

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



5 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 8:15 & 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 – "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

J. P. Kimberger, Jacques Berthier,
Lisa Shoemaker-Lohmeyer

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 marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.



P God our comforter:
C like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
 We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
 We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
 We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
 Free us from our sin, gracious God.
 Listen when we call out to you for help.
 Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
 Amen.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
 By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
 Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
C Amen.

Based on Psalms 103 and 150, this text was written by a Calvinist who wrote some sixty hymn texts and many hymn tunes, before dying at age 30. The tune is of uncertain origin, having appeared in numerous sources including at least one secular text. It was used by J. S. Bach in several cantatas, and in an organ setting which is among the few works Bach published in his lifetime.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 858

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878. alt.
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

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.

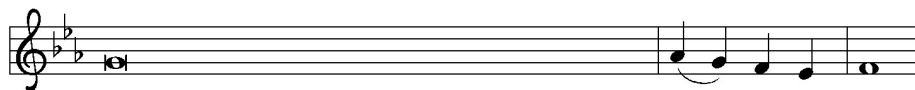
KYRIE Luke 17:13



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



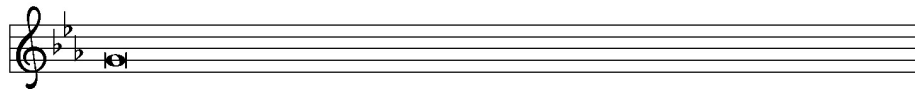
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



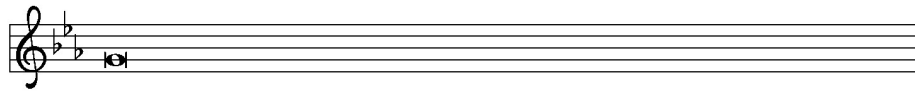
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*

☐ Let us pray,

☑ **Jesus, Worker from Nazareth, you dignified our labor by sharing our toil. Be with your people where they work and to all of us give pride in what we do and a just return for our labor. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God’s vengeance on Edom, Israel’s age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles’ return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 146 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

the LORD loves the righteous.



⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
 the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

*Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world,
 especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will.
 Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.*

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?
²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

▣ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

▣ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry.

Here, a conversation with a Syrophoenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

▣ The Gospel of the Lord

▣ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lundwall

Please stand as you are able.

The author of this hymn text was a university professor in Berlin and held a reputation as a fine scholar and educator. His text was written to comfort a friend during a serious illness.

The friend, who was cantor of Jena, subsequently composed the hymn tune, which was used by Bach in no fewer than seven of his surviving cantatas.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 776

What God Ordains Is Good Indeed




1 What God or - dains is good in - deed, for all life well pro - vid - ing.
2 What God or - dains is good in - deed: my light, my life, my Sav - ior!
4 What God or - dains is good in - deed. My Lord will nev - er fail me



The will of God is best for me, the ground of my con - fid - ing.
No ill can get the best of me; God's care will nev - er wa - ver.
on dan - ger's path, in deep - est need, when death in grief shall veil me.





My faith - ful God, on ev - 'ry road you know the way un -
 Through joy and pain I shall at - tain the dawn dis - clos - ing
 My God so dear will draw me near, in lov - ing arms will

fold - ing and my hand you are hold - ing.
 clear - ly that God has loved me dear - ly.
 hold me, at last in light en - fold me.

Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1649–1708; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951
 Music: WAS GOTT TUT, Severus Gastorius, 1646–1682
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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 *1 Timothy 2:1*

- A** Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
A brief silence.
- A** Holy One, you bring your people together in worship. Enliven your church. Guide all evangelists, preachers, prophets, and missionaries who seek to share your love through word and deed. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** You provide water for thirsty ground and sunshine to feed hungry plants. Bless all who advocate for healthy forests, unpolluted air, and clean waterways. Inspire all people to show care for the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** You show no partiality. Increase justice in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common world. Especially as we celebrate Labor Day unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**



A You accompany those who are most in need. Shelter all fleeing violence or persecution, protect any who are in danger, and sustain them through uncertain and unstable times. We pray especially for the people of Afghanistan who are fleeing and those who are remaining; for those suffering from the effects of Hurricane Ida, wildfires in the West, and the earthquake in Haiti. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You support the work of your disciples. Continue to nurture the leadership and ministries of this congregation, especially Bethany and Holy Trinity Outreach. Lord, in your mercy,

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 and leaders to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A You embrace all who have died in the faith and brought them into your glorious presence. We thank you for their example and rejoice in their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** *Romans 16:16*

Please be seated.

VOLUNTARY – "What God Ordains is Good Indeed" *(8:15 am service)*

J. G. Walther

ANTHEM – "All Creatures of Our God and King" *(10:30 am service)*

*Mary Laver, alto
Bob Banks, tenor*

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

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

A God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

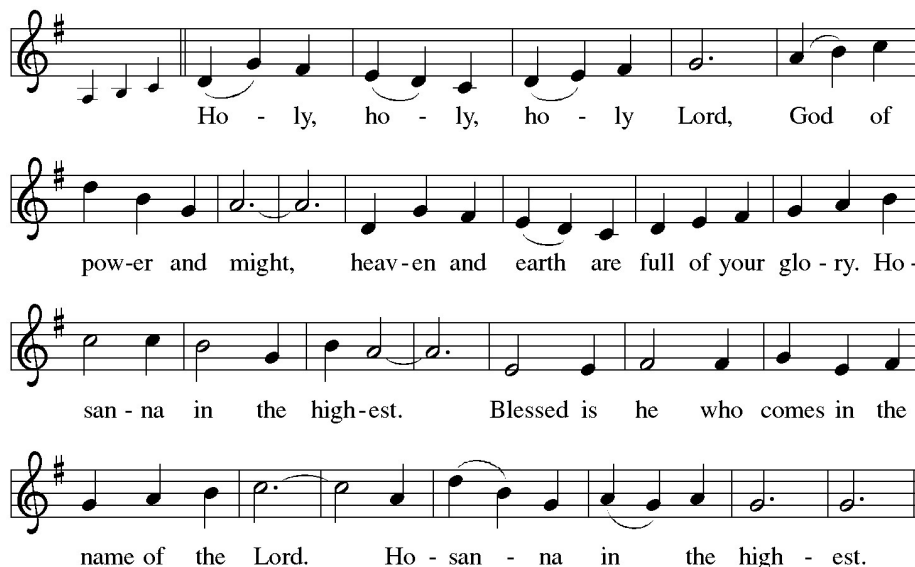
P Lift up your hearts.

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.** ►

- ☐ 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, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- ☐ Blessed are you, Creator of the universe.
 With holy wisdom you have given a variety of work and ministries to your people.
 Blessed are those who proclaim your peace and love on the streets of daily life.

As your daughters and sons, we follow in the footsteps of our first parents,
 who, in the Garden, worked joyfully with their hands,
 caring for the earth and all its creatures.

We follow in the way of Mary and Joseph,
 who worked gracefully at the tasks of home and family life.

With Paul the tent maker and with Peter the fisher,
 we labor in love as we proclaim your gospel of good news.

And daily we follow in the footsteps of Jesus,
 the carpenter of Nazareth who,
 in the night in which he was betrayed 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.”

Grant to us at the beginning of this new week, O God,
 the gift of solidarity in our own ministry
 as we join our work and prayers in a sacred bond of love
 with all those who gather around your table.



May we find greater dedication and strength in our communion with each other.
May we draw holy energy and grace from this unity,
as we work together toward justice and harmony in our world.

