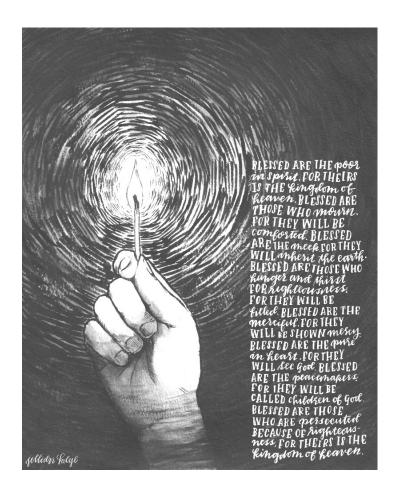
## Welcome to

## Luther Memorial Church

of the Erie Lutheran Parish



# 5 NOVEMBER 2023 The Feast of All Saints 10:30 am

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

#### LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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

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Cantor

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Youth and Family Ministry
MICHELLE THOM
Academy Administrator

# 5 NOVEMBER 2023 THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS Holy Communion • The Deutsche Mass • 10:30

Luther Memorial Church and Academy is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people, people of the Six Nations Treaty, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

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

PRELUDE – BlumenStrauß (Musical Bouquet)

"Prelude No. 4 in E Minor"
"Prelude No. 3 in A Minor"

J. C. F. Fischer (ca. 1656 - 1746)

#### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Please stand as you are able. The ministers assemble in the Columbarium.

#### LITANY OF THE SAINTS

This litary of the saints, crafted from the Calendar of Celebrations in the ELCA, calls on those who lived lives of faith throughout place and time to join us in our worship here and now with the refrain ( $\underline{\mathbf{R}}$ ) "Stand here beside us!":

- P Holy Ones, present at our beginnings:
- **G** Stand here beside us!
- P Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar; Isaac and Rebecca; Jacob and Rachel and Leah: makers of the covenant, forebears of our race: <u>R</u>
- P Elizabeth and Zechariah; Simeon and Anna; and all who recognized God at work in the world: **R**
- P John the Baptizer, map-maker of Jesus' coming: <u>R</u>
- Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe; Mary, Martha, and Lazarus; and all who supported the work of The Way: **R**
- $\blacksquare$  Holy Ones, who lived the faith daily:  $\underline{R}$

- P Timothy, Titus, and Silas; Ansgar; Cyril and Methodius; Patrick; Jonathan Edwards; Onesimus Nesib; Bartolome de Las Casas; Peter Claver; John Heyer; Bartholomeus Ziegenbalg; Francis Xavier; and all who brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth: <u>R</u>
- P Harriet Tubman; Sojourner Truth; Toyohiko Kagawa; Florence Nightingale; Clara Maass; Dag Hammerskjold; Theodor Fliedner; Martin de Porres; Elizabeth of Hungary; and all who worked for the renewal of society: <u>R</u>
- P Benedict of Nursia; Teresa d'Avila; Roger of Taize; Teresa of Calcutta; and all who founded communities of love: <u>R</u>
- P Holy Ones, who made proclaiming God's love a work of art: <u>R</u>
- David and the psalmists; Caedmon; John Donne; John Mason Neale; Catherine Winkworth; all poets of the celestial vision: *R*
- P Hildegard von Bingen; George Herbert; Johann Sebastian Bach; Heinrich Schutz; George Frederick Handel; Philipp Nicolai; Jiri Tranovsky; Johann Heermann; Paul Gerhardt; Isaac Watts; Paul Manz; Susan Paolo Cherwien; Carl Shalk; and all who set your glory to music: <u>R</u>
- P Nicolaus Copernicus; Leonhard Euler; Galileo Galilei; George Washington Carver; Igor Sikorsky; and all who opened our minds to explore your creation: <u>R</u>
- Michaelangelo Buonarotti; Albrecht Durer; Matthias Grunewald; Luca Cranach; Vincent van Gogh; Cy Twombly; and all who opened our eyes to see your beauty all around us: **R**
- P Holy ones, who loved your Church into being: **R**
- P Monica; Helena; Thomas Aquina; Benedict the African; Catherine of Siena; Basil, Gregory, Gregory, and Macrina; Jerome; Soren Kierkegaard; John of Damascus; Athanasius; all who studied and taught your grace:

