

*Welcome to*  
Luther Memorial Church



6 JULY 2025  
**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEASON AFTER PENTECOST**  
10:30 am

## LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

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## GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE – “Prelude and Fugue in F Major”

J. S. Bach/J. T. Krebs

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**ALL: Amen.**

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

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

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

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

**Amen.**

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

**Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

ELW 696

#### Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the Soprano part. The lyrics are as follows:

1	2	3	4	5
Je - sus	As of	Je - sus	In our	Je - sus
calls	old	calls	joys	calls
us;	Saint	us	and	us!
o’er the	An - drew	from the	in our	By your
tu - mult	heard it	wor - ship	sor - rows,	mer - cy,
of our	by the	of the	days of	Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
 kin - dred, leav - ing, all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

## OPENING SENTENCE

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

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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

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

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

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

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

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



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

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

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

<sup>9</sup>The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, delighting in prospering you as in your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the Lord your God by observing the commandments and decrees of the Lord that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 25:1-10 (*Sung in unison.*)



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- <sup>1</sup> To | you, O Lord,  
I lift | up my soul.
- <sup>2</sup> My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.
- <sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
- <sup>4</sup> Show me your | ways, O Lord,  
and teach | me your paths.
- <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
- <sup>6</sup> Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.
- <sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.
- <sup>8</sup> You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.
- <sup>9</sup> You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.
- <sup>10</sup> All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

## SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful believers, members of our family in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God, our Father. <sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to the Lord, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the dominion of the beloved Son of God, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

**Thanks be to God.**

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

*Repeat alleluia*

### GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup>The man answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And Jesus said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” <sup>29</sup>But wanting to vindicate himself, the man asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when the Samaritan saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup>The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day the Samaritan took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup>The man said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.*

SERMON

Pastor Jay

*After a brief silence for reflection, as the music sounds, please stand to proclaim the Word of God in song.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 750

## Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me de-part;  
2 Yea, Lord, thine own rich boun-ty gave my bod-y, soul, and all I have  
3 Lord, let at last thine an-gels come, to A-br'ham's bos-om bear me home,

with ten-der mer-cy cheer me. Earth has no plea-sure I would share,  
in this poor life of la-bor. Lord, grant that I in ev-'ry place  
that I may die un-fear-ing; and in its nar-row cham-ber keep

yea, heav'n it-self were void and bare if thou, Lord, were not near me.  
may glo-ri-fy thy lav-ish grace and serve and help my neigh-bor.  
my bod-y safe in peace-ful sleep un-til thy re-ap-pear-ing.

And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can noth-ing shake.  
Let no false teach-ing me be-guile, let Sa-tan not my soul de-file.  
And then from death a-wak-en me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,

Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious  
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my  
O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior

blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord,  
cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord,  
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at - tend,

my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy word.  
my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.  
my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end!

Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: HERZLICH LIEB, B. Schmid, *Orgeltabulaturbuch*, 1577

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

*You are invited to kneel, sit, or stand as is your practice.*

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. Accompany Elizabeth and Michael, our bishops, and Kristen, our bishop elect, in this season. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. Bring speedy rescue and support to those facing unfathomable loss in the midst of flooding. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. Bring peace as only you can give to those places desperate for it, particularly: Iran, Palestine, Ukraine, Haiti, the Sudan, Russian, Israel, the United States. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing, especially those whose names and needs we lift up now: \_\_\_\_\_. Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known, particularly Bartolomé and \_\_\_\_\_. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share greetings and gestures of peace with those around you. Please be seated.*

### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED



*An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church. Additionally, you may visit <https://bit.ly/LMCDonate> or scan the QR Code and scroll to the bottom of the page to give electronically.*

### OFFERTORY – “Gavotte”

W. Boyce

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

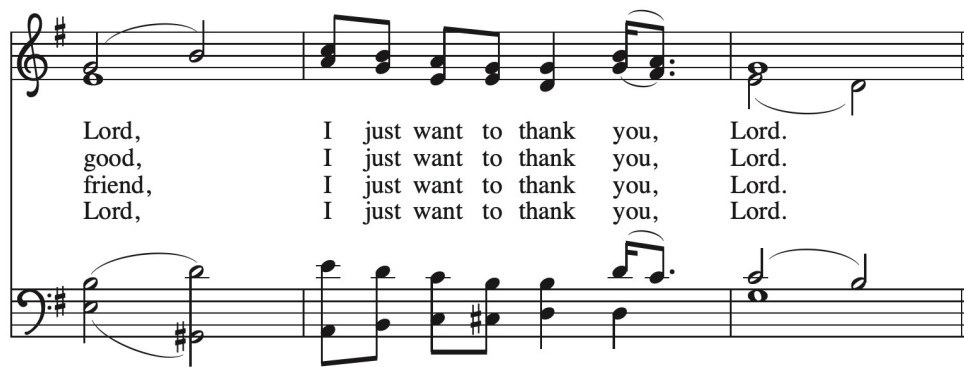
### OFFERING HYMN

ACS 1092

### Thank You, Lord

Musical notation for the hymn "Thank You, Lord" in G major (one sharp). The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the melody.

