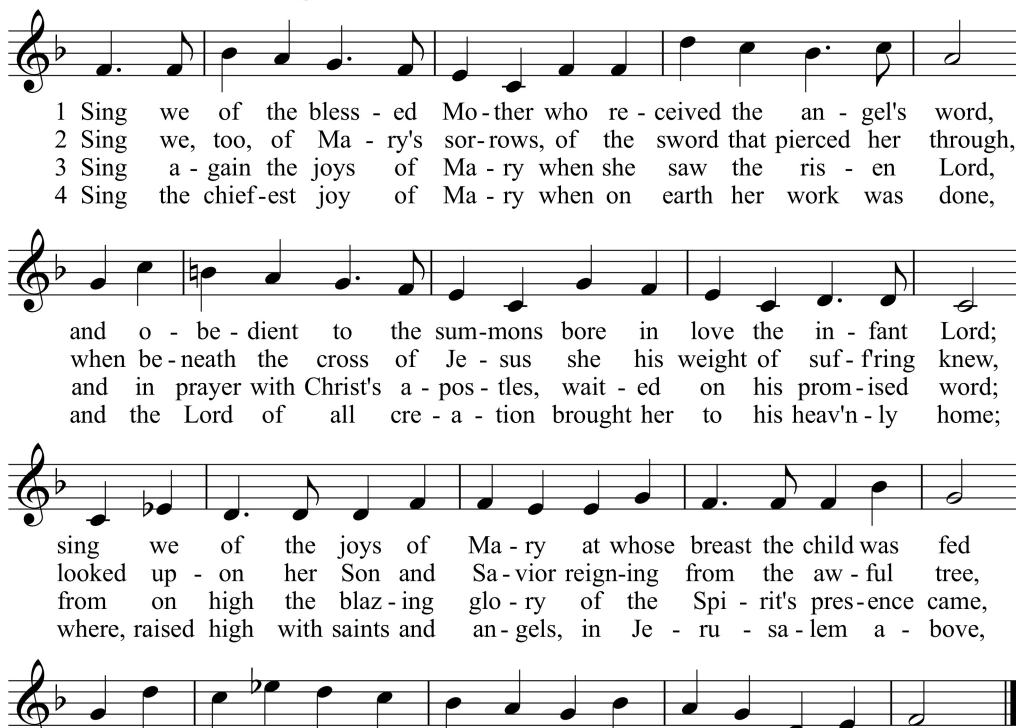
- Children are always welcome in worship and together we make a joyful noise! However, if you have need, a staffed nursery is available down the stairs across from the Welcome Table.

+ 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 worshiping 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).

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PRELUDE*Please rise in body or spirit.***GATHERING HYMN****Sing We of the Blessed Mother**


1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's word,
 2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her through,
 3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en Lord,
 4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was done,

and o - be - dient to the sum - mons bore in love the in - fant Lord;
 when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his weight of suf - fring knew,
 and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed on his prom - ised word;
 and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her to his heav'n - ly home;

sing we of the joys of Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed
 looked up - on her Son and Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree,
 from on high the blaz - ing glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came,
 where, raised high with saints and an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove,

who is Son of God e - ter - nal and the ev - er - last - ing Bread.
 saw the price of our re - demp - tion paid to set the sin - ner free.
 heav'n - ly breath of God's own be - ing, man - i - fest in wind and flame.
 she be - holds her Son and Sa - vior reign - ing as the Lord of love.

Text: *George B. Timms, 1910-1997*Tune: RUSTINGTON, *C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918***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.

Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Child, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. You have taken your mother to yourself: grant us grace like hers to receive your word in humility, and so to share her glory and be made one with your Son and hers, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.*Please be seated.*

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray: Bless Cathy 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: Isaiah 61:7-11

Because their shame was double and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I, the Almighty, love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Sovereign One has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Almighty; my whole being shall exult in my God, who has clothed me with the garments of salvation; who has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom is bedecked with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-9

tune: PUER NOBIS

**I will at all times bless you, Lord, and in your praise I lift my voice;
I glory in you and your word, let all the humble now rejoice.**

**Proclaim God's greatness now with me; let us exalt God's Name as one;
I sought the Lord who heard my plea and all my terrors now are gone.**

**Look then on God and let your joy shine in your faces radiantly;
in my distress, I called on God who from my troubles rescued me.**

**Around God's people day by day, the angels stand with outstretched wing;
taste, then, and see how happy they who trust the Lord in everything.**

**And you who are the Lord's own saints, in fear before God's presence stand;
for those who trust the Lord our God shall want for nothing from God's hand.**

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent Jesus the Beloved, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Holy Parent!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The congregation may remain seated until the singing of the Magnificat during the Gospel reading when all rise in body or spirit.