Blessed are you, Creator of the universe.
In the unity of Christ and the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

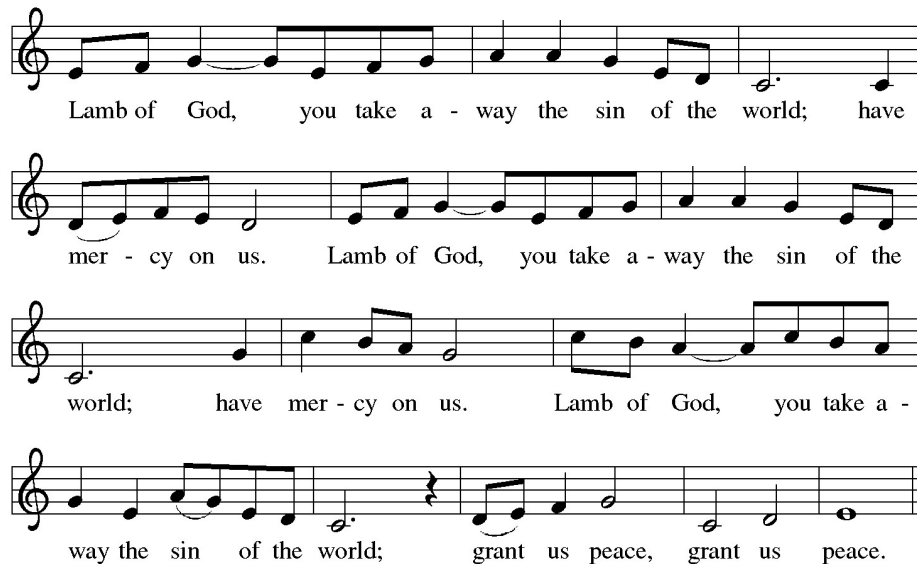
**C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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 All who hunger and thirst, come
the table is ready.

C Amen.

P Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.
(10:30 am Service)

The congregation is seated.

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.

Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.

Prefilled cups with white grape juice for those who prefer it

are located in the tray on the stand in front of the baptismal font.

Gluten-free wafers are also on the stand in the dish on top of the tray.

Receive the bread and wine and return to your place by the side aisle.

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.

COMMUNION *John 1:29*

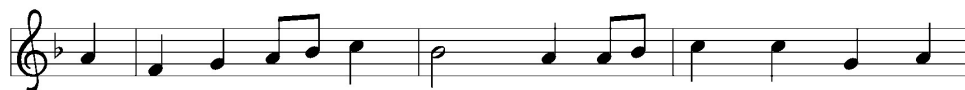
Origin of this hymn text is unknown, although it is dated to the mid-17th century.

This tune by Heinrich Isaac originated with a secular text "Innsbruck, I must leave you" written as he left a court post in Innsbruck.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

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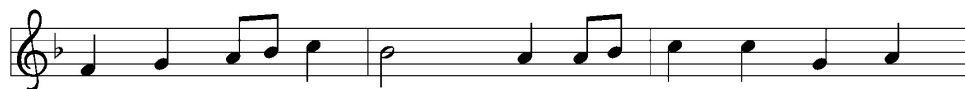
O Bread of Life from Heaven



1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2
Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517

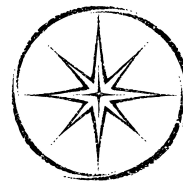
Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- ☐ Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
☑ Amen.



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

BLESSING

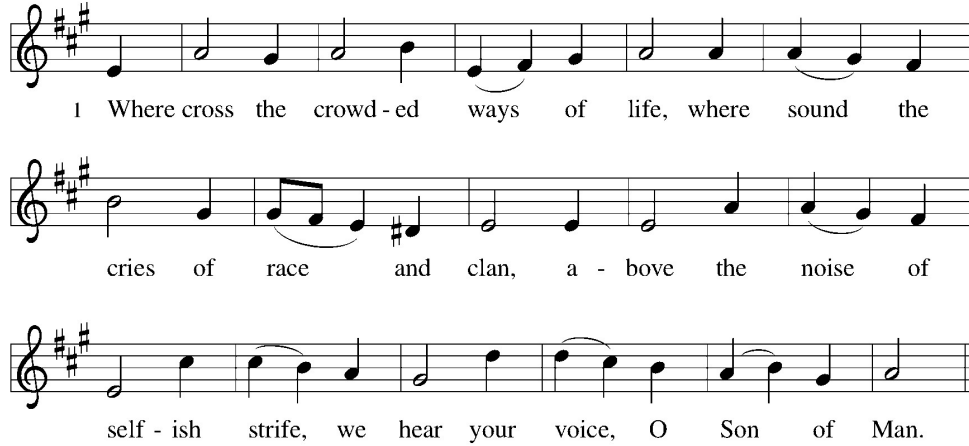
- ☐ Servers of food and beverages, we bless you!
Drivers of trucks, buses, cabs, and delivery vans, we bless you!
Barbers, hair stylists, and all who help us look our best, we bless you!
All who wait behind counters, desks, and windows to assist us, we bless you!
All who answer the phone with good cheer, we bless you!
All who cook our meals, wash our clothes, and keep our homes clean, we bless you!
All who keep the water, gas, and electricity flowing, we bless you!
All who repair what we break, tear, or wear out, we bless you!
All who fill potholes, plow snow, and empty garbage, we bless you!
All who respond to our aches, pains, and human helplessness, we bless you!
All who volunteer their time at church and in civic enterprises, we bless you!
All who respond to sirens and disaster alerts, we bless you!
All who serve the public cheerfully and courteously, we bless you!
All whose service is unseen or overlooked, we praise and bless you!
All you holy ones, saints and servants of God, we praise and bless you!
Almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
☑ Amen.

The author of this hymn text wrote it on request, and it took shape in his mind as he prepared a sermon on Matthew 22:9. The melody is the work of an English stocking manufacturer, who marked the tune "Subject from Beethoven," but was unable to point out where. He published several volumes of and about music in his lifetime.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 719

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



1 Where cross the crowd-ed ways of life, where sound the
cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850–1935, alt.
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Theodor Drath

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING – Pastor Karen Lundwall

ACOLYTES – Gabe & Mitch Stroup

ASSISTING MINISTERS – Jan MacInnes (8:15 am)

Liz Stroup (10:30 am)

LECTOR – Ann Flick (10:30 am)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Dave Griswold, Sally McAfee (10:30 am)



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Mary and Mike Daniel's upcoming 37th wedding anniversary on September 22.

Baskets are located at the doors for bulletins to be placed in following our 8:15 worship service. If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please place it in the basket. Thank you.

Youth are off to a new adventure as they begin college. Please contact the church office with their school and email address so we may continue to keep in touch with them. We would like to be sure they receive our newsletters and a card from time to time.

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.

Help Needed

Altar Guild volunteers are greatly needed for our 8:15 and 10:30 services. Volunteers set up and put items away following communion. It is our hope to have enough volunteers so each person will help once every 4-6 weeks. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Norma in our church office. Thank you for considering to help in this way.

Opportunities for Worship and Prayer

Sunday Morning Worship – In-person worship at 8:15am and 10:30am. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel. To watch the service on YouTube, go to YouTube, in the search bar type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA”. Subscribe to the channel. Our worship services are also available on our Luther Memorial Church website. If you have any problems or questions, please reach out to Norma Buerk in our church office.

Worship

The Apostles’ Creed was written in Latin in the 8th century. The original apostles did not write it, but it was taken to represent the authentic apostolic tradition. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* uses ecumenical texts developed by an international consultation of many church bodies. The use of these worship texts is a visible sign of the unity we share with all Christians around the world. Most of the changes made from the version of the Apostles’ Creed used in the green Lutheran Book of Worship were made to better reflect the original Latin.

“He descended into hell” has been modified to “He descended to the dead.” The Latin word for *hell* has little or nothing to do with a place of eternal punishment. *To the dead* emphasizes the reality of Jesus’ death and his entering into the depth of the human condition.

ReCharge contemporary worship will be held Sunday, September 12. We are looking forward to seeing you at 3:00pm for fellowship and a delicious catered meal. Join us for worship and song at 4:00pm with a message shared by Michael Snider. If possible, please RSVP your attendance.

Acolyte Training will be offered on Sunday, September 12 at 9:30am in the main church. This is a wonderful way for your children to be a part of our worship services. If your son and/or daughter would like to serve as an acolyte, please join Beth Keller in the main church for this training and refresher for those who currently acolyte.

At Luther Memorial Church we are thankful that we are able to provide at home communion. Understanding that the bread and wine is a sustaining gift from Jesus that is blessed and received in community, we now have available bread and wine in individual packets that, after being blessed on Sunday morning during our worship, will be available for those worshipping from home to pick up at the church during the week. The intention is that you take home enough bread and wine for each member of your family for the month. During our worship service, those worshipping from home would set before them the consecrated bread and wine, and then receive the bread and wine during worship. To make arrangements to pick up the bread and wine from the church please contact Linda Graffius by email at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org, Norma Buerk by email at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

Christian Education

Children's Church Kick-off will be held Sunday, September 19 at 9:30am in our fellowship hall. All children and their families are invited to join us for donuts (individually wrapped) and juice as we come together to prepare for another wonderful year of ministry with our children and youth. Classes for Children's Church will begin on Sunday, October 3 at 9:30am. Our classes will be held as follows:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month
- Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month
- LYO – third Sunday of the month
- Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month

Music Ministry

The Luther Memorial choir and handbell choir are resuming rehearsals. Due to the pandemic, it has been many months since the choir has sung together. The handbell choir has been able to rehearse and perform for some periods during this time. However, additional players will be needed as we are adding more bells to our existing 3-octave set. Choir rehearsals are held each Thursday at 7:00pm with the hope that we can soon return to singing in church. The handbell choir rehearsals began Thursday, September 2 at 6:00pm. If you would like to participate in either group, please contact Cantor Walt Gaber (WaltGaber@gmail.com; 814.602.2755).

The fourth of the free Presque Isle ProMusica Summer Concerts will be performed at **7:00pm, Sunday, September 12**, here at Luther Memorial. The adventurous program, called "Music for a New World" is underwritten by a generous grant from the Erie Community Foundation, in the interests of supporting our city and region's efforts toward greater diversity, equity and inclusion. The music on the program comes from a wide variety of composers, styles, nationalities and periods. Violinist Louis Nicolina, cellist James Pearson and drummer Sonny Froman will perform solos, duets and trios from the classical era to the works of Moondog (*Louis Hardin*), the 1970's street composer of New York and Munster. In Nicolina's words, "We hope that Bruce Morton Wright, the founder of the Erie Chamber Orchestra (*the PIP's predecessor*), and a lover of the offbeat and the obscure in music, would enjoy this concert, and we think you will too." This concert continues ProMusica's summer series of recitals featuring "the offbeat and the obscure in music", as well as the more usual concert repertoire. Next Sunday's concert is the last in the summer series, in which listeners have been introduced to composers and compositions they might never have encountered before, and been delighted by the beauty of this repertoire.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group hopes you can join us for our Tuesday morning gatherings. Bring any knitting, crocheting, or any crafty project you'd like to work on and spend some time with us. Laughter and friends make this a wonderful morning. We look forward to seeing you on September 14 and 28 from 10:00am- 12:00 noon. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

OWLS will be treated to a visit from the Tamarack Wildlife Center on Wednesday, September 15. Wildlife experts will share amazing information about a variety of majestic birds they will share with you up close. Lunch will be provided following the presentation. Due to travel costs (Saegertown) and transport of the birds a donation of \$5-\$10 is appreciated. **Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Wednesday, September 8 as a minimum of 20 people is needed for this program.** Thank you.