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



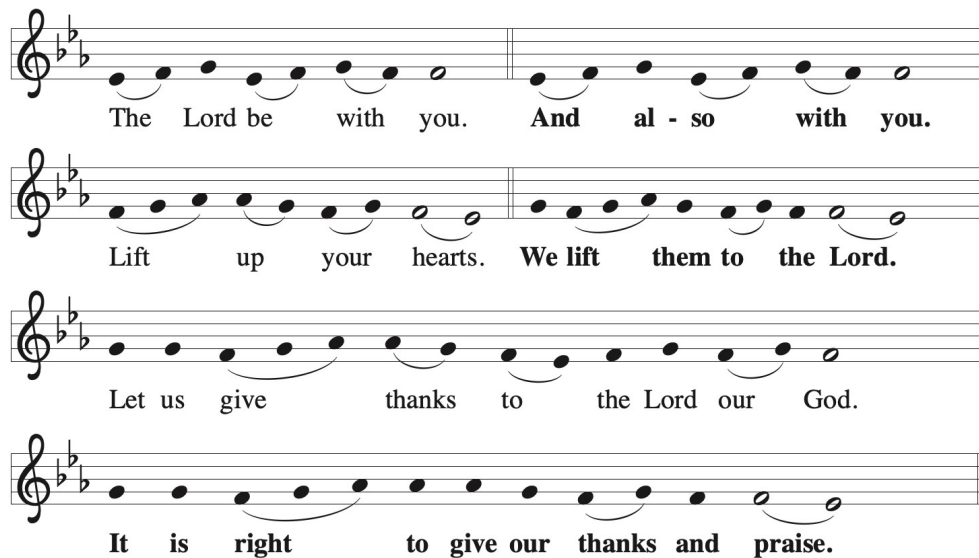
Text: Traditional  
Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

**Amen.**

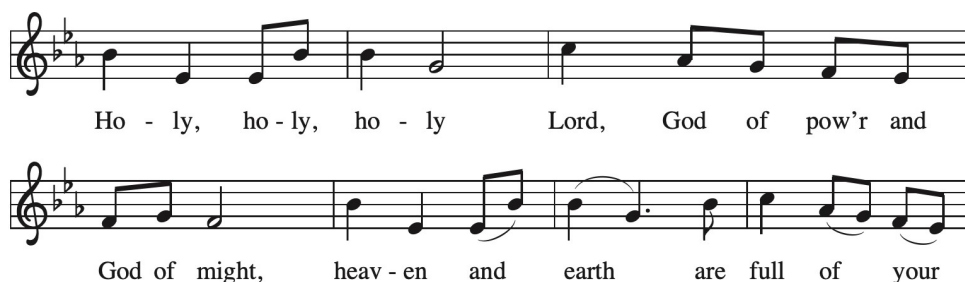
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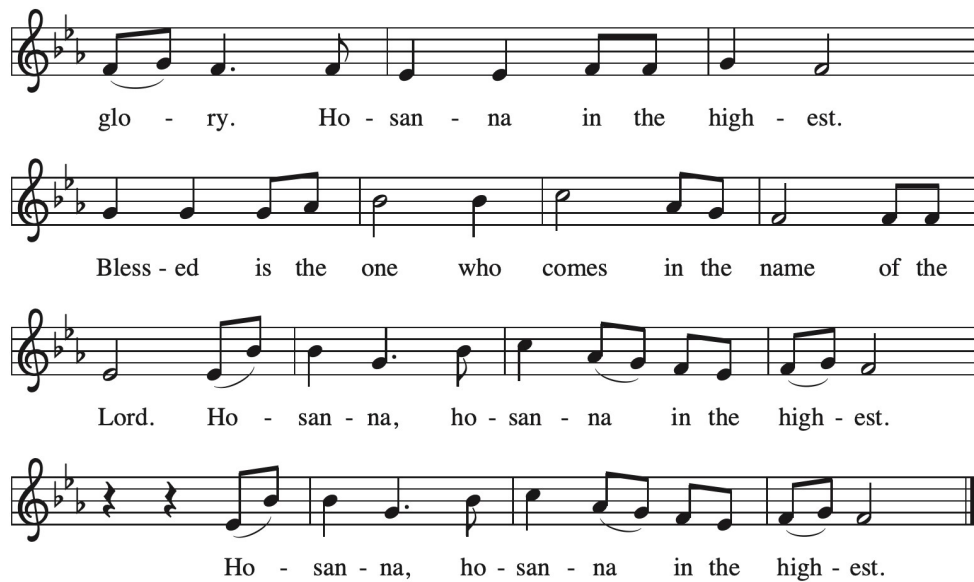