2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

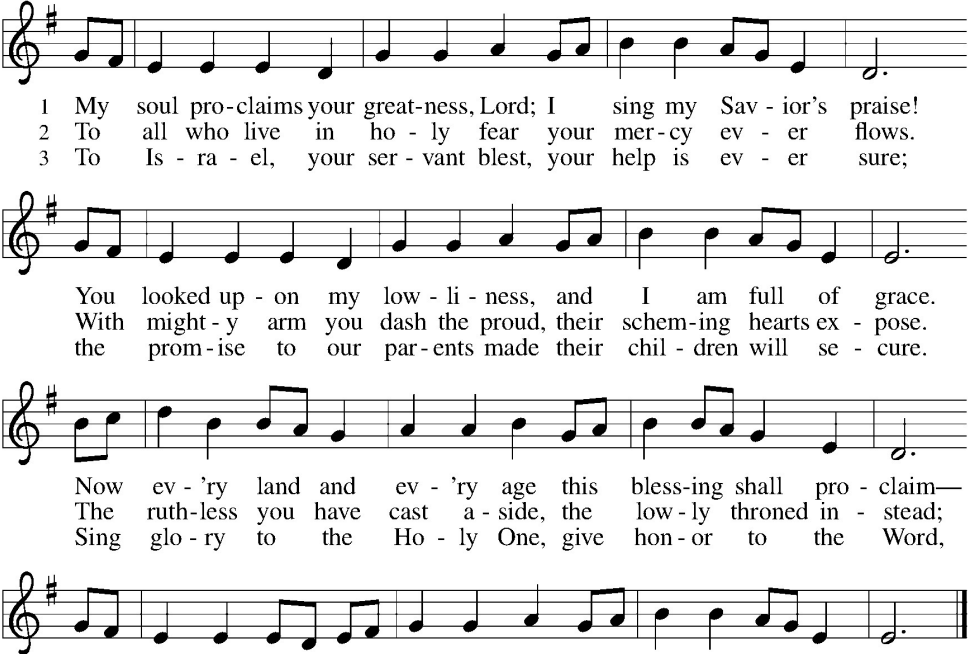
GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-56

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And Gabriel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by these words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Child of the Most High, and the Lord God will give the throne of your ancestor David to reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of this kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy and will be called Child of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Elizabeth and Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary sang,

Please rise in body or spirit:



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav-ior's praise!
 2 To all who live in ho-ly fear your mer-cy ev-er flows.
 3 To Is-ra-el, your ser-vant blest, your help is ev-er sure;

You looked up-on my low-li-ness, and I am full of grace.
 With might-y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex-pose.
 the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil-dren will se-cure.

Now ev-'ry land and ev-'ry age this bless-ing shall pro-claim—
 The ruth-less you have cast a-side, the low-ly throned in-stead;
 Sing glo-ry to the Ho-ly One, give hon-or to the Word,

great won-ders you have done for me, and ho-ly is your name.
 the hun-gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un-fed.
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a-dored.

