Welcome to

Luther Memorial Church



2 NOVEMBER 2025
THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
SEASON AFTER PENTECOST
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

225 West Tenth Street • Erie, PA 16501 • 814-454-0106 THE REV. JAY C. MITCHELL, *Pastor*

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Cantor

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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**. Wriggles, 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).
- \sim **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.

J. Weber

PRELUDE - "For All The Saints"

Handbell Choir

Please rise in body or spirit and face the procession at the doors. Let us follow the cross into worship.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 418

Rejoice in God's Saints



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OPENING SENTENCE

Blessed be God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be God's reign now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through 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.

GIFTING OF BIBLES

ARDEN JULES FETCKO ELIJAH JAMES MONTROY RYKIAH LYNN ROGAN ELIZABETH ROSE WOLF

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to inquire concerning the truth of all this. So the attendant agreed to disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the dominion forever—forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149 TUNE: PUER NOBIS

Hallelujah! Sing praise to God, let all the faithful raise their voice; let Jacob, Zion's children too, in their Creator now rejoice.

In dances praise God's Name and sing with harp and timbrel joyfully, for God takes pleasure in our praise, adorns the poor with victory.

Let faithful saints rejoice in bed, let them be joyful in the Lord; let praise of God be in their throat and in their hand a two-edged sword,

to wreak God's vengeance on all lands, the punishment which God ordains: To bind their rulers fast with iron and place their nobles, too, in chains;

to levy and inflict on them the judgment God decreed by law; for this is glory which God's own will yet receive. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of the one who accomplishes all things according to divine counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of God's glory. ¹³In Christ you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of God's glory. ¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe, according to the working of God's great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and seated him at the right hand of Power in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and might and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And God has put all things under the feet of Christ and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is the body of Christ, the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel. The cantor introduces the Alleluia. The congregation repeats and again after the cantor offers the verse.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M. E. Krentz SINE NOMINE



They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-31

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

17 Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the dominion of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Human One. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if

anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

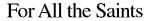
Praise to you, O Christ.

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. During the Hymn of the Day, the assembly is invited to come light a candle of remembrance at the Columbarium. Please remember to light candles from the center outwards to allow safe lighting of others' candles.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 422







Text: William W. How, 1823–1897 Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958 Outside USA: Music from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906.

BLESSING OF THE COLUMBARIUM

Let us pray:

Holy God, Holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our siblings—who we have here entrusted to their rest—in the company of all your saints. At the last, O God, bring us all to share with the faithful of every time and place in the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Praise to you, O God, for your gift of water—the darkness of water swirling before Creation, the life-giving waters in which Jesus danced in Mary's womb, the powerful waters that you continue to shower upon us. From before the worlds began you have formed our lives by water and you have made water your inescapable gift of life.

Praise to you for the waters of life.

Glory to you, O God, for the waters which have saved your people for generations: Noah and the animals escape the floods, Miriam and Aaron and Moses lead the people of Jacob through the sea dry-shod, David sings of the still waters of your goodness, Jeremiah cries out of your living water poured into our cracked cisterns, Ezekiel witnesses the waters of your Spirit enliven the dry bones in which he stood, John the Prophet stands in the waters of the Jordan proclaiming your coming Christ.

Glory to you for saving waters.

Blessed are you, O God, for the waters that washed our Lord Jesus in that same Jordan and which have been a sign and seal of the cleansing and new birth of your people for generations. In Baptism, you unite us to Christ's death and resurrection. In Baptism, you knit us into the Body of Christ one with another. In Baptism, you shower your Spirit upon your people. In baptism, you call us to new life drenched in these waters, reborn from these waters into a world parched to hear of your grace, mercy, and love.

Blessing to you for baptismal waters.

Thanks be to you, O God, for our baptisms. By water with your Word and Spirit, you have claimed and named us your beloved. By water with your Word and Spirit, you have joined us to generations past and yet to come. By water with your Word and Spirit you sustain us until we gather on the banks of the River that flows from your Tree of Life. Washed and numbered with the throngs of the faithful around you, we lift our voices in thanksgiving for the inexhaustible, unconditional, and vital gift of your Holy Water.

