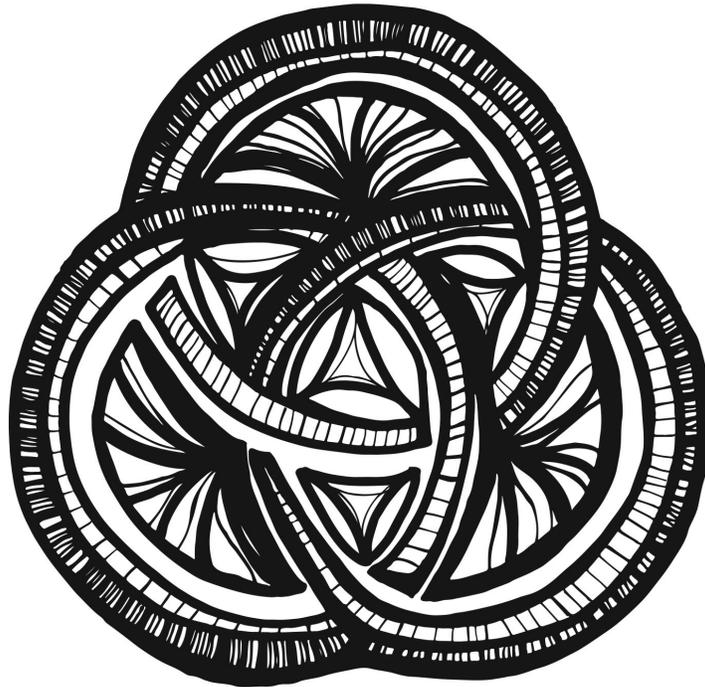


*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



4 JUNE 2023  
The Feast of the Most Blessed and Holy Trinity  
10:30 am

*Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## THE FEAST OF THE MOST BLESSED AND HOLY TRINITY Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Three • 10:30



### LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Luther Memorial is Christ's church that brings its ministry to northwest Pennsylvania within the context of its Lutheran heritage.

As a church that ministers to the community, it seeks to be an inclusive congregation providing a welcoming environment for all to worship, learn, and enhance both personal spiritual growth and fellowship.

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

**PRELUDE** – "Father, Most Holy"  
"Holy, Holy, Holy"

David Cherwien  
Lynn Trapp, John Innes, Hugh Livingston

### 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*

**HANDBELL VOLUNTARY** – "Trinity March"

Mark Schweizer

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.



**P** Merciful God,  
**C** we confess that we have sinned.  
 We have hurt our community.  
 We have squandered your blessings.  
 We have hoarded your bounty.  
 In the name of Jesus,  
 forgive us and grant us your mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Righteous God,  
**C** we confess that we have sinned.  
 We have failed to be honest.  
 We have lacked the courage to speak.  
 We have spoken falsely.  
 In the name of Jesus,  
 forgive us and grant us your mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
 God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
 Claim the gift of God's mercy:  
 you are freed and forgiven  
 in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

*As a young child, this composer took violin and piano lessons and at the age of 10 became the organist of St. John's in Hull, England. In 1849 he became the choir director at Durham Cathedral and served the parish of St. Oswald in Durham from 1862 until his death. Many of his 300 hundred hymn tunes are still respected as examples of Victorian hymnody.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**ELW 413**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!**



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!





God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

## GREETING

☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☞ **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**WORD – “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.”**

*At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

### FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

<sup>1</sup>When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. <sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together God called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was ►

evening and there was morning, the fourth day. <sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” <sup>27</sup>So God created humans in the divine image, in the image of God they were created; male and female God created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup>God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that had been made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. <sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>On the sixth day God finished the work that had been done, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work that had been done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that God had done in creation. <sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

☐ Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 8**

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



How ma - jes - tic is your Name in all the earth!