  <u>R</u>
- P Elizabeth Fedde; Clare of Assisi; Julian of Norwich; and all women who made a place in the church for the sick and suffering: **R**
- P Gregory the Great; Michael Agricola; Olavus and Laurentius Petri; Anselm; Chief Seattle; Cyril of Alexandria; Irenaeus; Benedict of Nursia; Nathan Soderblom; Bernard of Clairvaux; Moses the Black; John Chrysostom; Martin of Tours; Clement of Rome; Nicholas of Myra; John XXIII; and all who gave their life to serve your people: *R*
- P Augustine of Hippo; Thomas Aquinas; Karl Barth; and all who saw God at work and wrote down what they saw: <u>R</u>
- P Johann Loehe; Anthony of Egypt; Pachomius; Hans Hauge; Julian of Norwich; Columba; Aidan; Bede; Birgitta of Sweden; Nikolai Grundtvig; Francesco d'Assisi; Juan de la Cruz; and all who worked for the renewal of your Church: <u>R</u>
- P Jean Calvin; Ulrich Zwingli; John and Charles Wesley; Jan Hus; Menno Simons; Nicolaus von Zinzendorf; and all who sought to keep the Church ever-reforming: <u>R</u>
- P Martin Luther; Philipp Melancthon; Katarina von Bora Luther; Henry Melchior Muhlenberg; Samuel Simon Schmucker; Charles Porterfield Krauth; Luther Reed; Justus Falckner; Jehu Jones; William Passavant; and all who offered a Lutheran witness to your Word: **R**
- $\blacksquare$  Holy ones, who died in witness to the Christ:  $\underline{R}$
- P Justin, Ignatius, and Polycarp, who refused the incense to Caesar: **R**

- Perpetua, Felicity, and their companions; Agnes; Lucia; who gave themselves—body and soul—to God: R
- P Henry of Uppsala; Thomas Cranmer; Dietrich Bonhoeffer; Erik of Sweden; Boniface; Olaf of Sweden; Lawrence; Maximillian Kolbe; Kaj Munk; Oscar Romero; Cyprian; William Tyndale; James of Jerusalem; Miguel Pro, Martin Luther King, Jr, who testified to Christ with their lives: <u>R</u>
- P Martyrs of Japan and of Uganda; of Ukraine and Palestine, of Russia and Israel: <u>R</u>
- P Clementa; Cynthia; Susie; Ethel; Depayne; Tywanza; Dniel; Sharonda; Myra, martyrs in Charleston: R
- P Martyrs whose faith was known only to God: <u>R</u>
- $\blacksquare$  Holy ones of every time and place: R
- P RICHARD; THELMA; HENRY; BEVERLY; BILL; MARK; J. DAVID; PIA; ANN; ANDREW; BARBARA; JOHN; GLORIA; SHIRLEY; SHELLEY; MICHAEL; MARIAN; GLENN; JOAN; all our beloved dead: **R**
- P Michael, Gabriel, and all the celestial host: R
- Peter and Paul, princes of the apostles and pillars of the Church: R
- P Andrew, John, Philip, James, Matthias, Barnabas, Thomas, James, Bartholomew, Jude, all the glorious company of the apostles: **R**
- P Mary Magdalene, apostle to the apostles: <u>R</u>
- P Joanna, Salome, Mary, Susanna, Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, holy myrrh bearers--those first entrusted with the news of Resurrection: <u>R</u>
- P Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, the divine evangelists: **R**
- P Joseph, guardian of Jesus: R
- $\mathbf{P}$  Mary, chief of the saints:  $\mathbf{R}$
- $\blacksquare$  Jesus, our liberator, the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the ending: R
- A Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us go forth in peace:
- **☑** In the name of Christ. Amen!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

#### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

**ELW 422** 

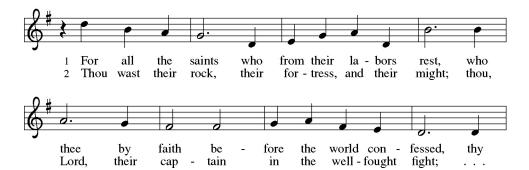
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v. 2: Treble Voices

v. 3: Lower Voices

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## For All the Saints





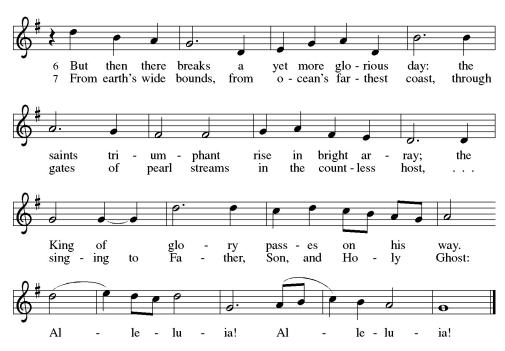
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#### **GREETING**

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE 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.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you 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.

G Amen.

Please be seated.

#### A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

#### PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

AMELIA KAYLA ROSE LANG MATTHEW MICHAEL SNIDER ELLIOT CHRISTOPHER LANG CHRISTIAN JAMES WOLF

#### WORD - "God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song."

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression.

Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?"

The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

#### FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then the elder said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship God day and night within the temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L Word of God, Word of Life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 34:1-10, 22

**Refrain:** (Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.)



<sup>1</sup> I will bless the Lord at all times;

the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> I will glory in the Lord;

let the lowly hear and rejoice.  $\,\mathbf{R}\,$ 

<sup>3</sup> Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

let us exalt God's name together.

<sup>4</sup> I sought the Lord, who answered me

and delivered me from all my terrors.

<sup>5</sup> Look upon the Lord and be radiant,

and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup> I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles. **R** 

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are they who take refuge in God!

<sup>9</sup> Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,

for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup> The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

<sup>22</sup>O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished. **R** 

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

#### **SECOND READING: I John 3:1-13**

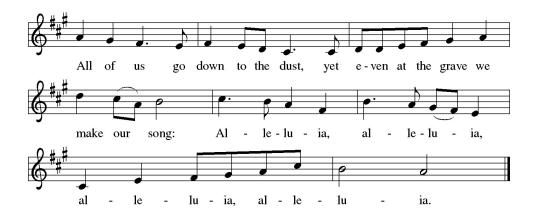
<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when Christ is revealed, we will be like Christ, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in Christ purify themselves, just as Christ is pure.

L Word of God, Word of Life.

**☑** Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (sung twice)



- **P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
- **❷** Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And Jesus began to speak and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the dominion of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>16</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the dominion of heaven. <sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God in song.

This beautiful text by Sister Delores Dufner makes it clear that everyone—from all times and places and all facets of society—is called to gather and hear God's word, offer thanks, and share in the eucharistic feast. Dufner, a prolific hymnwriter, was born and raised on a farm in the Red River Valley of North Dakota and is now a member of St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph, Minnesota. The text is set to a sturdy Dutch tune that many have learned in Evangelical Lutheran Worship with the text "What is this place" (ELW 524).

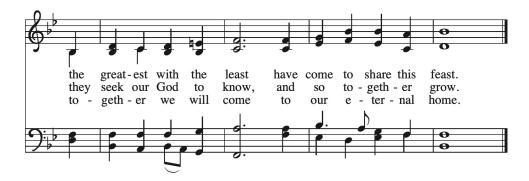
HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 979

During the singing of the Hymn of the Day, you are invited to come to the Columbarium and light candles in memory of deceased loved ones.