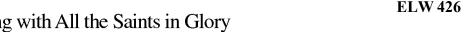
Thanks be to you for our baptisms!

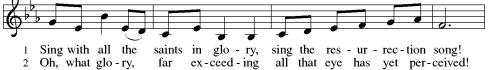
Upon the waters you bear us, O God. Through the waters, you breathe your life into us, O God. By the waters you save us and send us, O God. Keep us now and always in the promises washed over us by these waters until we come to the fulfillment of all things in you.

Amen.

SPRINKLING SONG

Sing with All the Saints in Glory





- Life e ter nal! heav'n re joic es: Je - sus lives who once was dead.

Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for-mer days be-long. Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead-ing nev-er that full joy con-ceived. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



a-round the clouds are break-ing, soon the storms of time shall cease; God has prom-ised, Christ pre-pares it, there on high our wel-come waits. Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won-ders crowd on faith; what joy



in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last-ing peace. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e-ter - nal gates. when, a - mid earth's clos-ing thun-ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

You may kneel, sit, or stand as is your custom.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all our beloved dead, particularly those of the past year:

JOANN GUILIANELLI

TINA CLARK DINICOLA

FRED KERN

ELEANOR JASS

ROBERT GIANNELLI

NANCY DOWNEY

JEFF KRAUS

CATHY MACGREGOR

DAVE COONEY

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DEE LASHER

KAITLIN WEBER

Lois Fobes

MARILYN BOHN

DAVE PARSH

PATRICK LUPO

JOHN PETERSEN

PAMELA HAGLEE

RAYMOND BOLASKY

and those whose names we cry aloud now:______. Keep us, with them, in the promises of baptism until we gather around the Mercy Seat of the Lamb.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. Keep us with Sylvia in these promises of baptism. God of mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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



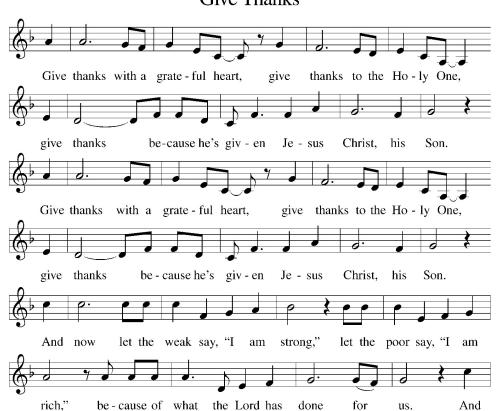
An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church. Additionally, you may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

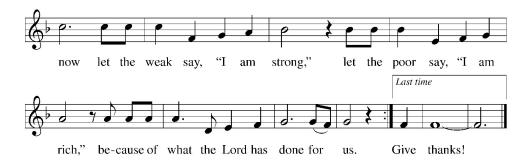
OFFERTORY – "Pie Jesu"

G. Faure

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

OFFERING HYMN
Give Thanks





Text: Henry Smith Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you

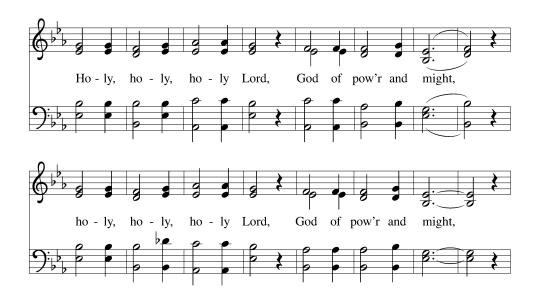
We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS





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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

With all the saints of Africa and Asia, Europe and the Americas, India, Australia, and the islands, we praise you, O God, for creating the worlds. With all the baptized, the old and the young, the weak and the strong, the famous and the forgotten, we bless you, O God, for providing mortals with food. With all the faithful in tents and mansions, cities and farms, past and present, we worship you, O God, for sheltering the generations. With all your holy people who minister in the church, who serve the poor, who walk the way of the cross, we glorify you, O God, for journeying with us in Jesus.

With Paul and the evangelists, we remember the meal of your Son:

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 Peter and all the martyrs, we honor Christ's death, saying Amen.

Amen!

With Mary Magdalene and all the apostles, we proclaim his resurrection, shouting Amen.

Amen!