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
- <sup>2</sup> you whose glory is chanted above the heavens  
out of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and avenger. **R**
- <sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- <sup>4</sup> what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them. **R**
- <sup>6</sup> You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:
- <sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- <sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
- <sup>9</sup> O Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth! **R**



Text and tune for this hymn were written for the Royal Canadian College of Organists convention in London, Ontario in 1982.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 861

When Long before Time  
*The Singer and the Song*



1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,  
2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,  
3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,  
4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,



when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,  
and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,  
their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;  
its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,



and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,  
and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,  
the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,  
the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,



and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—  
and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.  
the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.  
our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

5 The Light has returned as it came once before,  
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,  
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice  
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,  
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,  
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,  
be glory forever, through life and through death.

Text: Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936  
Music: THE SINGER AND THE SONG, Peter W. A. Davison  
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ATHANASIAN CREED

- ☐ Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith.
- ☑ **Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.**
- ☐ Now this is the catholic faith:
- ☑ **We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity,**
- ☐ neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.
- ☑ **For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.**



- Ⓟ But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
  - Ⓞ **equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.**
  - What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.**
  - Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.**
  - The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.**
- Ⓞ **Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:**
  - Ⓟ And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal; as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.
- Ⓞ **Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:**
  - Ⓟ And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.
- Ⓞ **Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God:**
  - Ⓟ And yet there are not three gods, but one God.
- Ⓞ **Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord:**
  - Ⓟ And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.
  - As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.
- Ⓞ **The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten; the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father; the Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.**
  - Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.**
- Ⓟ And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal;
  - Ⓞ **and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons. Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.**
- Ⓟ It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus became flesh.
- Ⓟ For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:
  - Ⓞ **That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and human.**
- Ⓟ He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father, and he is human, born in the world from the being of his mother—existing fully as God, and fully as human with a rational soul and a human body;
  - Ⓞ **equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.**
- Ⓞ **Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ.**
  - Ⓟ He is united because God has taken humanity into the Godhead; and does not transform deity into humanity.



- ☒ He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.**  
**For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and human.**  
**He suffered death for our salvation;**  
**descended into hell and rose again from the dead;**  
**ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;**  
**will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- ☒ At Jesus' coming all people shall rise bodily**  
**to give an account of their own deeds.**
- ☐** Those who have done good will enter eternal life,  
 those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.
- ☒ This is the catholic faith.**
- ☐** One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.
- ☒ Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

**☐** Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

**☐** Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel and direct all the baptized into lives of humble service. God, in your mercy,

**☒ hear our prayer.**

**☐** Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect lands and waters threatened by human misuse and sustain living creatures of every kind: wild animals, birds, fish, and every creeping thing. God, in your mercy,

**☒ hear our prayer.**

**☐** Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth. Raise up leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly, and govern thoughtfully. Heal divisions between nations, that we might agree with one another and live in peace. God, in your mercy,

**☒ hear our prayer.**

**☐** Holy three, holy one, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age. Surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely, all who are grieving, and those who are sick. God, in your mercy,

**☒ hear our prayer.**

**☐** Holy three, holy one, you set the earth on its axis, and we experience the seasons. Strengthen those enduring challenges this summer: those who suffer in the heat, parents overwhelmed by childcare responsibilities, and children experiencing food insecurity outside of school. God, in your mercy,

**☒ hear our prayer.**

**☐** Holy three, holy one, you give rest when our work is done. We give thanks for all the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life in the age to come. God, in your mercy,

**☒ hear our prayer.**

**☐** Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**☒ Amen.**

**☐** The peace of the Lord is 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.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

**ANTHEM – “Prayer to the Trinity”**

Michael Bedford

*Come, come O God of heaven, live within our hearts today;  
Come, come O God of heaven, hear us as we pray.*

*Come, come O gracious Savior, stay within our hearts today;  
Come, come O gracious Savior, hear us as we pray.*

*O be near us, love and cheer us, with your blessing from above;  
Ever guide us, walk beside us, as we seek to share your love.*

*Come, come O Holy Spirit, shine within our hearts today;  
Come, come O Holy Spirit, hear us as we pray.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*This author was ordained in 1891 and Vicar of S. Mary the Virgin, Primrose Hill, London in 1901.  
He was one of the compilers of the English Hymnal, 1906, acting as Secretary and Editor  
and contributed ten translations.*

**OFFERTORY**

**ELW 415**

**Father Most Holy**



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our  
2 Trin - i - ty bless-ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en; good - ness un -  
4 Lord God Al - might-y, un - to thee be glo - ry, one in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,  
bound-ed, ver - y God of heav - en, light of the an - gels,  
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, light nev - er wan - ing.  
joy of those for - sak - en, hope of all liv - ing.  
praise thee and a - dore thee, now and for - ev - er.

