

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



19 SEPTEMBER 2023  
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
*God's Work, Our Hands Sunday*  
10:30 am

*Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

## LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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**Holy Communion • ELW – Deutsche Messe • 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 – “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”**

Paul Manz

### 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.*



### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

- ☐ Trusting that Jesus dwells in our midst  
and loves us into life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or throughout the thanksgiving.*

- ☐ We give you thanks, Holy One,  
For washing us and drawing us into your community.



P We give you thanks for the waters  
 that have shaped and formed your community  
 in every time and place:  
 For water that washed the earth and brought about your promises;  
 For water that parted so that your people could dance in freedom on the safe side of the sea;  
 For water that quenched the thirst of your Promise People;  
 For water that shaped a holy land;  
 For water that washed a foreigner clean;  
 For water that satisfied a woman who did not even know she was thirsty;  
 For water that cleansed and made whole;  
 For water that welcomed in an outsider on the road;  
 For water that drenches us and makes us your own.

P We give you thanks that your love  
 flows over and into and through us.  
 Living wet, Holy One,  
 may your Spirit live in us  
 that we might live for others.

C **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*The author of this hymn's text was born and educated in Holland, later moving to England and being ordained. He reports that it was written for a service to help people who had been divorced, and hopes it may be helpful in other relationships that have broken down. The tune is the work of a 19<sup>th</sup> century English organist and renowned editor of hymnals and other musical publications.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 603

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill  
 2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,  
 3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease  
 4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life.  
 5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.  
 for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess.  
 from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.  
 Use us as a means of bless-ing: make us stron-ger, give us faith.  
 give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en-cour-age and re-new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929  
 Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889  
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## 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.

## KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray: Holy One, who stretches wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, by Jesus you stretched out your hands to show the expansiveness of your love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
☑ Amen.

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

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

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God’s warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

## FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

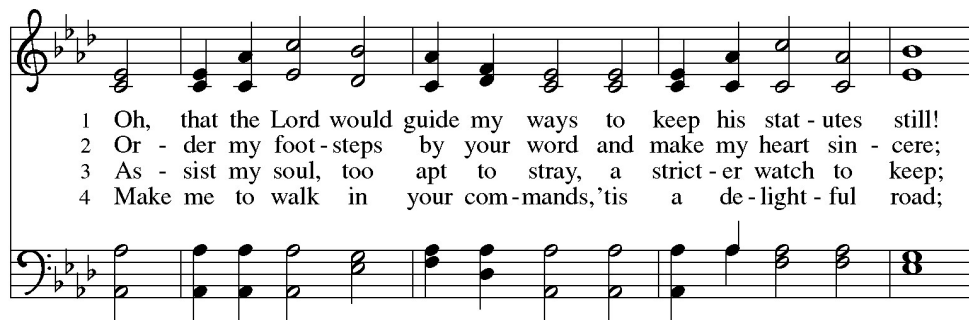
<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. <sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

**L** Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALMODY

ELW 772



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - ues still!  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law.  
Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today  
in light of the future God has in store for us.*

**SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

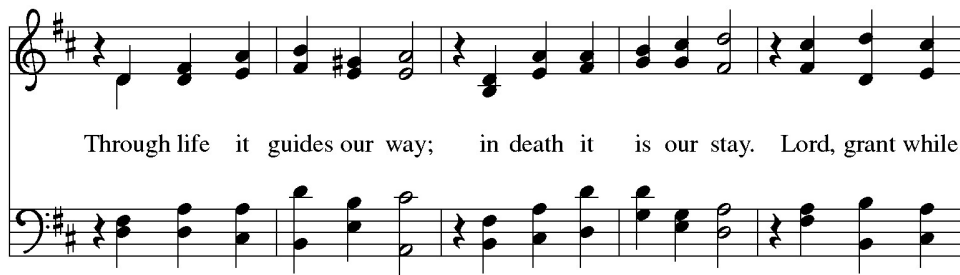
**God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage**



God’s word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;

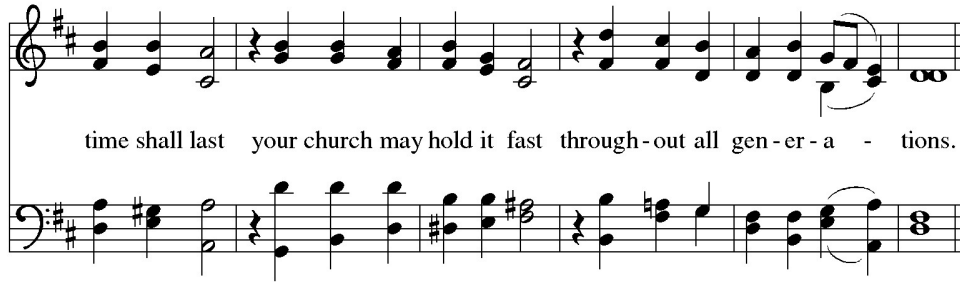


to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while





time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen-er-a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.  
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
- ☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20**

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If that member of the church refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Jay

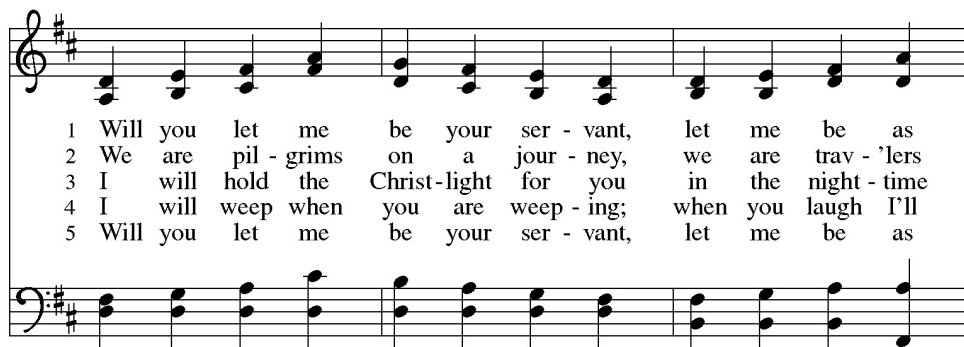
*Please stand as you are able.*

*This author is a self-taught guitarist with no formal musical training. Referred to as “The Servant Song”, this hymn was first published in 1978 on a record album by Scripture in Song called “Father Make Us One” and has appeared in other Scripture in Song publications.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 659**

**Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**



1 Will you let me be your ser- vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil- grims on a jour- ney, we are trav- 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night- time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep- ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser- vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953  
Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928  
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## APOSTLES' CREED

**A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.



## THE PRAYERS

**A** Gathered into God's embrace, let us lift our voices on behalf of a weary and wounded world.

*A brief silence.*

**A** God of Love, send us out filled with love, life, and you. Be in our daily living that your love may be known through our proclamation. God,

**C** **open our hands in love.**

**A** God of Creation, remind us of your beautiful and diverse creation. Help us to be good stewards of all your good gifts. God,

**C** **open our hands to heal your creation.**

**A** God of Peace, fill the hearts of those who rule, govern, and lead. Give them and us compassion to guide the peoples of this world in the ways of truth, justice, equity, and peace. God,

**C** **open our hands in peace.**

**A** God of Healing, visit those who yearn for your wholeness, in particular, we pray for Abbie, Winnie, Shirley, Ann, Lois, Pat, Bob, Brian, Lisa, Jean, Cindy, Ian, Carol, John, Roger, Branden, Howie, Melissa, Bertil, Karen, Allison, Audree, Susan, Mark, Michael, Mary, Dean, Bonnie, Suzie, Doug, Jenine, Lisa, Brian, Scott, Cindy, Cassia, Matt, Michael, Andrew, Alli, Ben and those whose names and needs we lift up now: \_\_\_. Encourage all those who bear another's burdens. Give wisdom and perseverance to those who are in the healthcare professions. God,

**C** **open our hands in healing.**

**A** God of Service, give us strength and humility. In our service to those near and far, whose needs are visible or invisible, may we find you in the faces of our neighbors. God,

**C** **open our hands to serve our neighbors.**

**A** For what else do we pray?

*Here, the assembly may add prayers aloud or silently.*

God,

**C** **open our hands and hearts to those in need.**

**A** God of Everlasting, support us in this life. As we remember those who have gone before as examples of faithful living, especially Bob Young and Betty Halttunen, and those whose faith was known only to you, inspire us to follow their example of baptismal life until we come with them to worship you. God,

**C** **open our hands to receive your promises.**

**A** Into your wounded hands of love, O God, we place all our prayers, trusting in your mercy through the Crucified-Risen One, Jesus.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you.