It's Oktoberfest season. Join us Sunday, October 3 at 11:30am in our fellowship hall for a delectable feast of pulled pork, bratwurst (hotdogs), sauerkraut, macaroni & cheese. Wash all that down with beer, cider, coffee or water. It just makes your mouth water. Please bring a side dish or dessert to contribute to our meal. Reservations are appreciated to the church office by Sunday, September 26.

Upcoming Events

Indoor Yard Sale will be held Saturday, September 11 from 7:30am – 12:00 noon in our fellowship hall. Items for the sale may be dropped off to the church office. Electronic items and books are not accepted. Masks are required at the yard sale. Thank you.

CROP Walk is coming up Sunday, September 26. **Do you know** where Harry Burleigh Way is? Put the date of Sunday, September 26 on your calendar and join us at 1:30pm at Luther Memorial. We will be walking for the Erie County CROP Hunger Walk and explore the history of Erie's Underground Railroad in our own neighborhood!

**Luther Memorial Church Policy –
Following the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines**

1. People who have been fully vaccinated (at least 2 weeks after receiving the vaccine) do not have to wear a mask when entering the church building. (If you choose to wear a mask that is your personal choice.)
2. We respect your choice to continue physical distancing.

We are pleased and thankful that our members have been so cooperative during this difficult time and we thank you for your continued cooperation.



C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 <i>Labor Day</i>		Church Offices & LMA Closed
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7	12:00pm 4:00pm	Deborah Circle Tuesday W/ELCA Circle
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8	6:00pm	Legos
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9	6:00pm 7:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10		
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11	7:30am	Indoor Yard Sale

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Pastor Karen Lundwall will preach at the 8:15am and 10:30am services in the main church. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel; go to YouTube, in the search bar type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA”. Subscribe to the channel.

The recorded service is also available on Luther Memorial Church’s website at www.luthermemorialonline.org by clicking on the tabs of “Resources & Online Worship” and “Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study”.

Acolyte Training will be offered at 9:30am in the main church.

ReCharge contemporary service will begin at 3:00pm with fellowship, followed by worship at 4:00pm.

Presque Isle ProMusica concert will be held at 7:00pm in the main church.

- PRAYER LIST -

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Sarah Prylinski	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Roy Washill	Bill Grande
Bob Peterson	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Brent Young	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Lois Fobes	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Steve Narusewicz
Family of Cheryl Albert	Dave Mumford	Joyce Zwilling	Mark Lechner
Wilda Sundberg	Tim Houston		

Friends and Family:

Cecily DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	Bobbi MacInnes
Lorraine Pond	Kristen	Larry E.	Leola Weist
John & Naomi Howard	Amy Valentine	Jesse McFadden	Abby
Madison & family	Ed Hokaj	Elijah Montero	Ray Polasky
Marianella	Linda Grimm	Amanda Toms	Rich Hudic
Carol & Frank V.	Edna Pett	Bea Becknell	Katrina Foltz
Theresa & Cameron Abrams	Jeff F.	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingram	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Hildy	Paul Spierling	Joan Torrelli	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. F.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Brandy Dyne
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Joyce DiMichele
Suleski family	Lucia Doyle	Jeff F.	Sue Kuhn
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Stephany Bourne	Michele Black	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Missy & Jeff	Sue Agens	Patty Meadowcroft	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Mike B.	Paula Bauda
Marilyn Schultz	Theresa Abrams	Sonya Kisak	Frank Nalepa
Scott Respecki	Bryan & Bev	Andrew Dahlstrand	Logan
Kirsten Braley	Meghan Kessler	Dorothy McCarty	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Steve & Leah W.	John Wilson
Judy Oosterkamp	Amy	Patrick L	Pete Battersby
Family of Amy Peters Hoffer	Frank S.	Jack Wong	Sidney

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson
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