## Making Their Way





Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, 1906–2003 Text © 2011 GIA Publications, Inc., giamusic.com. All rights reserved.

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#### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

- P We bless you, almighty God, for the gift of water--for the oceans that surround the earth, for the rivers that nurture the land, for Lake Erie & French Creek & Buttermilk Falls that you provide for our community--
- **Q** We bless you, O God, for the waters of earth.
- P We honor you, merciful God, for showering us with water--for the rain that nourishes the plants and trees, for the floods that restore the fields, for the dew that freshens dry places--
- **2** We honor you, O God, for the waters you send.
- P We glorify you, gracious God, for the waters of baptism--for the water of the Jordan that washed our Lord Jesus, for the water that baptized the believers on Pentecost, for the water that illumines us with your Word, for the water that pours out the gifts of the Spirit, for the water that bathes the church universal--the Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Protestants, Pentecostals, Evangelicals, independents--
- **Q** We glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism.
- P We worship you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, almighty, merciful, and gracious.
- P Well of forgiveness,
- **G** revive us.
- P Cup of cold water,
- refresh us,
- P Pool of rebirth,
- **G** renew us.
- P To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever:
- Amen.

#### BLESSING OF THE COLUMBARIUM AND THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**P** 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.

C Amen.

The author and composer of this hymn wrote it near the end of the Civil War, during a hot summer when he was bodily exhausted. The "words began to construct themselves:" as he wondered why so many hymns spoke of the "river of death". The questions appear in the text, the answer in the chorus. "The music came with the hymn," he said.

#### **SPRINKLING SONG**

During the singing of the hymn, the assembly is sprinkled as reminder of baptism.

#### Shall We Gather at the River



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

#### THE PRAYERS

A Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

- A Holy God, we pray for your Church and all who serve your people. Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- A We pray for your creation, remind us in falling leaf and nestling animal that your glory is all around us. Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- Me pray for those who serve in elected positions of authority and all who run for office. We pray for poll workers and for the will to be faithful participants in our society. Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- ⚠ We pray for the sick and suffering that they may know your wholeness and peace, especially those whose names and needs we lift up now:\_\_\_\_. Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- A We give you thanks for all who have died in the faith and those whose faith was known only to you. In particular we give you thanks for the lives and witness of our beloved who have entered the Church Triumphant:

RICHARD JEFFORDS THELMA FETROW HENRY GILBERT BEVERLY HELD **BILL YOUNGMAN** MARK LECHNER J. DAVID MUMFORD, II PIA GLOVER ANN COLEMAN ANDREW DAHLSTRAND BARBARA BRALEY JOHN VARNER GLORIA ROSTHAUSER SHIRLEY BROWN SHELLEY SANDQUEST MICHAEL DANIELS MARIAN MILLIMACI **GLENN SOLES JOAN PETERS** 

We also give thanks for those who have entered your Church through baptism:

MAEVE ZAMPERINI MACKENZIE KOZYK

Knit us together into a beautiful tapestry of your love and keep us with Sylvia Johnson and Robert Young until we join together with all your saints in praise around your throne. Lord, in your mercy,

- **G** hear our prayer.
- ⚠ We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- Amen.

#### THE PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you.
- **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

#### MEAL - "God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ."

#### THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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#### **ANTHEM** – "The Beatitudes"

Austin C. Lovelace

Show us your ways, O Lord, and grant us your blessing.
Blest are the pure in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blest are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blest are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Show us your ways, O Lord, and grant us your blessing.

Blest are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blest are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Show us your ways, O Lord, and grant us your blessing.

Blest are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blest are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blest are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Show us your ways, O Lord, and grant us your blessing.

Please stand as you are able.