## THE PROPER PREFACE

*It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that we should at all time 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 opens to us the way of everlasting life. And so with the church on earth and the host of heaven, we praise you name and join their unending hymn:*

## SANCTUS





### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:

**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:

**The earth is full of your glory.**

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

*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.*

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:

**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:

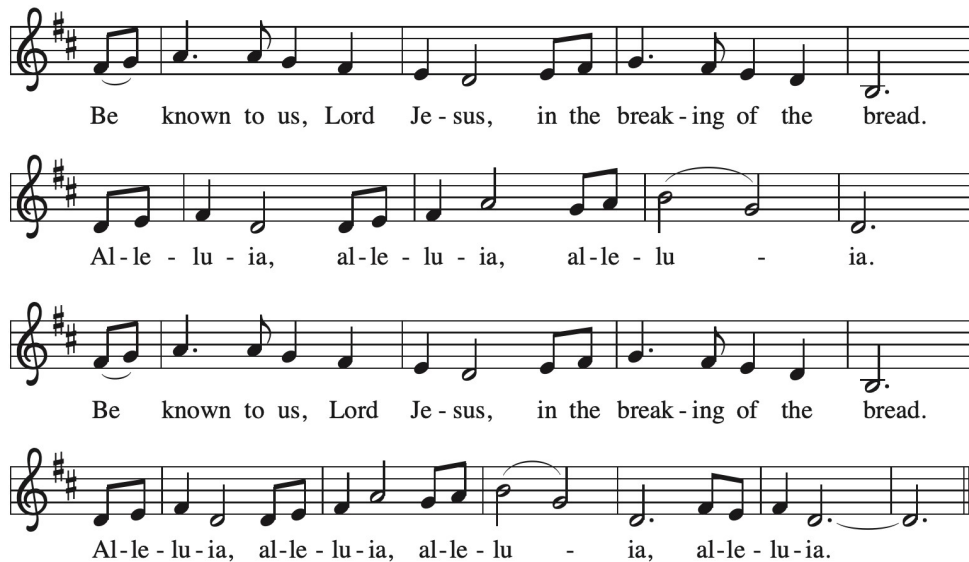
**The earth is full of your glory. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

## FRACTION ANTHEM



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

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

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

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

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

**Thanks be to God!**

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE COMMUNION

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



## O God of Mercy, God of Light



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
 3 Teach us the les - son, Je - sus taught: to feel for  
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
 word and thought may work a work for you.  
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
 may we each other's burdens share;  
 may we, where help is needed, there  
 give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
 all those who live to live in love,  
 till you receive in heav'n above  
 all those who live in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.  
 Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896; arr. hymnal version  
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## Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

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

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

*Refrain*

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

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

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

### TABLE BLESSING

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

### SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION *if needed*

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

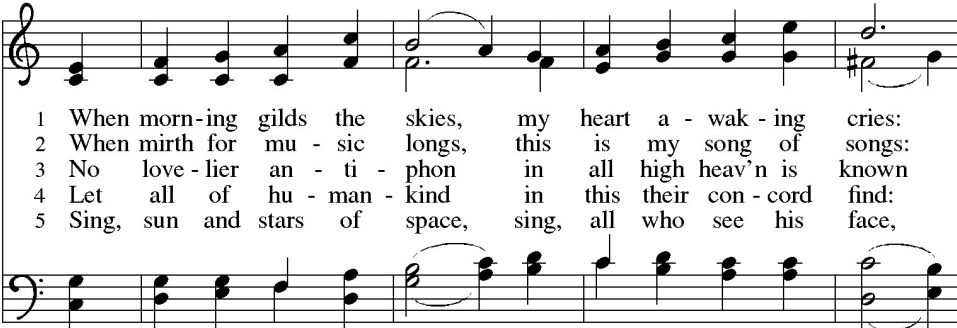
...now and forever.