With John, the theologians, and the mystics, we celebrate Christ present with us, exclaiming Amen.

Amen!

With the Virgin Mary and all who sang of your greatness, we pray for the power of the Spirit. Imbue this gathering, this bread and this cup, with the merciful body and blood of Christ. Form us into a communion of service, and infuse your earth with the wholeness we seek.

With grandparents and godparents, with the Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Protestants, Pentecostals, Evangelicals, and independents, and with JOANN, TINA, FRED, ELEANOR, ROBERT, NANCY, JEFF, CATHY, DAVE, PAUL, LUCILLE, RON, ROGER, SHARON, IRENE, DEE, KAITLIN, LOIS, MARILYN, DAVE, PATRICK, JOHN, PAMELA and RAYMOND, lead us to a future we cannot yet see, and at the end draw all humanity to yourself.

Now with all of the family you saved by your love,

we shout blessing: Blessing

glory: **Glory** wisdom: **Wisdom**

thanksgiving: Thanksgiving

honor: **Honor**power: **Power**might: **Might**be to you, our God,

forever and ever. 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

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all is made ready!

One is Holy; One is Lord: Jesus Christ to the glory of God. Amen.

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.

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION



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Behold the Host Arrayed in White

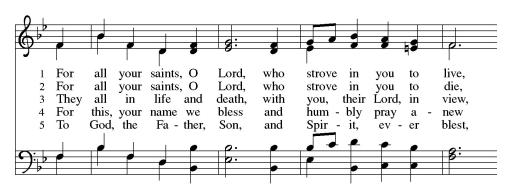


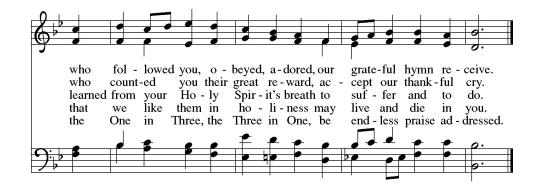


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ELW 427

For All Your Saints, O Lord





Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt. Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 501

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus



Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891 Music: WERDE MUNTER, Johann Schop, 1600–1665; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

ELW 424



DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE – "Sine Nomine"

A. Hutchings

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— SERVING TODAY —

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CROSS BEARER – Jessica Copfer
ASSISTING MINISTER – Linda Swanson
COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Linda Graffius
LECTOR – Lois Smith
USHER – Sue Cappelletty
ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp
VIDEO STREAMING







Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our many blessings by Dorothy Youngman.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Sylvia Johnson by her daughters and families.

Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert G. Young, who would have been 89 on November 5, by Pat and family.

Today's Events

The Luther Memorial Concert and Cultural Series and the Mercyhurst Concert Choir will celebrate All Souls Day with a Requiem Mass this afternoon at 4:00. We will gather not just to hear a beautiful setting of the Requiem Mass composed by Faure, but also to share in a full Mass—with communion and all. We are considering this "A Requiem in Context."

Nothing Bundt Cakes is a sweet way to support our LYO and orders will be accepted through this morning. Orders will be available to pick up on Sunday, November 16. Individual bundtlets are only \$7 each and a perfect dessert for the holiday season. Varieties are available sure to satisfy anyone's craving. Order forms are available at the welcome tables and in the church office. Thank you for your support!

Worship Matters!

The Paschal Candle is lighted in our midst at every baptism, every funeral, the entire Easter season, and on every Baptismal Feast Day. It is dated for the Easter of the year when a new one is blessed and put into use. It is the symbol of the Risen Christ in our midst, of the Light that dispels all darkness, of the glory of the Resurrection Dawn. This morning, in the Columbarium, besides the 2025 Paschal Candle, there are small jar candles. These have been melted and poured from *last year's* Paschal Candle. They are scented with Chrism, the oil used to sign the cross on each new baptized person's brow. These are gifts to those among us who have someone in their family who has claimed their baptismal promise in this most recent year. It is sharing the very light that burned at their funeral. In the light, in the wax, in the scent we are reminded of the gift and promise of baptism that is being knit into the Body of Christ one with another and drawn into the very Resurrection of the same. For all the saints who now rest in peace, may they rise in glory. Amen.

