

*Welcome to*  
Luther Memorial Church



24 AUGUST 2025  
**FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,**  
**APOSTLE**  
10:30 am

## LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE – “Toccata in F Major”

G. B. Martini

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

ALL: Amen.

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

Have mercy, O God,  
**against you, you alone,**  
**we have sinned.**

**In your compassion,**  
**cleanse us from our sin**  
**and take away our guilt.**  
**Create in us a new heart**  
**and give us a steadfast spirit.**

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

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

**Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

## Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

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1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y  
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and  
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a

of our God! He whose word can - not be bro - ken  
ter - nal love, well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters,  
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,  
mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or pit - y,

formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges  
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while such a  
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their  
 I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain

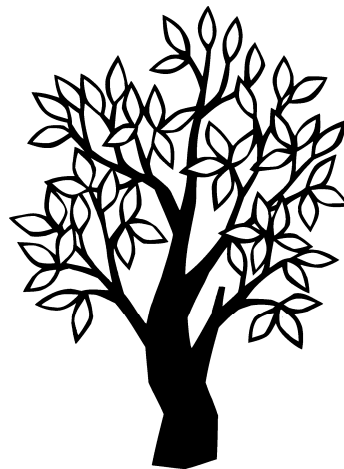
found-ed, what can shake your sure re - pose? With sal -  
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,  
 ban - ner light by night and shade by day, safe they  
 plea - sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show; sol - id

va - tion's walls sur-round-ed, you may smile at all your foes.  
 like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
 feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.  
 joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.  
 Music: BLAENWERN, William P. Rowlands, 1860–1937

## OPENING SENTENCE

Blessed be our God,  
**forever and ever. Amen.**





## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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

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

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

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

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

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and courageously to preach your word. Grant that your church may proclaim the good news to the ends of the earth, 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.*

## WORD

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

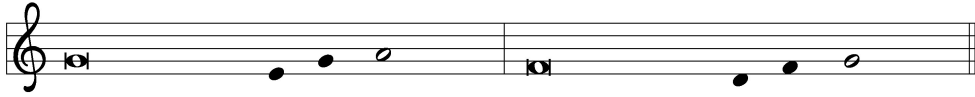
## FIRST READING: Exodus 19:1-6

<sup>19:1</sup>On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. <sup>2</sup>They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: PSALM 12** (*Sung in unison.*)



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- <sup>1</sup> Help me, Lord, for there is no god- | ly one left;  
the faithful have vanished | from among us.
- <sup>2</sup> People tell lies | to each other;  
they use smooth words but speak from a | double heart.
- <sup>3</sup> May the Lord cut off all | lips that flatter,  
and the tongues | that speak boastfully—
- <sup>4</sup> those who say, “With our tongue we | will prevail;  
our lips are our own; who is lord | over us?”
- <sup>5</sup> “Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry | out in misery,  
I will rise up,” says the Lord, “and give them the | help they long for.”
- <sup>6</sup> The words of the | Lord are pure,  
like silver refined from ore and purified seven times | in the fire.
- <sup>7</sup> O Lord, watch | over us  
and save us from this genera- | tion forever.
- <sup>8</sup> The wicked prowl on | every side,  
and everyone prizes that | which is worthless.

**SECOND READING: I Corinthians 12:27-31a**

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

*Repeat alleluia*



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

## GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

### Ask the Complicated Questions

ACS 1005

1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.  
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,  
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,  
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er

Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes  
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing  
test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from  
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,

strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.  
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.  
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.  
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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## 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.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. For all bishops, pastors, deacons, and other ministers. For those who travel far from home in mission and service. Strengthen those who respond to your call to ministry, and grant wisdom to all who shepherd your people, particularly Elizabeth and Michael, our bishops, and Yehiel and Kristen, our bishops-elect. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the creation. For wilderness areas, local parks, and community gardens. For fields and forests, canyons and rivers. For olive groves and pastures, farms and vineyards. Bless those who harvest crops and all whose labor brings food to our tables. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern the nations. For our elected officials, local leaders, and all public servants. Inspire them to use their power with honor and integrity. Bring an end to prejudice, violence, and injustice. Strengthen all who work for peace in places that continue to experience violence and destruction such as Palestine, Ukraine, Haiti, the Sudan, the United States, Israel, and Russia. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those in need. For all who are overlooked or belittled because of their background. For those who suffer for the sake of conscience. For those who grieve, and for all who are ill, particularly those whose names and needs we raise now: \_\_\_\_\_. Bring them comfort, healing, and hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With thanksgiving, we remember Bartholomew and all who have gone before us in the faith especially Augustine, Moses, Helen, Ralph, Marie and Ange. Inspire us by their witness and bring us at last to feast with you at the heavenly banquet. 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.**

*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 – Meditation on “*Land of Rest*”

G. Near

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

## OFFERING HYMN

ACS 1092

### Thank You, Lord

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

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

Text: Traditional  
Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING SURSUM CORDA

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## THE PROPER PREFACE

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

## SANCTUS

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

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

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

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

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

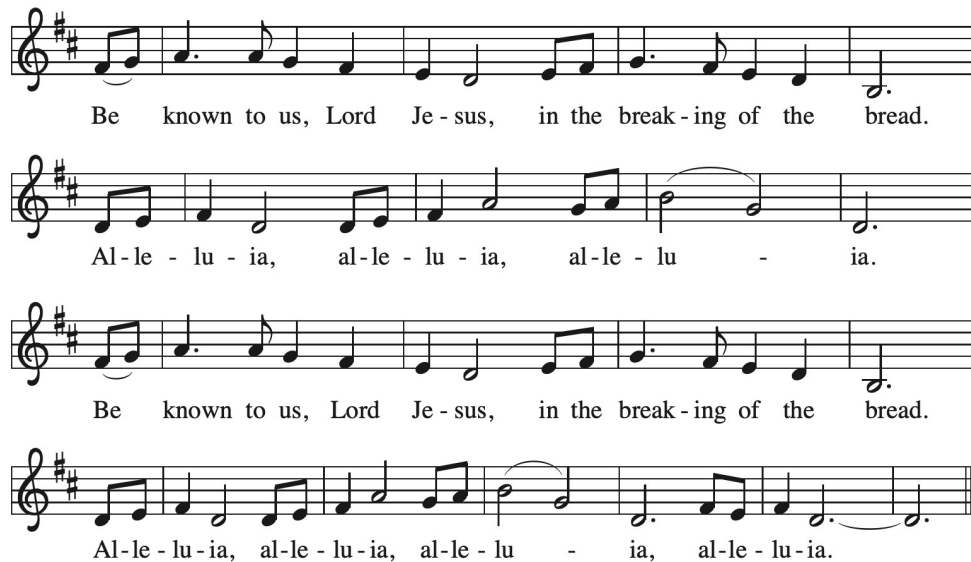
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**  
**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**and the power, and the glory,**  
**forever and ever. Amen.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM



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

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

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

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

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

**Thanks be to God!**

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE COMMUNION

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

## Take My Life, That I May Be

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
 Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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## Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;  
 2 Let me at thy throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief;  
 3 Trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, would I seek thy face;  
 4 Thou, the spring of all my com - fort, more than life to me,

while on oth - ers thou art call - ing, do not pass me by.  
 kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, help my un - be - lief.  
 heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by thy grace.  
 whom have I on earth be - side thee? Whom in heav'n but thee?



*Refrain*

Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;

while on oth - ers thou art call - ing, do not pass me by.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
 Music: PASS ME NOT, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

## TABLE BLESSING

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

**Amen.**

## SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION *if needed*

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

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

## SENDING

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

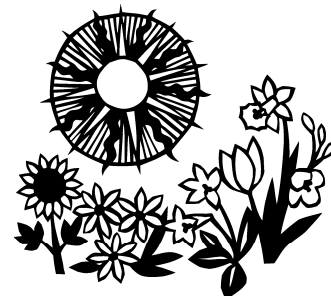
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

...now and forever.

**Amen.**



# Peace In The Valley

Thomas A. Dorsey

1. Well, I'm tired and so wea - ry, but I  
 2. There the flow'rs will be bloom - ing, and the  
 3. Well, the bear will be gen - tle, and the

must go a - long, till the Lord comes and calls me a -  
 grass will be green, And the skies will be clear and se -  
 wolf will be tame, And the li - on shall lay down by the

way, oh, yes; Well, the morn - ing is bright, and the  
 rene, oh, Yes; Well the sun ev - er beams, in this  
 lamb, oh, yes; Well the beast from the wild, shall be

Lamb is the Light, And the night, night is as fair as the  
 val - ley of dreams, And, no clouds there will ev - er be  
 led by a lit'le child, And I'll be changed, changed from this crea - ture that I

*Chorus:*

day, oh, yes.  
seen, oh, yes.  
am, oh, yes.

There will be peace in the val - ley for

me some day; There will be peace in the val - ley for

me, oh, Lord, I pray; There'll be no sad - ness, no no sor - row, no no oh, my Lord-y no

trou - ble I'll see; There will be peace in the val - ley for me. for me.

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE – “Toccata in F Major”

D. Buxtehude

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— SERVING TODAY —

*PRESIDING MINISTER* – Pastor Jay Mitchell

*GREETERS* – Carol & Bob Davidson

*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer

*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Chloe Meucci

*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Karen Lundwall

*LECTOR* – Karen Braendel

*USHERS* – Mary Daniels, Carl Moore

*ALTAR GUILD* – Martha & Tom Klomp

*VIDEO STREAMING* – Beth Keller



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Helen and Ralph Walter, Sr. and Marie and Ange Collins by Helen and Robert Collins and family.

**We welcome** Sharon Downey as our organist this morning and thank her for leading our worship in song.

**Worship Matters!**

**What happened to the green?** While it is still the “green season” you may have noticed that the paraments and Pastor Jay’s vestments haven’t been green for two weeks now. What’s with that? Throughout the year, there are a number of “Lesser Festivals” and “Commemorations.” These are days when we remember and celebrate moments in the life of Jesus, moments in the Bible and Church history, people we find in relationship with Jesus or in the Bible.

*All Sundays of the year* are festivals of our Lord Jesus Christ. In a profound sense, Sunday—the first day and the eighth day of the week, the weekly celebration of the day of resurrection—is the primary Christian festival. Other principal festivals and observances are the Nativity of Our Lord and the Epiphany of Our Lord; Ash Wednesday and the days of Holy Week; the Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Resurrection of Our Lord; the Sundays of Easter, the Ascension of Our Lord, and the Day of Pentecost; and the Holy Trinity.

*Lesser Festivals* are additional days when we celebrate the life of Christ, the witness of those who accompanied and testified to him, and the gifts of God in the church.

*Commemorations* illuminate various aspects of the church’s life and mission through the lives of women and men who have followed Christ in succeeding generations.

Every Sunday of the year has a color of the day associated with the liturgical season in which we find ourselves. Lesser Festivals and Commemorations also have assigned colors. While you can find both lesser festivals and commemorations in the bulletin each week, only lesser festivals can take the place of the primary worship on a Sunday. There only a few such celebrations. Mary, the mother of God and St. Bartholomew are both such festivals. So, we celebrate these two Sundays. You can assume that *most* of such lesser festivals are celebrated with either white (representative of the glory of Jesus and reserved for those celebrations of Jesus, Mary, witnesses to the resurrection, and St. John the Evangelist who is the only apostle we are told who died of old age and not martyrdom) or red (representative of the fire of the Spirit and the blood of the martyrs and reserved for celebrations of the Spirit and the Church).

**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.

**Faith Formation Calendar 2025C-2026A**

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

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

### **Outreach Offerings**

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

### **Bishop-Elect Papson's Installation News**

**Lamb of God** is looking to hire a bus to take a group to Bishop-Elect Papson's installation on October 19. Details will depend on interest. They have asked if Mt. Calvary and Luther have anyone interested in riding the bus. It would most likely depart from Lamb of God following worship on that Sunday. If you are interested in this opportunity, please let Pastor Jay or the church office know as soon as possible. **Names will be taken on a first-come basis and a full list is needed no later than today.**

### **Music Ministry**

**Have you been wondering** what events the Concert Series has in store beginning this fall? A variety of events are planned and you can view these by visiting our website at [www.lm-concerts.com](http://www.lm-concerts.com). More information can also be found on our Luther Memorial website under "Ministries".

### **Youth**

**Our Yard Sale** is just around the corner. Treasures will be found at our annual fall yard sale on Saturday, September 6 from 8:00am – 1:00pm. Stop on down to fellowship hall for some great finds. Items for the sale may be dropped in the church office. Books, TV's or large electronic items, and soft furniture will not be accepted.

### **Opportunities for Fellowship**

**Come and join** us for an escape from reality. Enjoy a relaxing morning with friends at the Magic Fingers Grace Group as you knit your cares away sprinkled with some laughter. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am– 12:00 noon; August 26. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

**OWLS** want to know "What's Your Game?" Join us for a fun time playing board games, cards, checkers or your favorite game on Wednesday, September 24. We will meet in the parlor at 11:00am. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes at 814-833-0476 or the church office by Friday, September 19.

### **Grief Group**

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

### **Items to Note**

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

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

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Walt Gaber	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Pat Gilbert
Dorothy Youngman			
Friends and Family:			
Mary Beth & Nancy Kelly	Justin	Jeff	Dolores Koscinski
Maureen C.	Gwen Smith	Andrew Wachter	Sullivan
Carol Steffey & Marissa	Sandy M.	Ron Lester	Sherry Giles
Lakeyia, Damarion, Noah, Diamond	Henderson family	Carol Johnson	Phil Nagy
Grief:			
Marilyn Bohn family	Lois Fobes family	Woodard family	
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Lt. Col. Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	

**Readings and Commemoration This Week**

**August 24 – Bartholomew, Apostle** -- *The gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke include Bartholomew in their lists of the Twelve. Partly due to his connection with Philip, many scholars believe Bartholomew is probably the same person as Nathanael in John’s Gospel. Nathanael is one of the first disciples called to “come and see” (John’s version of “follow me”), and he is present on the shore of the Sea of Tiberius when the risen Christ invites his friends to “come and have breakfast” (John 21:12).*

**August 25** – Psalm 109:21-31; Ezekiel 20:1-17; Hebrews 3:7-4:11

**August 26** – Psalm 109:21-31; Ezekiel 20:18-32; Revelation 3:7-13

**August 27** – Psalm 109:21-31; Ezekiel 20:33-44; Luke 6:6-11

**August 28 – Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430; Moses the Black, monk, martyr, 400** – Psalm 112; Proverbs 15:13-17; I Peter 3:8-12 -- *Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria. Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.*

**August 29** – Psalm 112; Proverbs 18:6-12; I Peter 4:7-11

**August 30** – Psalm 112; Proverbs 21:1-4, 24-26; Matthew 20:20-28

## CALENDAR

**MONDAY, AUGUST 25**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 26**

10:00am

Magic Fingers Grace Group

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27**

6:30pm

Worship & Music Committee  
Newsletter Mailing

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 29**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025**

**THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

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

<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Ellen DiPlacido
	10:30am	Julie Ditz
Communion Assistants	10:30am	Elaine Kern
Lector	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Nick Lang
Counters	10:30am	Mike Hedlund, Mary Mumford
Ushers ( <i>4 needed</i> )	10:30am	Carl Moore

**NATHANIEL'S THERE,  
JUST MINDING HIS  
OWN BUSINESS...**



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YEP.



**AND THEN JESUS  
GETS ALL UP IN HIS  
BUSINESS!**



**AND THAT'S WHEN  
THINGS GET DOWN  
TO BUSINESS.**



JOHN 1:43-51

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