#### OFFERTORY ELW 691

## Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring





Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957 Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925 Text © 1990 and arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

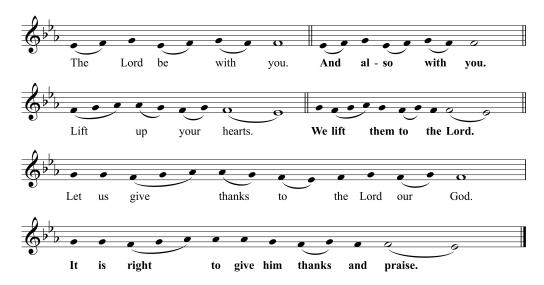
#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

#### **A** Let us pray:

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

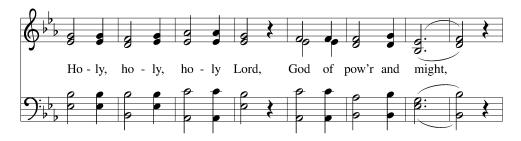
#### Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG**



#### **PREFACE**

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





#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P 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.

- P With Peter and all the martyrs, we honor Christ's death, saying Amen.
- C Amen!
- P With Mary Magdalene and all the apostles, we proclaim his resurrection, shouting Amen.
- C Amen!
- P With John, the theologians, and the mystics, we celebrate Christ present with us, exclaiming Amen.
- Amen!
- P 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 RICHARD; THELMA; HENRY; BEVERLY; BILL; MARK; J. DAVID; PIA; ANN; ANDREW; BARBARA; JOHN; GLORIA; SHIRLEY; SHELLEY; MICHAEL; MARIAN; GLENN; and JOAN lead us to a future we cannot yet see, and at the end draw all humanity to yourself.

- P Now with all of the family you saved by your love, we shout:
- Blessing! Glory! Wisdom! Thanksgiving! Honor! Power! Might!
- **P** be to you, our God, forever and ever.



#### **OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER**

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

#### **AGNUS DEI**



#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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

The congregation is seated.

#### SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

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#### **COMMUNION**

This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast! We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.

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.

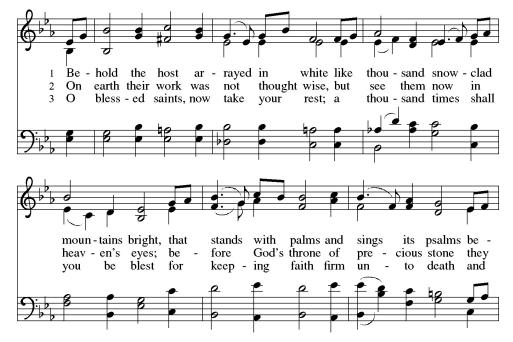
All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.

The father of this author was a parish priest and both of his brothers were vicars. He studied theology at the University of Copenhagen, appointed rector of Holstebro in 1721 and became deacon in 1729. He went on to become Bishop at Aalborg in 1737 and Bishop of the Diocese of Ribe in 1741 where he remained. He began publishing hymns in 1732.

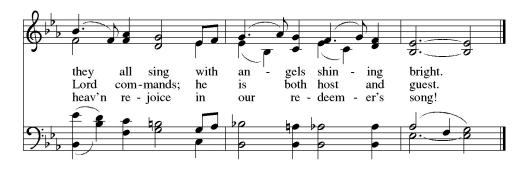
#### HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

**ELW 425** 

## Behold the Host Arrayed in White







Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt. Music: DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK, Norwegian folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. Edvard H. Grieg, 1843–1907 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

An Anglican priest and professor, the author composed this hymn as a processional hymn for a choir festival in one of England's majestic places of worship, Peterborough Cathedral. A distinguished scholar, Plumptre's most prominent position was that of dean of Wells Cathedral. Of the original 11 stanzas, five or six stanzas appear in most hymnals. Stanza one refers to the "festal banner" and "Cross of Christ your King," symbols of the faith that would be carried at the head of such a procession in the Anglican context.

**ELW 873** 

## Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



- 5 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore: the Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt. Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

Please stand as you are able.