**C** **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*

*Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERTORY

ELW 691

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.  
 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
 What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
 Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

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** Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world.
- C** Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

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 him thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God through our Savior Jesus Christ who reached out his hands in love to heal those brought to him, to bless and welcome, and to show forth your greatest power in his ultimate weakness upon the cross. And so with angels and archangels, with your saints throughout time and place, and with all who worship and adore you, we join in the unending hymn:

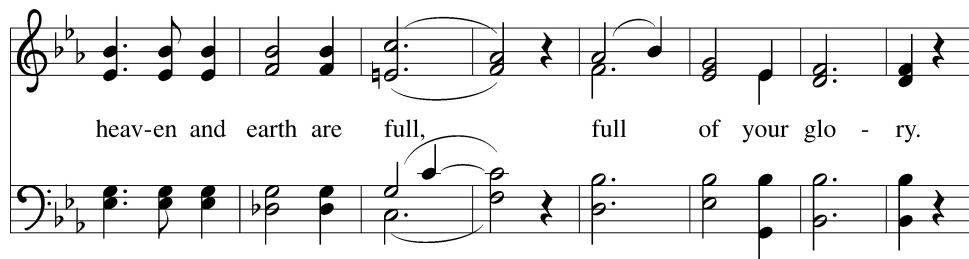
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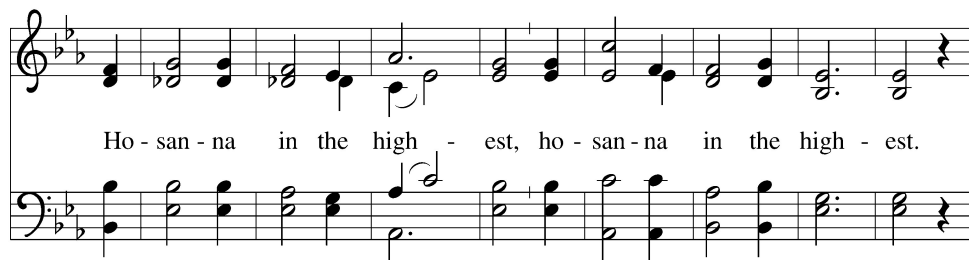
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



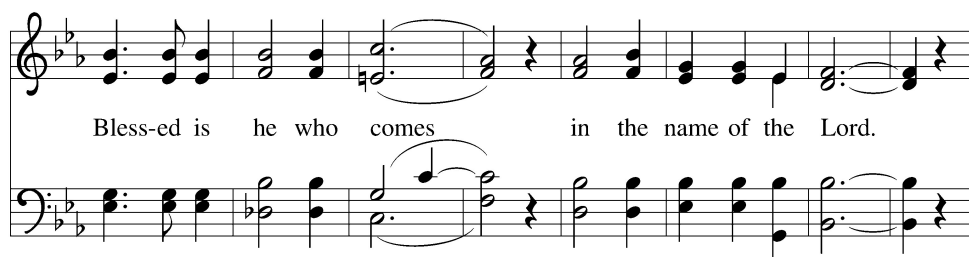
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

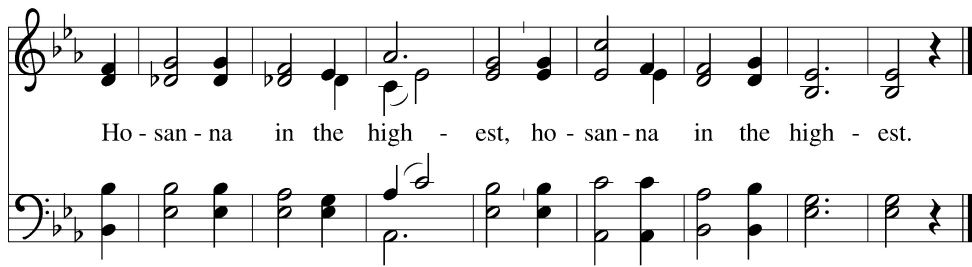


Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.





Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937  
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## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- Ⓟ Honor, praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, God our Loving Creator: In the beginning you reached your hands into the earth to form humanity in your own image. You breathed into us your own breath of love and gave us hearts and hands and voices to live your loving purpose in the world.
- Ⓟ Seeing the lonely creature of earth, you created a partner that we would know the joy of community. Throughout the history of your people, you never abandoned us, but brought us into community with one another and with you and guided us through your prophets. With endless patience and love, you called to us time and again to return to life with you.
- Ⓟ In the fulfillment of all things, you came to us in Jesus, born into a human family, raised in a hometown, who gathered around himself a community formed by your love, and yearned to gather all people under the loving wings of a mother hen.

*Sitting at dinner with friends  
 and knowing one among them  
 would break the bonds of love,  
 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.*

*In the same way 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 sins.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.*

- Ⓟ Trusting in his promise to be among us whenever we gather in his name, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
- ☛ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- Ⓟ Gathered as your people, meeting in Jesus' name, and preparing ourselves to feast upon Jesus' very body and blood, we plead with all creation:
- ☛ **Come, Lord Jesus.**
- Ⓟ Send your Spirit upon this meal, the Body and Blood of Jesus, that we might overflow with your selfless love. Stand us up and turn us to face our neighbors that by us and through us your love may be known in the world. Again, we beg:
- ☛ **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- Ⓟ All honor and praise and glory to you, God of creative, dirty hands, God of holy, wounded hands, God who strengthens and guides our hands, now and forever. ►

A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

The musical score consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, featuring a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests. The bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

## OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

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

**C** **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

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

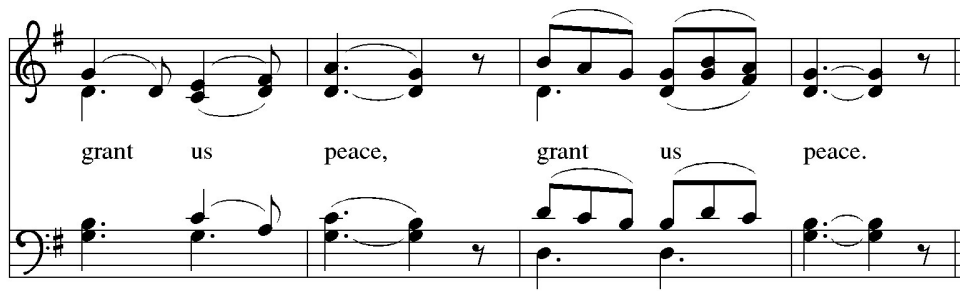
The first line of the musical score for 'Agnus Dei' is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features a melody in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The bass line consists of chords and single notes.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

The second line of the musical score continues the melody and bass line from the first line. It maintains the same key signature and time signature.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

The third line of the musical score continues the melody and bass line. It concludes with a final chord in the bass clef.



**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

- ☐ Christ offers here his very self for you, come, reach out your hands and receive the gift of life.
- ☐ 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. *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.*

*A distinguished career as a pastor and teacher culminating at Perkins School of Theology,  
 this author specializes in the area of worship, the sacraments, and preaching.  
 He edited a landmark collection of Hispanic hymns for the Methodist church in the USA.*

**HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION**

**When We Are Living**  
*Pues si vivimos*



<i>Pues si vi - vi - mos,</i>	<i>pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,</i>
1 When we are liv - ing,	it is in Christ Je - sus,
2 'Mid times of sor - row	and in times of pain, . . . .
3 A - cross this wide world,	we shall al - ways find . . . .



*y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.*  
 and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord. . . .  
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace, . . .  
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind; . . .

*Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,*  
 Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,  
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,  
 and when we help them, or when we feed them,

*so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.*  
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.  
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.  
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

2 En la tristeza y en el dolor,  
 en la belleza y en el amor,  
 sea que suframos o que gocemos,  
 somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

3 En este mundo por doquier habrá  
 gente que lloray sin consolar.  
 Sea que ayudemos o alimentemos,  
 somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

Text: st. 1, based on Romans 14:8; tr. Elise S. Eslinger, b. 1942  
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 Music: SOMOS DEL SEÑOR, Spanish traditional  
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*This communion hymn is a free paraphrase of a hymn by Horatius Bonar, cofounder of the Free Church of Scotland in 1843 and the author of "I heard the voice of Jesus say" (ELW 332 and 611). José Antonio Ruíz, also composer of "Lamb of God most holy" (ACS 932), uses a spirited melody that names the bittersweet gratitude one may experience as communion concludes: "Too soon we rise, the vessels disappear; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone."*

ACS 964

## Here Would I Feast *Aquí del pan partido tomaré*

1 *A - quí del pan par - ti - do to - ma - ré,*  
 2 *La cul - pa del pe - ca - do mi - a fue;*  
 1 Here would I feast up - on the bread of God,  
 2 Mine is the sin, but thine the righ - teous - ness;

*y de la co - pa de tu co - mu - nió - n;*  
*mas tu - ya fue la san - gre de tu cruz.*  
 here drink with thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing blood;



*tu nom - bre, mi buen Dios, in vo - ca - ré*  
*Por e - lla y tu jus - ti - cia ten - go, sé,*  
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:

*y go - za - ré la paz de sal - va - ción.*  
*per - dón, con - sue - lo y paz, Se - ñor Je - sús.*  
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
 thy blood, thy righ - teous - ness, O Lord my God.

*3 Nos le - van - ta - mos de la ce - na a - quí;*  
*3 Too soon we rise, the ves - sels dis - ap - pear;*

*la fies - ta pa - sa, mas no a - sí el a - mor.*  
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.

*To - do se va, mas tú te que - das, sí,*  
 The bread and wine re - move, but thou art here,

*cer - ca, muy cer - ca, a - ma - do Sal - va - dor.*  
 near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889; tr. T. W. Speaks  
 Music: AQUI DEL PAN PARTIDO TOMARÉ, José Ruiz, b. 1956  
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*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.

Amen.





## Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.

And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!

Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;

but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

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

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world.  
 Send us now filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others.
- 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 of creative, dirty hands,  
God of + holy, wounded hands,  
God who strengthens and guides our hands,  
bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BLESSING OF HANDS

**P** We are called to proclaim the good news:

**C** God is at work!

**P** This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

**C** God is at work in the world still today!

**P** In us and through us, God is glorified in our work,  
when we offer a helping hand, God is praised,  
when we share of our abundance, God is known in the world:

**C** God is at work in us!

**P** In our service today, and in our daily lives,  
let us live out what God has called us to in baptism:

**C** God is at work through our hands!

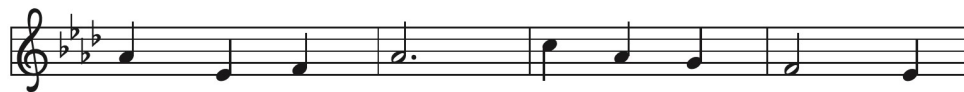
*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America held a contest inviting hymn-writers to submit a new hymn for "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday, September 13, 2019. Wayne Wold wrote the winning hymn, developing the denomination's tagline with other parts of the person God uses, listing concrete ways of manifesting God's presence for the world, confessing God's activity beyond the church's work, and inviting blessing on the church's work on behalf of the gospel.*

## SENDING HYMN

ACS 1000

*During the Singing of the Hymn you are invited to come forward if you would like to have your hands blessed for service.*

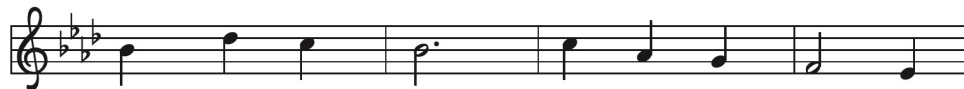
### God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,





feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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 Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987  
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## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Go in peace, you are God's hands at work in the world!
- C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE – “Praise to the Lord”

Johann Walther

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PRESIDING MINISTER* – Pastor Jay Mitchell

*GREETER* – Linda Graffius

*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer

*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Linda Swanson

*LECTOR* – Stan Rose

*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Elaine Kern

*ALTAR GUILD* – Sharon Burke

*USHERS* – Sharon Burke, Les Fobes, Martha & Tom Klomp



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Barbaro family.