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

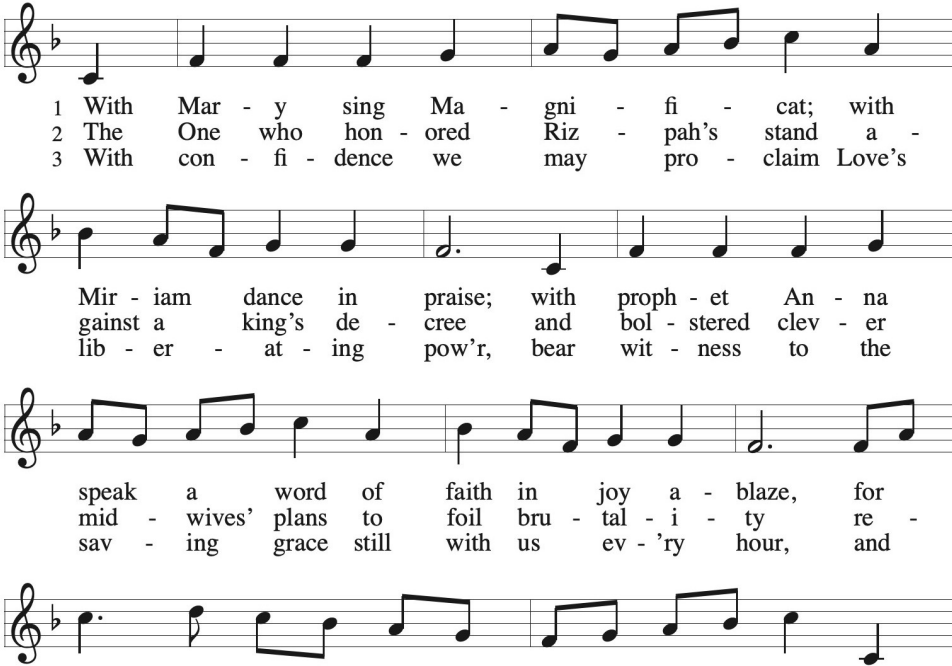
Pastor Jay

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

With Mary Sing Magnificat

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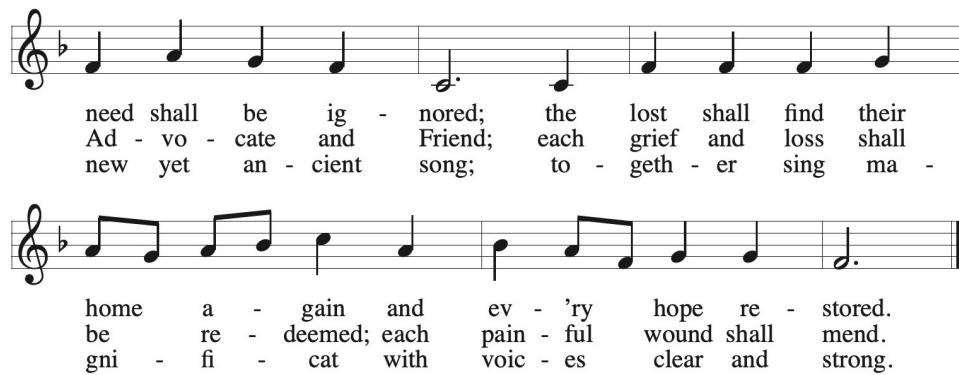


1 With Mar-y sing Ma-gni-fi-cat; with
 2 The One who hon-ored Riz-pah's stand a-
 3 With con-fi-dence we may pro-claim Love's

Mir-iam dance in praise; with proph-et An-na
 gainst a king's de-cree and bol-stered clever
 lib-er-at-ing pow'r, bear wit-ness to the

speak a word of faith in joy a-blaze, for
 mid-wives' plans to foil bru-tal-i-ty re-
 sav-ing grace still with us ev-'ry hour, and

love and mer-cy shall pre-vail; no
 mains through con-flict, doubt, and fear our
 sing with thanks, de-light, and praise a



Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm
Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune
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NICENE-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

† *In solidarity with our Orthodox siblings and living into the hope of unity within Christ's Church and subsequent to recommendations by both the ELCA Churchwide Assembly and the Lutheran World Federation, we profess the Nicene Creed at the synodical level without the Filioque ("and the Son") clause.*

Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father†,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Guide your church in the path of obedience to your word. Strengthen the ministry of all who respond to your call to service in this and every generation. Empower Yehiel and Kristen, our bishops; Jean, our dean; Jay, our pastor; and us to bear Christ's presence into the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Watch over the earth and teach us to live in harmony with all creation. Rebuild environments damaged by disaster or neglect. Nurture and sustain gardens, fields, and orchards. Bring forth abundant harvests in due season. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Cultivate peace among nations and turn us away from warfare and violence. Cast down all forms of injustice, and lift up the ways of compassion and peace. Protect those who have left their homes in search of safety for their families. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Look with favor upon those in need. Raise up those who are weak. Fill the hungry with good things. Bless mothers and all who care for children. Comfort the grieving and heal the sick, particularly those whose names and needs we cry out now: _____. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Inspire the work of hymnwriters, poets, and musicians. Enliven the hands and voices of Bryan and our choirs and musicians. Fill us with hope and a sense of wonder as we ponder the mysteries of your word. Open our hearts to rejoice in you and proclaim your greatness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With thanksgiving, we remember your saints: Mary, Joseph, John the Forerunner, Elizabeth, Zechariah, Bernard and our own beloved dead: Cecilia. Inspire us by their witness and bring us, together with them, into your eternal kingdom to dwell with you forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the company of your saints we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

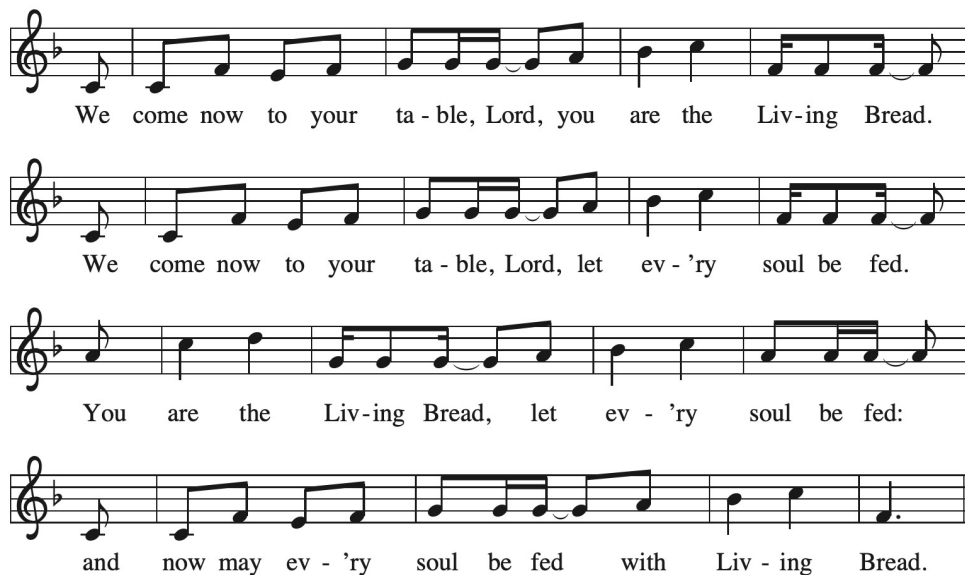
MUSICAL OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN

ACS 970

We Come Now to Your Table, Lord



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,

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.

It is indeed right...



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.

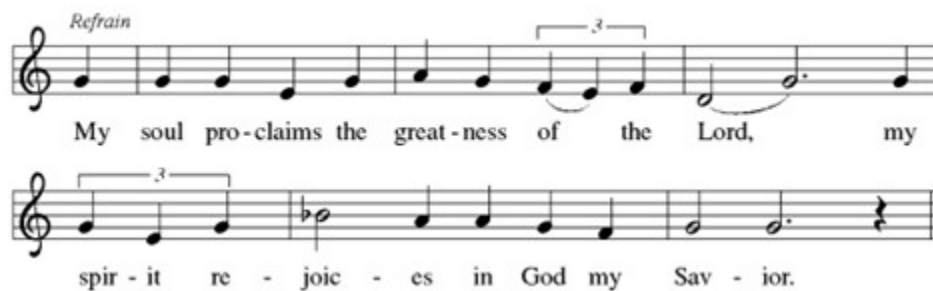
Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. ...
... Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.



Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional
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All praise to you, glorious God of grace. Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith. With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life. With Ruth, we praise you for family and food. With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe. Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets. Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water. Remembering Junia, we thank you for those who minister among your people. One with the daughter of Jairus, we wake to life in you.

