

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



18 SEPTEMBER 2022
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 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 – “Prelude in G Major”

Mendelssohn (arr. L. Smith)

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lutheran Book of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P God of mercy and forgiveness,
C we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
 We have harmed your good creation.
 We have failed to do justice,
 love kindness,
 and walk humbly with you.
 Turn us in a new direction.
 Show us the path that leads to life.
 Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
 through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
 Amen.

P Beloved of God:
 your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole.
 God points the way to new life in Christ,
 who meets us on the road.
 Journey now in God’s abiding love
 through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

*This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word “take,” resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person’s attributes and possessions and giving weight to the “all” at the end.
 The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in France.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 685

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

GREETING

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

KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor.

The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,

⁶buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

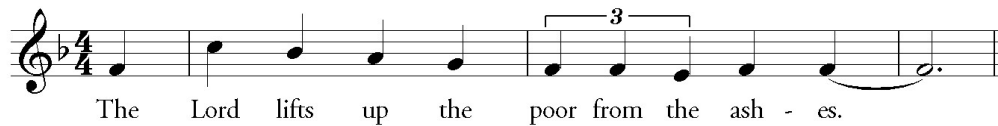
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 113 (*Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.*)



- ¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.
- ²Let the name of the Lord be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.
- ³From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the Lord be praised.
- ⁴The Lord is high above all nations;
and his glory above the heavens. **R**
- ⁵Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- ⁶He takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- ⁷He sets them with the princes,
with the princes of his people.
- ⁸He makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. **R**

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain: (*Sung once by the choir, repeated by the congregation and repeated after the verse.*)



*Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ;
strive side by side for the faith of the gospel.
(Philippians 1:27)*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Moran

Please stand as you are able.

This text was written in 1893 by an Irish-born priest of the Church of England, who authored several churchly works while serving a variety of parishes. The tune was published in Amsterdam in 1710.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 655

Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace, ▶



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant-ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932
Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedes en Contradansen*, 1710

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 *1 Timothy 2:1*

A As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

A God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters, Bethany Outreach Center and Holy Trinity Food Pantry. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You guide us in all times of our lives. In this time of pastoral transition at Luther Memorial Church, strengthen all congregational members, leaders, and the Call Committee to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us, especially Kevin J. Sadowski and Anne Spierling, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

You are invited to greet those around you in your pew with a word or a sign of Christ's peace.

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:

“Jesus said, truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”

Luke 21: 3-4

ANTHEM – "Be Thou My Vision"

Richard Shephard

(Barb Moore, flute)

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

ELW 884

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
- C** Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

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.

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 on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension,
 we await his coming in glory.



Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

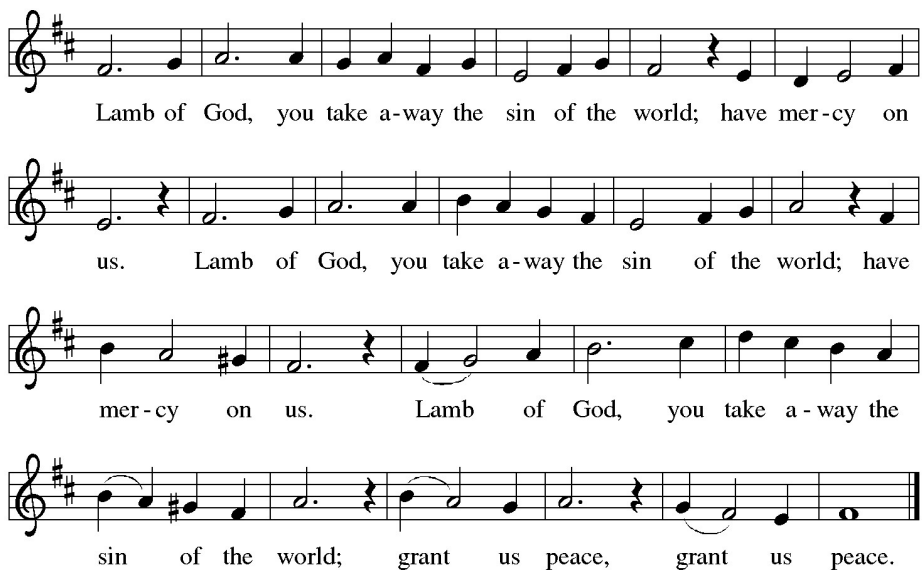
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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. *Matthew 6:9***

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, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

C Amen.