**Front altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Betty Halttunen by Janet Kent.

**Bulletins** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Young, who passed away on September 8, 2016, by his wife, Pat, and family.

**Our love and sympathy** is with the family and friends of Mike Daniels who died Saturday, September 2. Visitation will be held in our church parlor on Monday, September 11 from 2:00-4:00pm. His funeral service will follow at 4:00pm with Pastor Jay presiding. Our prayers are with Mike's wife, Mary.

**We thank Sharon Downey** for filling in while Cantor Gaber is on vacation. Thank you, Sharon, for leading our assembly song!

**Altar flowers** are available for Sunday, September 17. Please contact the church office if you would like to place flowers at the altar. Thank you.

### **Today's Events**

**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.

**Sunday School** for children in PreK-Grade 5 will be held this morning at 9:15.

**Adult Forum** will begin this morning at 9:10 and will be offered each Sunday morning between services held in the library located across from the parlor. If you cannot make this time, the same session will be held in the parlor on Mondays at 12 noon. For more information please see the Faith Formation booklet located at the welcome tables.

**Tickets** for the Julia House Cash Bash will be on sale this morning following each service. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 30 from 5:00-9:00pm at the St. Francis Ushers Club, 9085 Main Street, McKean. Tickets are \$25 and include a full dinner, (cash bar), live music, silent auction, basket raffle and more. Please see Cathy Beck for tickets. Raffle tickets are also available for a hand-made Santa Claus throw.

### **Worship**

**Worship Leader Information Sessions** are offered Sunday after each worship service. Brochures explaining the worship opportunities are located at the hospitality tables and in the church office. See the brochure for the sessions you might be interested in. Attendance is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged to ensure you are up-to-date on our shared worship practices. We will also be making a rotation for scheduling purposes from those in attendance.

*This morning following worship, those who are interested in **PRAYER WRITING** will meet. This is a behind-the-scenes role that is only 1 time per year for a liturgical season. Please meet Pastor Jay in the library located across from the parlor following each service.*

**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.

### **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 [JMitchell@LutherMemorialOnline.org](mailto:JMitchell@LutherMemorialOnline.org). However, if you just want to drop in on him, for the week of September 10, Pastor Jay's drop-in hours will be Tuesday from 3:30-5:00pm in the office or Thursday from 4-5:30pm at Pressed Coffee (8<sup>th</sup> and Greengarden).

### **Faith Formation**

**Confirmation orientation** for youth in grades 7 – 10 and their families will be held Sunday, September 17 at 9:30am in the parlor. An overview of plans for our year will be shared and a light breakfast will be served.

**Confirmation classes** for our 10<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students will begin on Sunday, September 17 from 11:30am – 1:00pm (lunch will be provided). Classes will be held each Sunday through October 22. Youth will be confirmed at our 10:30 service on Reformation Sunday, October 29.

**B.A.D.** (*Bible After Dark*) met on September 6 and will be held the **first** Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Brewerie. Join together with folks from Mt. Calvary as we share in Bible Study and fellowship (with some adult beverages if you would like). We will gather to share from *Bible Stories for Adults* 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.

**ALT Worship** (*A Lutheran Table*) will be offered on the **second** Wednesday of every month beginning September 13 at 5:30pm for a new worship experience. 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** will be held on the **third** Wednesday of the month; September 20, October 18 and November 15. At 5:30 we will gather for dinner; the main dish will be provided, please bring a dish to share. A Bible lesson and a craft or activity will be held following our meal. A wonderful time for us all to be together.

### **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!

### **Opportunities for Fellowship**

**OWLS** next fun event will be held Tuesday, September 19 from 11:00am-1:00pm in our parlor. Have some fun and laughter playing cards and games. Join us for a nice relaxing time and delicious lunch. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes by Friday, September 15.

**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 September 12 and 26 from 10:00am-12:00 noon for a wonderful morning and hope to see you. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

**Join us for Oktoberfest** on Sunday, October 1 at 11:30am in fellowship hall. A delicious main course of bratwurst & sauerkraut, hotdogs and macaroni & cheese will be provided, as well as beverages. All are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Let's raise a cold glass of beer together and make a toast to Oktoberfest. Please RSVP to the church office by Sunday, September 24.