With Mary, your servant, we magnify your name:

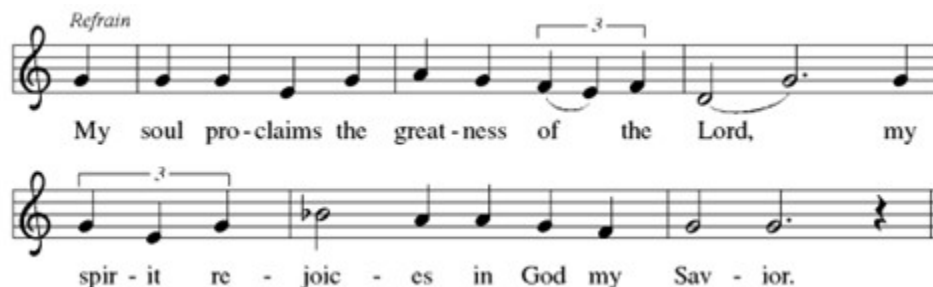


Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal. Living, he healed the bleeding woman; dying, he cared for his mother; risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.

*On the night before he died, he 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.*

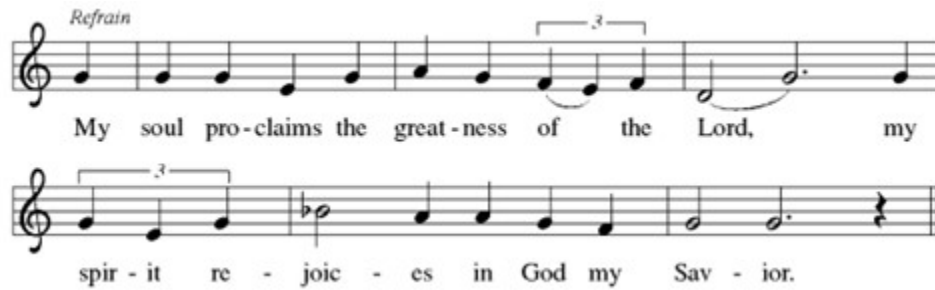
*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

With Mary, your mother, again we magnify your name:



Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us. Send your Spirit on this bread and wine, that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world. Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Phoebe, we serve one another with zeal. Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy. Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas, we care for the poor and needy.

With Mary, first among your saints, once more we magnify your name:



All praise to you, powerful God of peace. We adore you, our God, you who mother and feed and comfort us, today, tomorrow, and forever.

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. If you are in need of gluten-free bread, please let the pastor know. 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.*

What Child Is This



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.
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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,
Amen.

SENDING

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

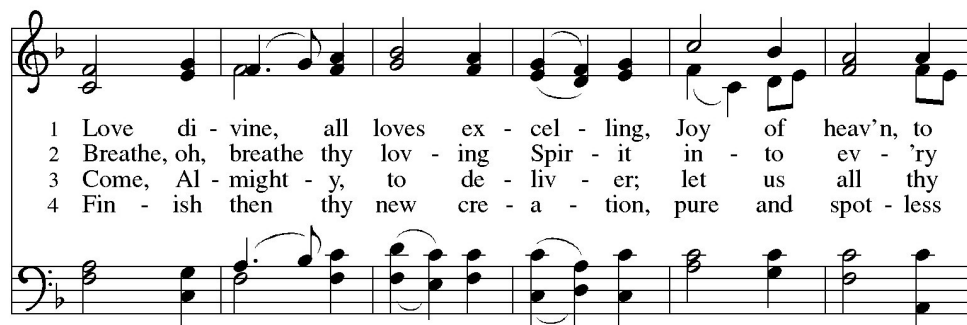
BLESSING

...now and forever.
Amen.

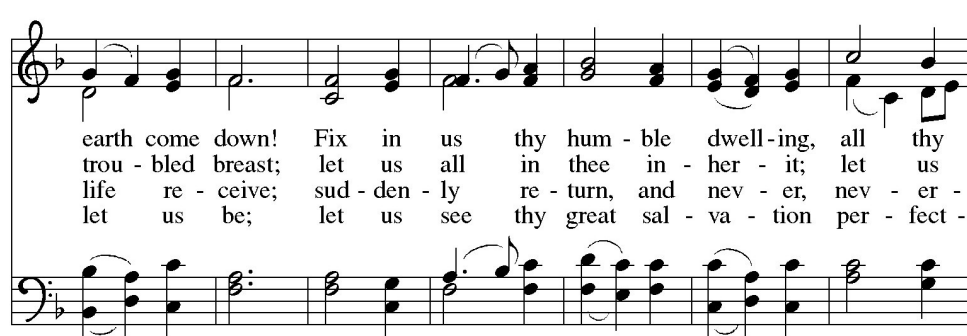
SENDING HYMN

ELW 631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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— ANTICIPATED TO LEAD IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING —

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ASSISTING MINISTER – Zach Middaugh

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Tom Klomp

LECTOR – Cathy Meyn

USHERS – Jane & Dave Kinzig

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

VIDEO STREAMING – Nick Lang



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Cecilia Chesley Szczypinski by Janet Hammond and family.

Pastor Jay will be out of the office this week. In case of pastoral emergency, please call the church office.

Faith Formation

Bible After Dark (BAD) meets on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row (1317 State St.) for a time of conversation and fellowship. **YOU** are invited to join us on Tuesday, September 1. We are exploring *Belonging*, a study of the Woman at the Well by Karoline Lewis.

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 meets each Thursday throughout the summer continuing with a study on the book of Revelation. **B³ will not meet on Thursday, August 20 and Thursday, August 27.** Our next gathering will be Thursday, September 3.

Opportunities for Fellowship

L.I.A., Lutherans in Action, have met 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. If you are not familiar with the BAND App, contact Sarah Prylinski as outings are also posted on the app. Summer is short; join us this month.

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 August 25 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.

Join the OWLS for a lovely afternoon at Ferrante's Winery, 5585 N. River Road W., Geneva OH, on Wednesday, August 19. Beautiful scenery and a delicious lunch with friends makes for a perfect summer day. Lunch begins at 11:00am; travel time to Ferrante's is 1.5 hours. Reservations were due to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, by Friday, August 14. If you are interested in carpooling please let Jan know.

Youth

Our Yard Sale is almost here. Treasures will be found at our annual fall yard sale on Saturday, September 19 from 8:00am – 12 noon. Stop on down to fellowship hall for some great finds. Items for the sale may be dropped in the church office area beginning the week of September 7. Books, TV's or large electronic items, and soft furniture will not be accepted.

Items to Note

For the summer: Please note for the summer, Church office hours are 8:30am-2:00pm Monday through Thursday. The Church office is variably open half-days on Fridays, call before popping by! Regular Office Hours (M-F 8:30-3:30) will resume on Tuesday, 8 September.

Going on vacation? Taking a little get away 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.*

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

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

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Betsy Brumagin	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Lois Smith
Diane Parsons	Judy Karney	Karen Zamperini	Kate Martin
Donna Sedelmyer	Mary Mumford	Betty Pletz	Brian Hubbard
Ella Graffius	Paul Meucci	Les Fobes	

Friends and Family:

Hannah Jacob	Gail Lesuer	Linda F.	Kris
	Mike	Ellie	Peggy S.
Erin N.	Peter Maker	Shirley	Brynlee
Kevin Soles & family	Jenny	Anthony Benacci	Valerie
Adam & Connie Ogle	Katja & family	Kathy Nicewander	Connor
Lisa E.			

Grief:

Klomp family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

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

Readings and Commemorations This Week.

17 August – Psalm 87; II Kings 5:1-14; Acts 15:1-21

18 August – Psalm 87; Isaiah 43:8-13; Romans 11:13-29

19 August – Psalm 87; Isaiah 66:18-23; Matthew 8:1-13

20 August – **Bernard, Abbot at Clairvaux, 1153** – Psalm 138; Ezekiel 28:11-19; I Corinthians 6:1-11 -- *Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.*

21 August – Psalm 138; Ezekiel 31:15-18; II Corinthians 10:12-18

22 August – Psalm 138; Ezekiel 36:33-38; Matthew 16:5-12

CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

LMA Teacher Development Day

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

11:00am

LMA Teacher Development Day
OWLS Luncheon at Ferrante's Winery

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026		
EXPECTED TO LEAD IN WORSHIP NEXT WEEK		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Ellen DiPlacido
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Pastor Jay
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Beth Keller/Sarah Prylinski
Counters	10:30am	Patrick Cimino, Barb Dennison
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Sharon Burke, Linda Graffius