**Amen.**

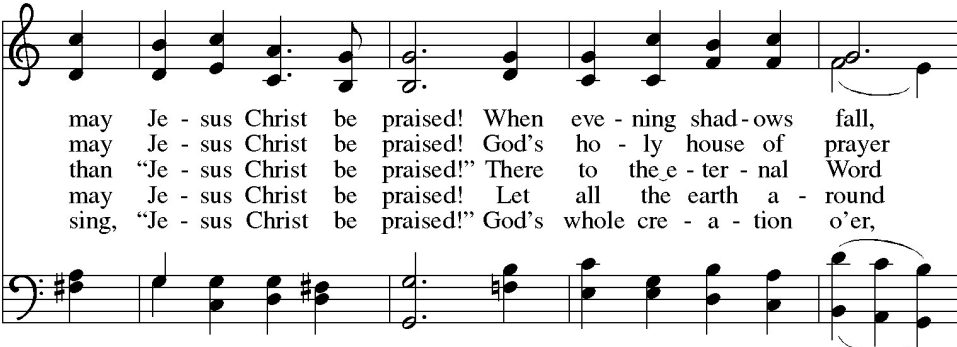
## SENDING HYMN

## When Morning Gilds the Skies

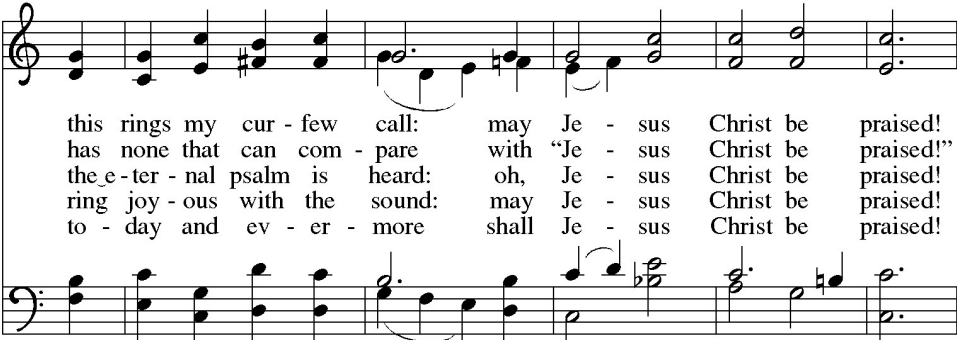
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1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:  
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known  
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.  
 Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

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— SERVING TODAY —

*PRESIDING MINISTER* – Pastor Jay Mitchell

*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer

*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Chloe Meucci

*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Linda Graffius

*LECTOR* – Karen Braendel

*USHERS* – Diana Alvaro, Diane & Bob Banks, Carl Moore

*ALTAR GUILD* – Martha & Tom Klomp

*VIDEO STREAMING* – Emma Chaffee



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and for the beautiful day He has made for us by Jan and Skip MacInnes.

**Today's Events**

**Kenneth Snider Memorial Car Cruise** will be held this afternoon from 1:00-4:00 in our parking lot. This is a fun afternoon for the entire family. Car enthusiasts will enjoy a variety of show cars along with DJ Bill Mason, Magic Steve, delicious food, a huge Chinese auction, 50-50 raffle and bake sale. Monies raised will benefit Shriners Children's Hospital and Luther Memorial's Youth. For more information, contact [kenscarrcruise@gmail.com](mailto:kenscarrcruise@gmail.com).

**Adult Forum**

**Adult Forum** will gather this morning and Sunday, July 20 at 9:30 in the library. Pastor Jay will be delving into the history of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed which celebrates its 1700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. There will also be discussion of the Joint Ecumenical Statement on the *Filioque* by the Lutheran World Federation and the Orthodox Churches.

**Worship Matters!**

**“...and on our behalf.”** This simple phrase is one that I would love to see us add to our weekly Rite of Corporate Confession that begins our worship. Over the years—and no matter what version of the words we use—we have confessed our sin of commission and omission, the things “we have done and left undone.” But I wonder how often we include in our confession those things *done on our behalf*. Whether this is as an individual, a family, a congregation, a church, a society...however we would define “our,” there is sin in the world being done and left undone on our behalf. The good news we received every time we join together in Confession and Forgiveness *or* in Thanksgiving for Baptism to begin our worship is a reminder that we are forgiven from God before we even know to ask and for things we don't even realize we've done. Nevertheless, it is important for us to consider before our approach to God in worship all those ways we have fallen short. In so doing, we realize all the more the good news of a God whose love brings us life despite it all. And for that, thanks be to God!