**Family Scavenger Hunt** will be held Sunday, October 1. Be a super sleuth and have an afternoon of fun around Erie solving clues and reaching the final surprise destination. Please see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski if you plan to join in the excitement.

**Cash Bingo** will be held Sunday, November 5. Doors open at 12:00 noon with Bingo beginning at 12:30pm. All games are cash prizes of \$50. Tickets are \$20 each and available on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.

### **Worship Space**

**St. Zita's Day!** All are asked to lend a hand for any time you can share to help with our Cleaning Day on Saturday, September 30 beginning at 9:00am. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Carpets and floors have been cleaned, painting has been done, and now those cleaning touch ups are needed. Please join us. You are welcome to contact the church office or Les Fobes with any questions. Thank you.

### **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.

## College Connections

**We have a number** of Luther Memorial folks who have journeyed off to college. If you are one of them, or if you love one of them, please let the church office know their name and contact information. Look for future announcements about ways we will continue to keep in touch with them while they are away!

### Luther Memorial Academy

**LMA** middle school will be participating in a Sneaker Drive through September 15. Please bring your gently used sneakers to church and leave in the Sneaker Drop-off Box. LMA will receive monetary compensation for each pair of sneakers. All reusable sneakers are recirculated to secondhand markets so quality, pre-owned footwear can be purchased at affordable prices.

**Candy is Needed!** LMA will be participating in the Erie ZooBoo October 12 – 30. This is an opportunity to spread the word about our great school. Many small treat bags will be prepared to hand out during ZooBoo, and we are in need of approximately 30,000 pieces of candy. Donations may be dropped off in the church or school office. Thank you.

### 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.

## WEEKLY READINGS AND COMMEMORATIONS

**September 11** – Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 4:27-31, 5:14-16; I Peter 2:11-17

**September 12** – Psalm 119:65-72; Deuteronomy 17:2-13; Romans 13:1-7

**September 13** – **John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407** – Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 49:1-8; Romans 10:11-17; Luke 21:12-15 -- *John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.*

**September 14** – **Holy Cross Day** – Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 98; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 -- *Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.*

**September 15** – Psalm 103:1-13; Genesis 41:53-42:17; Acts 7:9-16

**September 16** – **Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, c. 258** – Psalm 116:10-17; I Peter 5:1-4, 10-11; John 10:11-6 -- *Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.*

**September 17** – **Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, 1179** -- Sirach 43:1-2, 6-7, 12, 27-28; Psalm 104:25-34; John 3:16-21 -- *A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.*

## CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11</b>	12:00pm	Adult Forum
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12</b>	10:00am 6:00pm	Magic Fingers Grace Group Church Council
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13</b>	5:30pm 6:00pm	ALT Worship Julia House Meeting
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14</b>	1:00pm	Grief Support Group
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16</b>	10:00am	Quilt Gathering

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

**Adult Forum** will be held in the library at 9:10am.

**Confirmation Orientation** for youth in grades 7-10 and families will be held at 9:30am.

**Confirmation Class** for youth in grade 10 will begin at 11:30am.

<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Ellen DiPlacido
	10:30am	Liz Stroup
Communion Assistant	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Loretta Deeds
Greeter	8:15am	Mike Hedlund
	10:30am	Skip Meyn
Counters	10:30am	Dave Griswold, Mike Hedlund

### — PRAYER LIST —

<b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b>			
<b>Our Members:</b>			
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon	Winnie Lyons	Bob Giannelli	Ann Flick
Lois Fobes	Pat Gilbert		
<b>Friends and Family:</b>			
Brian & Lisa Davis	Jean C.	Cindy Hessinger	Ian Minner
Carol E.	John Semonis	Roger Smith	Branden Jones
Howie	Melissa	Bertil Carlson	Karen Chilcote
Allison, Audree & family	Melissa Pierce	Susan Brooks	Mark Hadzega
Michael Collins & Mary	Dean Scalise	Bonnie Ford	Suzie Hosterman
Doug & Jenine	Lisa & Brian Adams	Scott Coleman	Cindy B.
Cassia Cabaday			
<b>Grief:</b>			
Shelley Sandquest family	Gloria Rosthauser family	John Varner family	Shirley Brown family
Mike Daniels family			
<b>Our Military Service Men &amp; Women:</b>			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			