LIVESTREAMERS ARE NEEDED! Recently, a few of our services have not been livestreamed and therefore not available to our homebound members. This is due to scheduling conflicts and volunteer availability. We need a robust rotation of livestreamers which involves tending the camera in the choir loft during our 10:30am worship service and our main worship services on feast days (such as Christmas Eve or Ash Wednesday). All ages are welcome to take on this vital leadership role in our communal worship. If you are interested in what this would entail and/or would like to sign up, please speak with Cantor Bryan or Pastor Jay.

Stewardship

Commitment Sunday is Sunday, November 23! We will gather at both services on this Sunday to focus ourselves on God's abundance in our lives and to make our commitments to God's mission through financial support of Luther Memorial. If you did not receive your Pledge Card yet, please talk with the church office. If you will not be with us in person on Sunday, November 23, you can turn in your Pledge Card to the church office before that as we gather all our commitments and offer them to God on November 23.

Faith Formation for All Ages

Sunday School for PreK-grade 5 will be held Sunday, November 9 at 9:30am. Youth in grades 6-12 will also gather at 9:30am.

Four Confirmation class workshops will be offered for students in grades 7-9 throughout the year on the second Sunday in odd months. **The first gathering is Sunday, November 9.** Classes will be held following 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.

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. This year we are using *Crossroads: Reading the Bible in Divisive Times* by Josh Scott. We will not meet in November; our next gathering will be December 4. You do not need the book to participate, but if you would like a copy of the book, it is \$15 to the church office.

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. We will be using Josh Scott's book *Parables: Putting Jesus' Stories in Their Place*. If you would like to order your book from the church office, the cost is \$14. You may also order your own. If you've already ordered a book, they are in the office for pickup (and payment as needed). *YOU* are invited to join us! November's gathering is Tuesday, November 4.

Christmas is Creeping Up

Hamloaf is back, but there is even more to choose from. Sausage varieties return and a new flavor, Philly CheeseSteak Bratwurst, makes its debut. Great for the holidays or any time, and the price is right. Keeping it local, Gahr's Hamloaf in Franklin, PA is delicious. Orders are due Friday, November 21 with pick-up on Sunday, December 14. Order forms are available at the welcome tables, the church and school offices. Proceeds will benefit our youth. Thank you.

St. Lucia will be presented at Luther Memorial on Sunday, December 14 at 4:00pm in our main church with a reception following in fellowship hall. Rehearsals will be held Sundays; November 16, 23, 30 and December 7. Rehearsals for 3rd grade youth and older will begin on Sunday, November 16. Rehearsals for children 2nd grade and younger will begin on Sunday, November 23. All rehearsals will be held from 11:45am – 1:00pm. Prior to the St. Lucia program on December 14 a brief rehearsal will be held at 11:45am. Parents are asked to attend the first rehearsal to sign in their child. Please contact Lena Donnelly at 814-403-7825 with any questions.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Second Sunday Soirée will gather in the parlor for refreshments and fellowship on Sunday, November 9 at 9:15am. Please join us.

It's time to Shop at our Craft Show on Saturday, November 8 from 10:00am-3:00pm. More crafters, more variety and more reasons you need to stop down and shop for the holidays. Admission is \$2. Free admission for educators with ID badge. Proceeds benefit our youth group.

Family Thanksgiving Night is set for Friday, November 21 from 5:30-9:30pm. A deliciously fun evening starting with our meal (please bring a dish to share) followed by crafts, a scavenger hunt and lots more. Bring the family, bring your friends and have a great time. Please contact Sarah Prylinski at 814-882-1695 and let us know you're coming.

OWLS will enjoy a celestial experience of the Winter Sky and Christmas Sky at the Penn State Planetarium on Wednesday, November 19. Join us for a presentation by James Gavio at 11:00am. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes at 814-833-0476 or the church office by November 13. Parking permits and a map for the campus are available from Jan MacInnes or the church office.

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; November 11 and November 25. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

RADA

RADA knives will make a wonderful Christmas gift for the culinary expert in your home. These handcrafted knives are made in the USA with materials only from America and have a lifetime guarantee. Catalogs are available on the Welcome Tables. Order forms with payment are due by November 18 to any W/ELCA member or the church office. Proceeds will benefit community outreach.