Text: Latin hymn, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.  
Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681  
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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Before all that is, you were God.

Outside all we know, you are God.

After all is finished, you will be God.

Archangels sound the trumpets,

Angels teach us their song,

Saints pull us into your presence.

**P** And this is our song:

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

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**P** Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

You beyond the galaxies,

You under the oceans,

You inside the leaves,

You pouring down rain,

You opening the flowers,

You feeding the insects,

You giving us your image,

You carrying us through the waters,

You holding us in the night;

Your smile on Sarah and Abraham,

Your hand with Moses and Miriam,

Your words through Deborah and Isaiah,

You lived as Jesus among us,

Healing, teaching, dying, rising,

Inviting us all to your feast.

*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.*

**P** Holy God, we remember your Son,

His life with the humble,

His death among the wretched,

His resurrection for us all:

Your wisdom our guide,

Your justice our strength,

Your grace our path to rebirth.

And so we cry, Mercy:

**C** Mercy!

**P** And so we cry, Glory:

**C** Glory!

**P** And so we cry, Blessing:

**C** Blessing!



☐ Holy God, we beg for your Spirit:  
Enliven this bread,  
Awaken this body,  
Pour us out for each other.  
Transfigure our minds,  
Ignite your church,  
Nourish the life of the earth.  
Make us, while many, united,  
Make us, though broken, whole,  
Make us, despite death, alive.

☐ And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

☑ **Come, Holy Spirit!**

☐ And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

☑ **Come, Holy Spirit!**

☐ And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

☑ **Come, Holy Spirit!**

☐ You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,  
Our Life, our Mercy, our Might,  
Our Table, our Food, our Server,  
Our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,  
Our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine,  
Our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,  
Our Way, our Truth, our Life.  
You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!  
Praise now,  
Praise tomorrow,  
Praise forever.

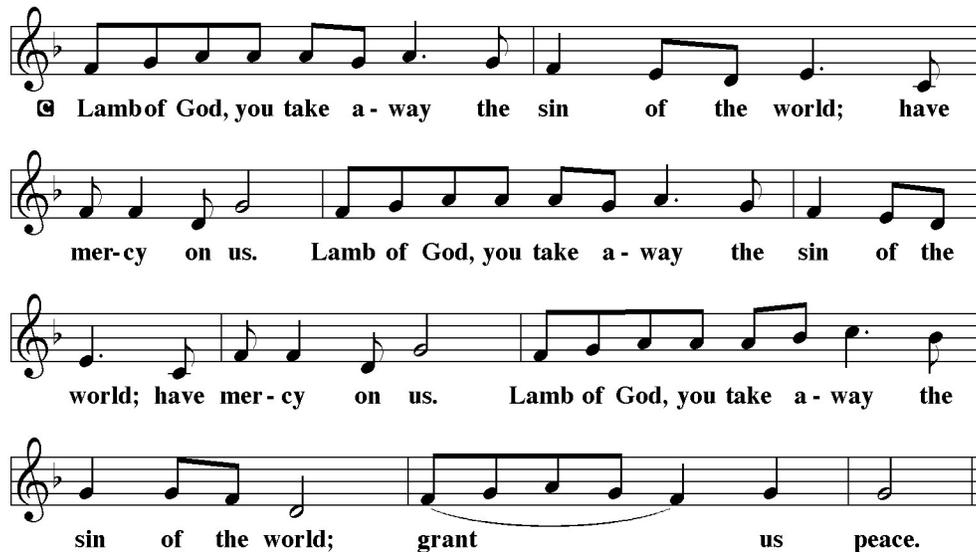
☑ **Amen.**

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

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



## AGNUS DEI



☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.
- ☐ Those communing at home: take, eat, drink: this is the body and blood of Christ 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.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