#### **TABLE BLESSING**

- May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, keep you in all goodness and health, and bring you to everlasting life.
- C Amen.

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**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**

**A** Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

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

TEMPLE TALK Stan Rose

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please stand as you are able.

#### **BLESSING**

• ... and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be yours now and always.

**G** Amen.

Educated at Queen's College, Oxford, this author published in the form of sermons, letters and pamphlets.

His hymn-writing and translating continued throughout his life.

SENDING HYMN ELW 426

## Sing with All the Saints in Glory



- Sing with all the saints in gio ry, sing the res ur rec-tion song!

  Oh, what glo ry, far ex ceed ing all that eye has yet per ceived!
- 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!



All 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 un-known



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!

#### DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

**A** Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**☑** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** – "For All the Saints"

arr. Benjamin M. Culli

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#### SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER — Pastor Jay Mitchell
GREETER — Betty Pletz
CRUCIFER — Jake O'Brien
TORCH BEARERS — Bella O'Brien, Blake O'Brien
STREAMER — Cecilia Montroy
BOOKBEARER — Gabriel Stroup
BANNER BEARER — Patrick Cimino
CHAPLAIN TO PASTOR JAY — Ely Cooney
THURIFER — Kate Martin
ASSISTING MINISTER — Stan Rose
LECTOR — Pat Bellingham
ALTAR GUILD — Martha & Tom Klomp
VIDEO STREAMING — Gina Snider
BREAD BAKER — Pastor Jay
USHERS — Sue Cappelletty, Diane Banks, Mary Mumford, Liz Stroup

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Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Dorothy Youngman.

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

**Columbarium flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert G. Young, who would have been 87 today, by Pat and family.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Tony and Noelle Partusch on the death of Tony's brother, Tom McGrail, on Sunday, October 29, 2023.

**Join us** in the parlor following the 10:30 service for a time of fellowship and refreshments provided by our Tuesday W/ELCA Circle.

"Let my prayer rise before you as incense..." Psalm 141:2. Worship is a multi-sensory experience: we stand and sit, we speak and sing, we taste and see, but we rarely *smell*. Perhaps for this reason there is a long history of using incense in worship. Throughout scripture we read of incense being used during worship and in prayer. Today we will use incense in worship for all these reasons but also as a reminder of the "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) that surrounds us—always but perhaps most especially today. Today's blend is hypoallergenic and we will use sparingly. If you find the need, you may open a window near where you sit.

#### **Today's Events**

**Goodies** for Thanksgiving are available to order through today. Pies, pepperoni balls, pastas and more will satisfy everyone coming to visit. Order forms are available at the hospitality tables. Guaranteed delicious from Stanganelli's. Checks are to be made payable to LYO; payment is due when order is placed. Pick-up will be on Sunday, November 19.

**Cash Bingo** fun begins today with the doors opening at 12:00 noon. Bingo begins at 12:30pm. All games are cash prizes of \$50. Tickets are \$20 each and available at the door. Proceeds will benefit our youth traveling to the National Youth Gathering in 2024.

**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.

#### **Music Ministry**

The Luther Memorial Concert Series is once again hosting the "Second Sunday Family & Friends Prelude" series. On the second Sunday of each month, October through May, the prelude to the 10:30 service features instrumentalists, vocalists and dancers, highlighting the talents of members within our fellowship - congregational musicians as well as others who have a close association with Luther Memorial. The prelude next Sunday, November 12 will be presented by Barb Moore on flute playing arrangements of several "contemporary" hymn tunes. Please plan to arrive by 10:15 to hear the entire prelude.

#### **#ELCAVotes**

**Tuesday, November 7** is Election Day in Pennsylvania. Be sure you know where your polling place is and have a plan to be sure to vote (or be sure your ballot's in the mail if that's your choice). If you need a ride to the polls or if you want a companion while you wait, let Pastor Jay know (you can talk to him after church or call the church office). Whatever your plan, remember to #VoteFaithfully!

#### Worship

**Beginning with the new church year,** which begins 12/3, you will notice our prelude begins at the same time each week and flows into the 10:30am worship time. We hope that this will draw us together and into our time of worship. Please remember to be mindful of those around you and those worshiping at home by keeping conversations and visiting to the lobbies once the prelude has begun. Thank you.

A reminder that our livestream runs from the beginning of the prelude through the end of the postlude. To maintain a worshipful space for those joining from home, please remember to leave the chancel area (the area around the altar) clear until after the prelude.

#### Stewardship

The church year ends on November 26, Christ the King Sunday. Our tradition at Luther Memorial has been to pause on that Sunday to consider our financial support of ministry for the coming year and to submit a commitment of our intention to do so. We urge you to complete a pledge card and return to church on or by November 26. Our worship service on that Sunday will include a prayer of dedication of all commitments. God has blessed Luther Memorial Church beyond measure and God rejoices in our promise to participate in God's mission through our worship offerings.

#### Where Is Pastor Jay?

**Pastor Jay** would love to meet with you! You don't just need to have an emergency to have a great chat. If you want to get together, because Pastor Jay is often away from his desk doing other pastorly things, you should probably call the church office or e-mail Pastor Jay directly at <a href="Mitchell@LutherMemorialOnline.org"><u>JMitchell@LutherMemorialOnline.org</u></a>. However, if you just want to drop in on him, for the week of November 6, Thursday from 1-2pm in the church office.

#### **Opportunities for Fellowship**

**OWLS** are getting a head start on Christmas on November 21 when Pastor Jay joins us and shares the history of Chrismons. We may even get a little creative and make one of our own. Join us from 11:00am – 1:00pm as we discover some interesting facts about the Chrismons we use to decorate our church trees. All are asked to bring a bag lunch. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes by Friday, November 17.

Magic Fingers Grace Group gathers in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month for knitting and crocheting. We'll be meeting and visiting on November 14 and 28 from 10:00am-12:00 noon for a creative and fun morning. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

#### **Faith Formation**

**ALT Worship** (*A Lutheran Table*) will gather on November 8 at 5:30pm. The service will be about 60 minutes and center around sharing a meal. We will begin by preparing the meal and the worship space together and end with dessert and clean-up. All part of the worship experience. We will also share in Communion. Come on out for something new and a unique encounter with the Divine!

**Dinner With Our Flock,** a relaxed evening together, will be held on Wednesday, November 15. At 5:30 we gather for dinner; the main dish is provided, please bring a dish to share. A Bible lesson and a craft or activity will be held following our meal. Held the third Wednesday of the month, this is a wonderful time for everyone.

**B.A.D.** (*Bible After Dark*) will be held on December 6 at 6:30pm at the Brewerie. Our evenings are a wonderful time of fellowship as we gather with folks from Mt. Calvary to share in Bible Study and fellowship (with some adult beverages if you would like). Every <u>first</u> Wednesday, we gather to share from *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups* and discussion of what these stories we learned in Sunday School still mean for us today. RSVP is not necessary but helpful. Let Pastor Jay or the church office know if you're interested.

#### **Stump the Pastor**

You will notice a stand in the parlor lobby with many tree stumps on it. You (whoever you are of all ages) are invited to use these to try and stump Pastor Jay. You may ask your question anonymously or you can put your name on the stump. Either way, look for Pastor Jay's response once your stump "sprouts" a tree!

#### **Holiday Preparations**

**St. Lucia Festival** will be held Sunday, December 10 at 4:00pm in our main church. To make this a spectacular program three rehearsals will be held on the following Sundays at 11:45am: November 19, November 26 and December 3. Numerous roles are available for our young children and youth such as Lucia's Attendants, Baker Boys, Swedish Boys and Girls, Tomte and Narrators. Please contact Lynnette Gustafson, 814-464-3827; Cheryl Brown, 814-897-8118; Pat Bellingham, 814-528-5675; or the church office for more information.

**Hanging of the Greens** will take place on the First Sunday in Advent, December 3, following services. Many hands make light work as we prepare our space in anticipation of Jesus' birth!

**Hamloaf** is back for Christmas and a variety of sausage flavors are available as well. Hamloaf is wonderful for an easy meal. Orders will be accepted through Sunday, December 3 with pick-up on Sunday, December 17. Keeping it local, Gahr's Hamloaf is located in Franklin, PA. Order forms are available at the hospitality tables and the church and school offices.

#### **Youth Events**

**Christmas Extravaganza** will be held Friday, December 1 for youth in grades 6-12. Join us for all the festivities from 5:30 – 10:00pm. We've got food, games and surprises that will keep you smiling all evening; sure don't want to miss it! RSVP to Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Prylinski or the church office by Wednesday, November 30.

#### **Community Outreach**

**Our youth** are gathering needed items which will be given to the City Mission as a Holiday Donation. Contributions will be accepted through Wednesday, November 15 and may be placed in the marked box located near the parlor. Items needed are: cough drops, hand sanitizer, tissue packs, toothbrushes, scarves, soap, shampoo conditioner, razors, socks, hats, gloves. Thank you.

**Sisters of St. Joseph** will be offering a Thanksgiving dinner by delivery only on Thanksgiving Day, November 23. There is no cost to receive a meal, although monetary donations are appreciated. Sit down and take-out meals will not be provided. To receive a meal, please call 814-836-4198 on Tuesday, November 14 from 9:00am – 12:00 noon. This will be the only day that reservations for meal delivery will be accepted.

#### **Items to Note**

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

#### - PRAYER LIST -

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Members:						
Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Ann Flick	Rose-Marie Rose			
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon	Pat Gilbert	Phil McAfee	Cyndi Treiber			
Friends and Family:						
Mitchell & family	Jean C.	Jeannette Bowers	Ian Minner			
Carol E.	John Semonis	Jeff Granger & family	Nick			
Howie	Melissa	Jim Berger	Jane Rose			
Allison, Audree & family	Melissa Pierce	Scot & Robin	Mark Hadzega			
Cindy B.	Scott Coleman	Bonnie Ford	Suzie Hosterman			
Doug & Jenine	Doug Blum	Lisa Davis				
Grief:						
Tony Partusch family						
Our Military Service Men & Women:						
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown			

#### WEEKLY READINGS AND COMMEMORATIONS

November 6 – Psalm 5; Jeremiah 5:18-31; I Thessalonians 2:13-20

**November 7 – John Christian Frederick Heyer, 1873;** – Isaiah 62:1-7; Psalm 48; Romans 10:11-017; Luke 24:44-53 – 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.

**November 8** – Psalm 5; Proverbs 16:21-33; Matthew 15:1-9

**November 9** – Psalm 70; Amos 1:1-2:5; Revelation 8:6-9:12

**November 10** – Psalm 70; Amos 3:1-12; Revelation 9:13-21

**November 11 – Martin, Bishop of Tours, 297** – Isaiah 58:6-12; Psalm 15; Matthew 25:34-40 -- *Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.* 

#### CALENDAR

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7	10:00am 12:00pm 3:00pm	Bible Study for Pastors Deborah Circle W/ELCA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8	5:30pm	ALT Worship
Thursday, November 9	11:30am 1:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	LMA Early Dismissal Grief Support Group Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10	6:30pm	LMA Closed Club 50

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023 THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Adult Forum will gather at 9:15am.

**Sunday School** for Kdg.  $-5^{th}$  grade will meet at 9:30am.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023 ASSISTING IN WORSHIP				
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell		
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham		
Communion Assistant	10:30am			
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci		
	10:30am	Sharon Burke		
Greeter	8:15am			
	10:30am	Linda Graffius		
Video Streaming	10:30am	John Bartlett		
Counters	10:30am	Jean McMillin, Skip Meyn		