LMA Vote



Vote for Lucy and make her the cutest calf in the United States! Our LMA 2nd grade class is asking for your vote for Lucy. Please go to discoverydairy.com, scroll down for Lucy's name (alphabetical order) and place your vote (one vote per email). There are 83 calves in the running so we need all your votes. The farm of the winning calf will receive a care package for Lucy from the Agricultural Program, national recognition for the cutest calf in the USA, and LMA will be highlighted as well. **Voting is held November 3-November 5.** OUR 2ND GRADE CLASS THANKS YOU FOR YOUR VOTE.

Discover Dairy is an interactive cross-curricular, multi-leveled lesson series that meets Pennsylvania state education standards and anchors for science, math and reading. The program also incorporates social studies concepts to show students where milk comes from and how dairy farms contribute to our world.

Community Outreach

Sisters of St. Joseph will be offering a Thanksgiving dinner by delivery only on Thanksgiving Day, November 27. There is no cost to receive a meal, although monetary donations are appreciated. To receive a meal, please call 814-836-4198 on Tuesday, November 18 from 9:00am - 12:00 noon. This will be the only day that reservations for meal delivery will be accepted.

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:

Dorothy Youngman Ed Hokaj Rose-Marie Rose Pat Gilbert

Diane Parsons Judy Karney

Friends and Family:

Mary Beth & Nancy Kelly

Maureen C.

Gwen Smith

Henderson family

Kevin Soles & family

Jeff

Andrew Wachter

Sullivan

Shirley

Judy

Carol Johnson

Valerie

Linda F. Joel Debbie Betit Haven Schaefer

Katja & family

Grief:

Pat Lupo family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Matt Anderson Michael Stickner Andrew Watson Alli Brown

Ben Dixon Mark Collins Christopher Rose

Readings and Commemoration This Week

November 2 – Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, All Souls' Day – Psalm 130; Wisdom 3:1-9; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; John 5:24-27 – All Souls Day, observed on November 2, is part of a three-day tradition that begins with Halloween and culminates in All Saints Day. While Halloween is often celebrated with costumes and candy, it is rooted in the deeper meaning of "All Hallows' Eve," the night before we honor saints who have lived lives of faith and virtue. On All Souls Day, we pause to remember and pray for the souls of our loved ones who have passed. This day emphasizes the communion we share with those who came before us, reinforcing our belief that the living and deceased remain connected through faith, love, and prayer.

November 3 – Martin de Porres, renewer of society, 1639 – Psalm 50; Nehemiah 12:1-3, 23-31; I Corinthians 5:9-13 -- Martin was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

November 4 – Psalm 50; Zechariah 7:1-14; Jude 5-21

November 5 – Psalm 50; Amos 5:12-24; Luke 19:11-27

November 6 – Psalm 17:1-9; Deuteronomy 25:5-10; Acts 22:22-23:11

November 7 – John Christian Frederick Heyer, 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, 1918; missionaries – Psalm 17:1-9; Genesis 38:1-26; Acts 24:10-23 – Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

November 8 – Psalm 17:1-9; Exodus 3:13-20; Luke 20:1-8

CALENDAR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3	8:30am	LMA Picture Re-takes
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4	10:00am 12:00pm 3:00pm 6:30pm	LMA Closed / Parent-Teacher Conferences Grace Group Deborah Circle W/ELCA Bible After Dark / Calamari's
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5		
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6	1:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:45pm	Grief Group Handbell Rehearsal Inter-Church Ministry Meeting Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7		
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8	10:00am 10:00am 10:00am	Craft Show Quilting Julie House Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 THE 32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Second Sunday Soirée will be held in the parlor at 9:15am.

Sunday School and LYO will gather at 9:30am.

Confirmation class for $7^{th} - 9^{th}$ grades will be held at 11:45am.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 ASSISTING IN WORSHIP				
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Ellen DiPlacido		
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham		
Communion Assistant (1 needed)	10:30am			
Lector	10:30am			
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan		
	10:30am	Sharon Burke		
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco		
	10:30am			
Video Streaming	10:30am	Christy Adams		
Counters	10:30am	Ely & Rob Cooney		
Ushers (4 needed)	10:30am	•		