## 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.*

*Can you hear God laugh? This hymn challenges us to try. It might be easier for the young, or the young at heart, than for those of us more set in our ways. By the time we've sung through the myriad species in God's creation, even the crabbiest one among us might at least muffle a chuckle or crack a smile. While this is a recently composed text, it is paired with an early American tune that helps it lilt along through the mouthful of God's creatures.*

**HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION**

**ACS 1064**

**Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom**



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,  
 2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.  
 3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.  
 Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.  
 cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice  
 Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake  
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.  
 live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.  
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979  
 Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version  
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*Text for this hymn is the work of a prolific contemporary Lutheran hymn writer from Maine. The familiar English folk melody was included in Ralph Vaughan Williams' The English Hymnal in 1906, and has since been used as the setting for many other hymns.*

**ELW 412**

**Come, Join the Dance of Trinity**



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.





The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with-in their dance.  
when fear con-fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953  
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune  
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*Please stand as you are able.*

### **TABLE BLESSING**

- P** 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 PRAYER**

- A** We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

***SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **BLESSING**

- P** The God who spoke all creation into being with a Word, who breathed life in abundance into the world on the cross, who is outpoured into your hearts, God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit bless you now and always.
- C** Amen.

Based on an 18<sup>th</sup> century German metrical version of a celebrated 5<sup>th</sup>-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19<sup>th</sup>-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 414

Holy God, We Praise Your Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900  
Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

**A** Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

arr. Diane Bish

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

*PRESIDING MINISTER* – Pastor Jay Mitchell

*GREETERS* – Diane & Bob Banks

*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer

*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Pat Bellingham

*LECTORS* – Anthony Cimino, Julie Ditz

*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Mary Daniels

*ALTAR GUILD* – Sharon Burke

*USHERS* – Diane Alvaro, Linda Ditz, Dave Kinzig, Carl Moore



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our Luther Memorial Academy 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates by Mrs. Susan Belott and Mrs. Pat Young.

**Today's Events**

**Join us** in the parlor following the 10:30 service this morning for refreshments and fellowship as we congratulate our graduates.

**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.

**Worship**

**Altar flowers** are available the second Sunday in July. If you would like flowers placed on the altar, please contact Norma in the church office, 454-0106, ext. 221. Thank you.

**Outdoor worship service** will be held Sunday, June 18 at Presque Isle, Rotary Pavilion, No. 9. We will gather for worship at 10:30am and enjoy a picnic lunch and games following. The Rotary Pavilion is enclosed so we will worship together rain or shine. Hotdogs, condiments, beverage and coffee will be provided. Please bring a dish to share, place setting, lawn chairs, and a favorite game for some fun after lunch.

**The Prelude** brings us together for the beginning of our worship service each Sunday morning. Our worship time together concludes when the Postlude is complete. We ask that the chancel area remain unoccupied during these times of music as live video streaming continues through the entire worship service. Thank you.

**Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod**

**The NWPA Synod** will meet in assembly this Thursday through Saturday (June 8-10) in Greenville at Thiel College. This is the annual gathering of congregations from throughout the Synod for fellowship and business. Please keep Luther Memorial's delegations in your prayers this week: Pastor Jay, Stan Rose, Linda Graffius, and Sutton Rowland. Our Cantor, Walt Gaber, will be leading the music for the Assembly's opening service on Thursday evening.

**Where Is Pastor Jay?**

**For the week of June 4**, Pastor Jay's drop-in hours will be on Monday from 1-3pm at the Topsy Bean. As always you can make an appointment at a different time by e-mail: [JMitchell@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:JMitchell@luthermemorialonline.org) OR by using: [calendly.com/TheRevJCM](https://calendly.com/TheRevJCM).

**Paving Project**

**Parking** has improved dramatically with the addition and improvements made over the last few weeks. We continue to ask for your financial support as our Capital Campaign moves forward. Additional commitments are needed as we look to fulfilling our financial goal. Your help and all that you do at Luther Memorial is appreciated; thank you.

## Christian Education

**Vacation Bible School** – It's a Family Affair! Our Wednesday VBS gatherings have been fun for everyone. We have two Wednesdays left so we hope you can join us on June 7 and June 14. Our evenings together are from 5:30-7:00pm and begin with a potluck meal (main dish provided; please bring a dish to share), followed by a Bible message, craft, music and some energetic activities, too. VBS has always been a fun experience for our children, and we are excited to make it a Family Affair this year.

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**Deborah Circle** will meet on Tuesday, June 6 at 12:00 noon in the parlor.

**Tuesday Circle** will gather for their summer picnic on Tuesday, June 6 at 5:00pm in the parlor. The main dish, beverage and table service will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**Dr. Karen Mitchell**, Pastor Jay's mom, will join us on Tuesday, June 20 and offer a presentation on how the elder brain functions. Please join us for this program and a delicious lunch beginning at 11:30am. The main dish and beverage will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We hope many can attend this interesting program and conversation. Reservations are due by Friday, June 16 to Jan MacInnes or the church office. Thank you.

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** is sure to put a skip in your step when you begin the day with friends. Combine that with your favorite yarn projects, knitting and crocheting and you're sure to be smiling. Join us the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am-12:00pm; June 13 and June 20. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes and let us know if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Pasta/Soup Kitchen

**We are praying** for volunteers for our ministry. Holy Trinity serves Tuesday evening dinner at 5:00 and a simple, nutritious lunch at noon on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. For lunch, volunteers arrive at 10:30am to prepare the meal, then serve and clean-up, usually leaving by 1:00pm. Volunteers are especially needed for one Wednesday or Saturday a month. Substitutes will also be needed during the summer, as regular volunteers take some time for vacation.

Additionally, Holy Trinity has been awarded a grant to install a free laundromat for our friends, neighbors and the homeless to use. Installation will begin in June and July, and they are looking/praying for volunteers who would be willing to oversee the operations. Times being considered are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9:00am-3:00pm, with volunteers working 3 hour shifts 9:00am-12:00pm or 12:00-3:00pm.

If you can help, please contact Ron King at [rkingerie@roadrunner.com](mailto:rkingerie@roadrunner.com). Pastor Karen Lundwall can give you more information.

## Bethany Outreach Center

**Are you a Golfer** who Enjoys a Good Scramble? Join us at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Harbor Ridge Open, this year in Support of the Bethany Outreach Center!

**Save the Date: Sunday, July 30 Time: 10:00am**

*Location: Harbor Ridge Golf Course at 3730 Harbor Ridge Trail in Erie, PA 16510*

Highlights of this "Fun" Fundraiser:

- 16 Teams will compete in two 9-hole "Scramble" Rounds
- 9 optional "Fun" Skill Contests, such as Hole-In-One, Closest-To-The-Pin, etc.
- ***Even if you're not a golfer***, you can still enjoy the Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Pull-Tab Prizes/Games in the Club House during and after golf
- Hot dogs and drinks at the turn
- All Proceeds go to support the Bethany Outreach Center
- Cost is \$300 per Foursome

To sign up see the registration information at the Bethany Outreach Center website ([www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org](http://www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org)). Call, text, or email Eric Hedlund if you have any questions, at (814) 898-1233 or (814) 722-7732 or [eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org](mailto:eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org)

**Thank You!** The Bethany Outreach Center continues to serve the underprivileged in our community, and *we are so thankful for the help that the Luther Memorial congregation has been giving us* -- in all forms: money, food & clothing donations! Right now (and almost always) our Clothes Closet could use Baby clothes, Kids clothes, and Adult male clothes (as a priority). However, clothing of all types is always welcome. If you would like to donate clothes or food, please bring them in a bag or box and place them near the white cupboard in the Luther Memorial Parlor area. Someone will deliver them to Bethany each week or so, as needed.

#### **Items to Note**

**Parking** in the lot across from 11<sup>th</sup> Street is not permitted. Please do not park in this area as your car will be towed. Thank you.