**TFF.** You may have noticed a rare hymnal listed in our second communion hymn. “TFF” means *This Far by Faith* which is one of the myriad worship resources of the ELCA. It focuses primarily on the worship tradition of the African Descent community, though there is much that is common between TFF and other ELCA worship resources. Some of our best loved “golden oldies” of hymns are found in TFF and when possible, we use them in our worship here at Luther.

**Outreach Offerings**

**Giving offerings** to outreach ministries allows Luther Memorial to support vital work beyond our church walls, like serving those in need and spreading the gospel. It enables us to fulfill our mission of serving God and others by funding programs that improve lives, both physically and spiritually. On Sunday, August 31 our offering will be donated to Global Refuge ([globalrefuge.org](http://globalrefuge.org)).

## Prayers

**The wonderful** LMC Prayer Group will be meeting on Tuesday, July 15 at 3:30pm. If you have people on any of the lists, bulletin (short), long or private, and have updates, removals or additions please let Norma know or email Linda Graffius at [swedemom@verizon.net](mailto:swedemom@verizon.net). If you would like to join our group, please come on Tuesday.

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**Family Beach Night** and our L. I. A. gathering will be Tuesday, August 12 from 5:30-7:00pm. We will meet at the Stull Nature Center beach area. Bring your chair, towel, blanket and toys for a fun evening of building sand castles and playing spike ball. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**OWLS** road trip to Ferrante's Winery and Ristorante in Geneva, Ohio (5585 N. River West) is set for Wednesday, August 13. Luncheon reservations are for 12 noon. The drive is approximately 1 ½ hours. Reservations are due to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, August 8. If you are interested in carpooling, please let Jan know.

**Come and join** us for an escape from reality. Your cares will be left behind after a morning of laughter and conversation with the Magic Fingers Grace Group. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am– 12:00 noon; July 22. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

## Youth

**Flea Markets** are held in our parking area (rain or shine) the third Saturday of the month through September 20. Set-up begins at 8:00am with shopping held from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Cost of a parking space is \$10 so load your car with unwanted treasures and come on down to park and sell. Please see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski for more information.

## Luther Memorial Academy

**LMA** is seeking a church member for the School Board. The School Board provides critical leadership and support to the administrative and teaching staff of our school. If you are interested in caring for our school and enhancing our children's education please consider being a member of the School Board. A School Board Applicant Information form can be emailed to you or picked up in the church office. Feel free to call the church or school office with any questions.

## Items to Note

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

## — PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Marilyn Bohn & family	Robert Copfer	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose
Sally McAfee	Pat Gilbert	Bea Leemhuis	Walt Gaber
Friends and Family:			
Mary Beth & Mary Kelly	Laura L	Mary Lou	Dolores Koscinski
Nicholas Nasibyan	Gwen Smith	Andrew Wachter	Sullivan
Carol Steffey & Marissa	Robert Timm	Sandy M.	Ron Lester
Phil Nagy	Henderson family	Justin	Beth Sedelmyer
Grief:			
Lois Fobes family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Lt. Col. Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	

## Readings and Commemoration This Week

**July 14** – Psalm 25:11-20; Job 24:1-8; James 2:1-7

**July 15** – Psalm 25:11-20; Proverbs 19:1-17; I John 3:11-17

**July 16** – Psalm 25:11-20; Ecclesiastes 9:13-18; Matthew 25:31-46

**July 17** – **Bartolome de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, 1566** – Hosea 2:18-23; Psalm 94:1-14; Romans 12:9-21; Luke 6:20-36 -- *A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Upon arriving in the West, Las Casas was granted a large estate with Indigenous enslaved people whom he freed after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.*

**July 18** – Psalm 15; Genesis 13:1-18; Ephesians 3:14-21

**July 19** – Psalm 15; Genesis 14:1-16; Luke 8:4-10



## CALENDAR

**MONDAY, JULY 14**

**TUESDAY, JULY 15**                      3:30pm                      Prayer Group

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 16**

**THURSDAY, JULY 17**

**FRIDAY, JULY 18**

<b>SATURDAY, JULY 19</b>	9:00am	Flea Market
	2:00pm	Graduation Celebration

**SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025**

## THE FEAST OF THE MAGDALENE, APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES

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

**Adult Forum** will be held at 9:30am

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Linda Swanson
Communion Assistant <i>(1 needed)</i>	10:30am	Stan Rose
Lector	10:30am	Cathy Beck
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	John Bartlett
Counters	10:30am	Nick Lang, Jonathan Ulrich
Ushers <i>(4 needed)</i>	10:30am	Carl Moore