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

The congregation is seated.

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

O Jesus, our great high priest, be present with us as you were present with your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread. Lutheran Book of Worship

COMMUNION

Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.

Please come forward by the center aisle and maintain appropriate physical distancing.

Receive the bread from the pastor then proceed to the assisting minister who will be holding a tray of cups with wine, and also cups with grape juice.

Take a cup and then return to your seat.

Gluten-free wafers are on the stand in front of the baptismal font.

If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.

The text for this hymn, originally written for a different tune, was submitted to a Hymn Society of America competition for stewardship hymns and subsequently published.

The pointed text is well served by its expansive Victorian tune, named for the town in Sussex where the distinguished composer lived in his later years.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 678

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



- 1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store;
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son;
- 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
☑ **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- ☐ God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
☑ **Amen.**

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

BLESSING

- ☐ God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
☑ **Amen.**

*The stanzas of this hymn were written for this tune for inclusion in the Lutheran Book of Worship (1978).
The composer of the melody was an accomplished organist, composer,
and church music publisher in 19th century New York City.*

SENDING HYMN

ELW 669

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



- Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

A Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – “Bourrée

Handel (from “Water Music” Suite)

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor Brian Moran

GREETERS – Sally & Phil McAfee

ACOLYTE – Gia Fracassi

ASSISTING MINISTER – Liz Stroup

LECTOR – Pat Gilbert

USHERS – Jane & Dave Kinzig, Sally & Phil McAfee

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Kevin J. Sadowski by Mark Lechner.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Anne Spierling by her daughters, Jane Kinzig and Betsy Kohn.

Thank you to Dawn Weborg for sharing her gift of music with us this morning as she serves as our organist while our Cantor, Walt Gaber, is on vacation.

Welcome to our Visitors!

We extend a warm welcome to those who are visiting with us today. Your presence with us is a blessing! If you have any questions about our congregation or its ministries, please call the church office at 814-454-0106. We are glad to help you in any way we can. Please worship with us again soon!

Today's Events

Acolyte Training will be offered this morning at 9:30 and 11:30am in the main church. Both times are being offered to make it convenient for families. Youth participation makes our worship services very meaningful. Please encourage your child to help serve the Lord and share their gifts within this community.

Confirmation classes for our 10th grade youth will begin today and meet each Sunday at 11:30am through October 23. Our 10th grade youth will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 30. Lunch will be provided each week.

Worship

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.

Prayer Shawls and knitted crosses will be blessed on Sunday, October 16 during our worship services. For all those who knit and crochet, you are welcome to drop off your creations to our church office by Friday, October 14. Thank you.

Christian Education

Children's Church will begin gathering in October at 9:30 on Sunday mornings following the same schedule as last year.

Pre-K – Kindergarten will meet the first Sunday of the month; Sunday, October 2;

Grades 1 – 3 will meet the second Sunday of the month; October 9;

LYO Youth will meet the third Sunday of the month; October 16;

Grades 4 – 6 will meet the fourth Sunday of the month; October 23.

Bibles will be presented to children in third grade on Reformation Sunday, October 30 during the 10:30am service. Please contact Norma in our church office by Monday, October 17 if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. Thank you.

Music Ministry

The Luther Memorial Choirs (*handbell & vocal*) have resumed rehearsals and gather on Thursdays at 6:00pm for handbells and 7:00pm for choir. We continue to wear masks when we are gathered together for rehearsal and worship. Both rehearsals are held on the air-conditioned 5th floor. Handbells require a commitment of at least through Christmas as each ringer is assigned a part and continuity is important. However, if you read music and would like to fill in on short notice, we are often in need of substitutes. The vocal choir can accommodate those who would prefer a shorter time commitment. If your schedule changes throughout the seasons, consider singing with us for 6-8 weeks during the seasons of Autumn, Advent & Christmas, Lent or Easter. Please contact Cantor Walt Gaber (WaltGaber@gmail.com or 814.602.2755) for more information and to express your interest in participating.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. The autumn season is time to bring out those warmer colors so bring your creativity, yarn and knitting or crochet needles and join us September 27. If you'd like to stop by to chat and visit, we'd love to see you. 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.