**In case of an emergency** 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.



**Luther Memorial Academy  
Graduation Ceremony  
Sunday, June 4, 2023**

**Baccalaureate and graduation** for Luther Memorial Academy's class of 2023 begins at 3:00 this afternoon. A post-graduation reception will then be held in the church parlor. Congratulations, prayers, and best wishes are extended to all students who are graduating. We wish them the best of luck as they continue their studies in high school.

ISABELLA ALANIZ	Charter School of Excellence
A'NAJA BARNEY	Northwest PA Collegiate Academy
KAYLEE BOND	Northwest PA Collegiate Academy
MARSHALL BOYD	Northwest PA Collegiate Academy
ZION CLARK	Cathedral Prep/Villa High School
MONIQUE CROCKET	Northwest PA Collegiate Academy
CARLYANNA DONMORE	Northwest PA Collegiate Academy
MICHAEL GLADNEY	Northwest PA Collegiate Academy
SAM GROSS	Northwest PA Collegiate Academy
JAVONTAE HAMPTON	Cathedral Prep/Villa High School
WILLIAM JOHNSON	Cathedral Prep/Villa High School
ANDRE KNIGHT	Cathedral Prep/Villa High School
SHIA KNIGHT	Northwest PA Collegiate Academy
SAMANTHA KOPKOWSKI	Northwest PA Collegiate Academy
ARIAUNA MORALES	Undecided
GIA MOYER	Undecided
AMORA TAYLOR-AUKETT	Mercyhurst Preparatory School
CADENCE WAYCHOFF	Northwest PA Collegiate Academy
ELEANOR WERTZ	Northwest PA Collegiate Academy
MALCOLM ZELLER	Northwest PA Collegiate Academy

**Congratulations** to our high school senior graduates. They have worked hard for their accomplishments, and we wish them the best as they continue on in their studies and careers.

ANTHONY CIMINO	Fairview High School	Harvard / Government
JULIE DITZ	Fairview High School	Gannon / Accelerated Physician's Assistant Program
JEREMIAH EAGLE	Home Schooling	Undecided
CHRISTOPHER MORPHY	Cathedral Prep / Villa High School	North Carolina State University
EMILY MORPHY	Cathedral Prep / Villa High School	Undecided
ADAM NICOTRA	Mercyhurst Preparatory School	Penn State / Main Campus
ANTON PARTUSCH	McDowell High School	Penn West University / Edinboro Campus Media Arts/Film
KRISTA PARTUSCH	McDowell High School	Lycoming College Archaeology
CAIDEN SNIDER	PA Cyber Charter School	Penn West University / Edinboro Campus Biology / Pre-Medicine
XAVIER SPAULDING	Cathedral Prep / Villa High School	U. S. Coast Guard Academy / leaving June 26, 2023



## CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY, JUNE 5</b>	6:00pm	LMA Legos
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 6</b>	12:00pm 5:00pm	Deborah Circle Tuesday W/ELCA Picnic
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7</b>	5:30pm 6:30pm	Vacation Bible School – It’s a Family Affair Worship & Music
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 8</b>		
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 9</b>	11:00am	LMA Last Day / Dismissal
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 10</b>	10:00am 10:00am	Quilt Gathering Julia House Meeting

### SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023 THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Worship** with us at 8:15 and 10:30am.

<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeters	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	Liz Stroup
Counters	10:30am	Dave Griswold, Pat Young

### – PRAYER LIST –

<b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b>			
<b>Our Members:</b>			
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon			
<b>Friends and Family:</b>			
Debbie	Elayne Morphy	Kate Collins	Bernie Wiest
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie	Mary Correll	Roger Smith	Branden Jones
Mark Smith	Nichole Jones	Bob Guenther	Caitlyn Kessler
John Varner	Melissa Pierce	Diane Henry	Meghan Kessler
Michael Collins & Mary	Kevin	Ginger	Adam Surovick
Baby Archer Bardwell	Curtis Krick	Barbara Dennison	Susan Brooks
Michele Seifert	John Semonis	Bonnie Ford	Karen Chilcote
<b>Grief:</b>			
Dennis Sander family	Ann Coleman family	Pia Glover family	Joan Peters family
Thelma Fetrow family			
<b>Our Military Service Men &amp; Women:</b>			