Oktoberfest will be celebrated on Sunday, October 9 at 11:30am in our fellowship hall. A delicious German meal of bratwurst and sauerkraut (hotdogs for the kiddos) will be served to be shared by all. Beverages of beer, cider, coffee and water provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come and enjoy the fellowship. Reservations are appreciated to Norma in the church office by Sunday, October 2.

Outreach Opportunities

The Holy Trinity food ministries have resumed the regular schedule of Tuesday evening dinner, and Wednesday and Saturday lunches.

Holy Trinity is in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve these meals each week, as well as a person(s) to act as coordinators/leaders for the different days.

The Tuesday cooking team begins preparing the food between 2:00 and 3:00pm each week depending on the menu, with dinner being served from 5:10 until 5:45pm, followed by after dinner clean-up.

The Wednesday and Saturday cooking team begins preparing the food at 10:30am each day, with lunch being served from noon until 12:30pm, followed by after lunch clean-up.

The Food Pantry distributes food bags each week beginning at 6:00pm following the Tuesday evening dinners. Food is delivered on Tuesdays from 2nd Harvest Food Bank, sorted, organized and prepared beginning at 4:00pm. Volunteers are needed to help sort and organize the food and assemble/distribute the food bags, along with persons to sit at a table and sign-in/register those seeking food from the Food Bank.

If you are willing to volunteer your valuable talents to any of these ministries please contact the church office at (814) 452-3518 or email: holytrinityerie@yahoo.com.

CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, September 25 at Presque Isle, Beach 1. Registration begins at 1:00pm with the Walk beginning at 2:00pm. Join with us as we raise funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need for today and sustainable food security for tomorrow! Stop by the church office for your packet, get a few sponsors, and you're on your way to making a difference in our community. The Bethany Outreach Center team will be there too, and you are welcome to join our team. Go to the following link on-line: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/bethany-outreach-center>. To make a donation, click on the orange "Make a Donation" button. To walk with the BOC team, click on the blue "Join The Team" button and it will guide you to register as well as make an online donation if you wish.

Rada

RADA-ize your kitchen with new utensils, dish cloths and foods and enjoy their delicious dips, soups and dessert mixes as well. Samples of their utensils are located in the glass case outside the parlor. Catalogs and order forms are available in the church and school offices. Order forms, with payment, can be dropped off in the church office. Please contact Martha Klomp, 814-806-5622, or Mary Mumford, 814-464-6325 with any questions. Items may be purchased September 18 – October 30.

Luther Memorial Church Policy

Masking at Luther Memorial Church is now optional. However, with the significant rise of covid cases in Erie County, we encourage you to wear a mask during worship. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

In Case of Emergency

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.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 6:00pm LMA Legos

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 6:00pm LMA Legos

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 11:00am Baby Shower

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY SUNDAY

Michael Snider will preach at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and the 10:30am service in the main church.

Confirmation class for 10th grade youth will be held at 11:30am in fellowship hall.

CROP Walk begins at 1:00pm departing from Beach 1 at Presque Isle.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Roberta Lobaugh
	10:30am	Julie Ditz
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Loretta Deeds
Greeters	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	Natalie Montero

— BULLETIN PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Arden Fetcko	Martha Stickner	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Jan MacInnes
C. Noelle Partusch	Dave Parsh	Wendy Kern	Mark Howell
Elizabeth & Scott Cowan	Pat Bellingham	Chickie Braine	Bill Grande
Bob Banks			
Friends and Family:			
Amy Daugherty	Bob R.	Amy Valentine	Linda F.
Eli Martinez Montero	Mary Correll	Larry Lechner	Amy Clark
Eddie Jackman	Melissa Geiser	Judy Skoog	Amy & Nate
Meghan Kessler	Bonnie Ford	Sophia	Marie Checkley
Jessica & Damian Ream	Sidney	Bob Guenther	Tammy Fuller
Tom McGrail	Robbie Grainger	Marilyn Hahn	
Nicole Frank	Terry Bucheri		
Grief:			
Rosanna Strausbaugh family	Doris Swan family	Dot Respecki family	Don Tatar family
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown