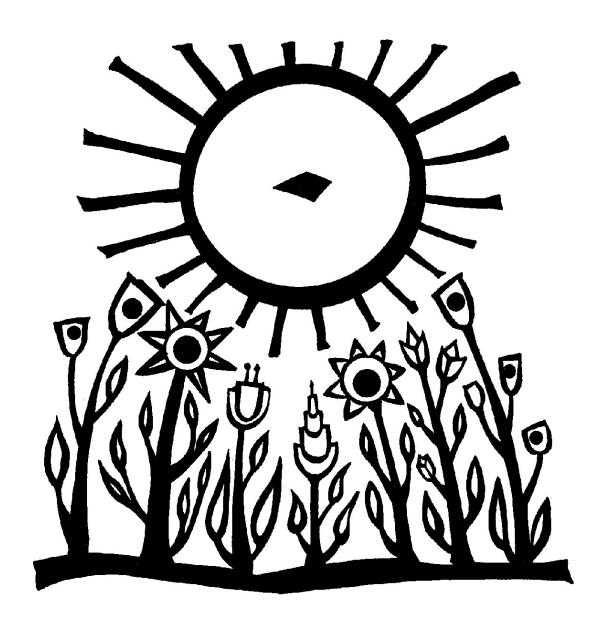
Welcome to

Luther Memorial Church

of the Erie Lutheran Parish



14 JULY 2024
The Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

225 West Tenth Street • Erie, PA 16501 • 814-454-0106 REV. JAY C. MITCHELL, *Pastor*

WALT GABER

Cantor

RON KING

Pastoral Asst. ~ Holy Trinity

THE REV. KAREN LUNDWALL, THE REV. BRIAN MORAN
THE REV. KAREN PARSH, THE REV. GAIL ZACKRISON

Pastors in Residence

MICHELLE THOM
Academy Administrator
BETH KELLER
SARAH PRYLINSKI
Youth and Family Ministry
JAN MACINNES
Care Ministry

WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE! TOGETHER WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

- + Everything you need to follow along in worship is included in this bulletin. You are invited to stand and sit—as you are able—as indicated herein.
- + If you have need to **children**'s bulletins, coloring pages, crayons, or other supplies they are available on the Welcome Table. You can proceed out the door next to the pulpit and find the Welcome Table near the door.
 - Children are always welcome in worship and together we make a joyful noise! However, if you have need, a staffed nursery is available down the stairs across from the Welcome Table.
- + An all-gender and accessible **restroom** is available out the door next to the pulpit, up the ramp, and to the right. Follow signs for "Handicap Bathroom." Other restrooms are available down the hallway next to Faith Chapel across from the parlor.
- + You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshiping around you and turn your phones and devices to silent. Feel free to take pictures of our beautiful sanctuary or post about the sermon. However, we ask that you ask permission before taking any people pictures.
- + We welcome all to worship and to the Table trusting that it is the Holy Spirit that draws us all together. If you would like information about joining the congregation or receiving the Sacraments of the Church, be sure to talk to Pastor Jay after worship (you can usually find him next to the pulpit after the service).

14 JULY 2024 THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 10:30

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

PRELUDE – Partita on "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *Nettleton*

John Eggert

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.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C Amen.
- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- **P** God, our provider,
- e help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

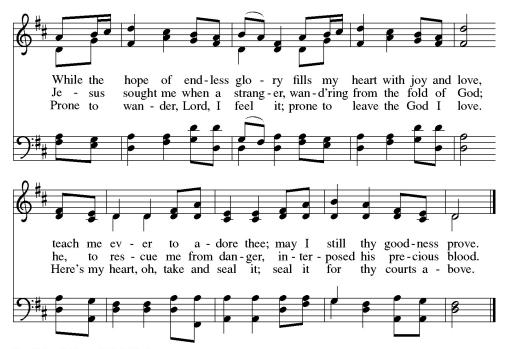
Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

- P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, + the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, + the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN ELW 807



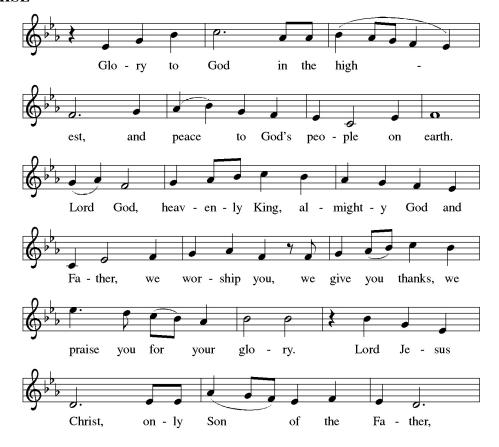


Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt. Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,...be with you all.
- **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

READING: Amos 7:7-15

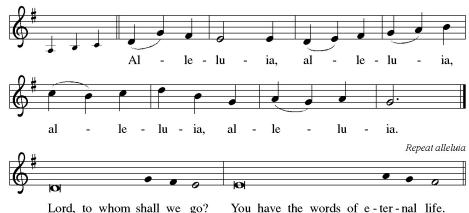
⁷This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, holding a plumb line. ⁸And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will spare them no longer; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from its land.' ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet nor a prophet's son, but I am a shepherd and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

L The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of the disciples' preaching, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in Jesus." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to marry your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When Herod heard John, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests, and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" The mother replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. The soldier went and beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When John's disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lead On, O King Eternal! ELW 805



Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917 Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

APOSTLES' CREED

- A Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith into which we are baptized.
- **G** 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

You may kneel, sit, or stand as is your custom.

- (A) One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. A brief silence.
- A You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- A From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- A You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- A On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. In your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- A For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- A Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- **G** Amen.

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord is with you.
- **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

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



THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

An 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 Pensylvania 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.

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" *Grosser Gott* arr. Anna Krentz Organ

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY ACS 1092



Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray: Jesus, Bread of life,...your body for the life of the world.
- C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING after the Didache

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**

- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **Q** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P We give thanks and praise to you, Holy God our Creator, for the holy vine of David your servant, which you made known to us through Jesus Your Servant who in the night in which he was betrayed took the cup after supper, 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.

- **T**o you, O Creator of the fruit of the vine, be the glory forever.
- P We give thanks and praise to you, Holy God our Creator, for the life and knowledge which you made known to us through Jesus your Servant who took bread and gave you thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

- **©** To you, O Creator of the grain of the earth, be the glory forever.
- P Holy God, even as this broken bread was scattered over the hills, and was gathered together and became one, pour out upon us your Spirit so that your Church may be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your reign; for yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ, our Bread of Life, now and forever.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- **Q** Our Father, who art in heaven. hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

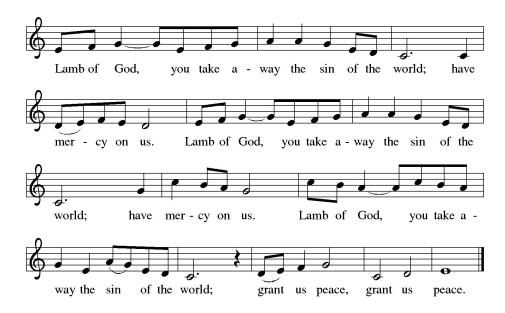
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!
- P Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

The congregation is seated.

THE COMMUNION

This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast! We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.

Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.

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

White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know.

Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.

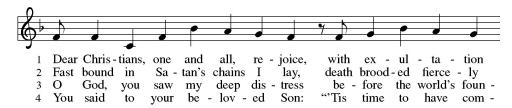
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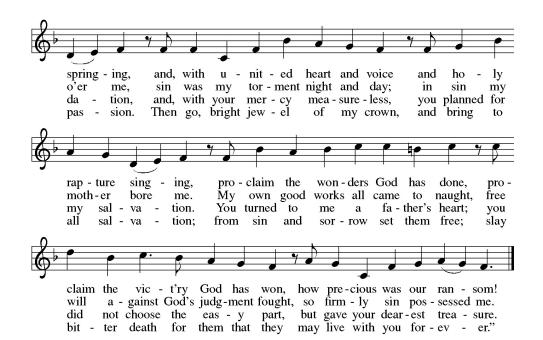
All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.

HYMN DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 594

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice





- 5 The Son obeyed your gracious will, was born of virgin mother; and, your good pleasure to fulfill, he came to be my brother.
 His royal pow'r disguised he bore, a servant's form, like mine, he wore, to lead the devil captive.
- 6 To me he said: "Stay close to me, I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I myself will be; for you I strive and wrestle.
 The foe will shed my precious blood; all this I suffer for your good; my life o'er death will triumph.
- 7 "Now to my Father I depart, from earth to heav'n ascending, and, gracious wisdom to impart, the Holy Spirit sending, who will in trouble comfort you, will teach you well, your faith renew, and in all truth will guide you.
- 8 "What I on earth have done and taught guide all your life and teaching; so shall the glorious reign of God increase, the whole world reaching. Let none the gospel gift impede; I make you free; be free indeed! This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version Music: NUN FREUT EUCH, Etlich christlich Lieder, Wittenberg, 1524 Text © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

TABLE BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ...and bring you to everlasting life.
- **G** Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Let us pray: Jesus, Bread of life,...In your name we pray.
- C Amen.

SENDING - "God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

- **P** ...now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Let There Be Peace on Earth



DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. You are the Body of Christ
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE - "Trumpet Voluntary in D Major" Op. 6, No. 6

John Stanley

— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Linda Swanson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Mary Daniels

LECTOR – Barb Dennison

ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

USHERS – Cathy Beck, Sue Cappelletty, Pat Gilbert, Betty Pletz

VIDEO STREAMING – Christy Adams

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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 kenscarcruise@gmail.com.

Greeting cards can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

Where Is Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay is happy to meet with you anytime, just let him know! However, if you would like to just "drop in" on him, this week you can find him at the Brew Ha Ha (in the Colony Plaza) on Thursday from 8:00-9:00am. Any other time, just give him a call or send him an email!

Worship

Erie Lutheran Conference will gather for Worship at the Lakeshore on Wednesday, July 17 at Presque Isle, Pine Tree Pavilion (near Beach 9). Join in fellowship at 6:30pm with a picnic followed by worship at 7:30pm. Please bring a dish to share, your place setting and chair. All are encouraged to attend.

Our prelude begins at 10:25 each week and flows into the 10:30am worship time. We hope that this will draw us together and into our time of worship. Please remember to be mindful of those around you and those worshiping at home by keeping conversations and visiting to the lobbies once the prelude has begun. Thank you.

A reminder that our livestream runs from the beginning of the prelude through the end of the postlude. To maintain a worshipful space for those joining from home, please remember to leave the chancel area (the area around the altar) clear until after the postlude.

Worship Matters

The Prayer of the Day, often known as the Collect, is the first prayer we pray together in worship. While it is led by a single voice, we join all our prayers together in it. The invitation to "Let us pray" is followed by a pause as the Presiding Minister stretches out their hands in a posture known as *orans*. In this pause, the opportunity for a deep breath for all, the Presiding Minister gathers into one prayer all the prayers of our hearts. Each time we gather the Prayer of the Day is different. It usually corresponds with some of the themes in the lectionary texts for the particular celebration. This week, the Prayer of the Day comes from the Galesian Sacramentary, a collection of prayers for worship which was compiled around 750 near Paris. Some of the prayers—like the Prayer of the Day this week—have been in use in the Church ever since. So, this week, as Pastor Jay gathers all our prayers together into this Prayer of the Day it is not just the prayers on our hearts this morning, but all the prayers of the people of God through time and place. When we together as the assembly of God's people respond "Amen." to any prayer (but perhaps particularly to the Prayer of the Day) we are adding our assent to the prayer. We are joining in the prayer.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Forum will be held this morning from 9:30-10:15. We are exploring the worship resources of the ELCA—specifically *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and *All Creation Sings*. This 4 week series will be held each Sunday in July.

Books are in! If you are interested in purchasing a copy of *Context* by Josh Scott—which will be the text we begin together in September for Bible After Dark (at the Brewerie), please see Pastor Jay or contact the church office. Each copy is \$12. Bible After Dark meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group is hoping you stop in for our knitting and crocheting mornings the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Spend a relaxing morning working on your yarn projects and visiting with friends. Join us July 23 from 10:00am—12:00 noon. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will get in touch with our artistic side at the Neighborhood Art House on Wednesday, August 14 with a painting lesson led by an instructor. The cost of \$10 will cover a canvas and supplies. Join us from 10:00am-12:00 noon and get creative. RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, August 9.

Items to Note

Carpets and floors throughout the church and school will be cleaned during the week of July 15. We ask that use of the building be minimal during the week. Please contact the church office if you would like to stop down as some entrances will be blocked off. Thank you.

In case of an emergency and unable to reach Pastor Jay, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162. Thank you.

PRAYER LIST -

| PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| Our Members: | | | | |
| Lois Fobes | Dave Parsh | Marilyn Rositer | Cathy Beck & Jim | |
| Diane & Bob Giannelli | Winnie Lyons | Ron King | Virginia Long | |
| Matt, Jessica Kinzig & family | · | _ | | |
| Friends and Family: | | | | |
| Kate Collins & family | Lily | Marlo | Amy Roschy | |
| Jessica Bulos Grubb | Sherry Johnson | Heather Keaster | Curtis Krick | |
| Nikki & Ayden Moyer & family | Stephanie Voland | Barbara Beatty | Jonah Allgeier | |
| Jenny Hallgren | Tony B. | Betty M. | Betty Peters | |
| Connie Haibach & family | Katja Mestrom | Bernadette Mulder | Jim Berger | |
| Jamal Lemmons | Jim Roberts | Cherly Runstedler | Jerry | |
| Andy Zimmerman | Norma Lynch | | | |
| Grief: | | | | |
| Phil McAfee family | Julie Wolfram family | | | |
| Our Military Service Men & Women: | | | | |
| Lt. Col. Matt Anderson | Michael Stickner | Andrew Watson | Alli Brown | |
| Ben Dixon | Mark Collins | | | |

CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 15 TUESDAY, JULY 16 National Youth Gathering / Youth depart for New Orleans

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

6:30pm

Worship at the Lakeshore, Pine Tree Pavilion

THURSDAY, JULY 18

FRIDAY, JULY 19

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Carpets and floors throughout the building will be cleaned during the week. Please contact the church office if you plan to stop down. Thank you.

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024 THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Worship services at 8:15am in Faith Chapel and 10:30am in the main church.

| SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024 ASSISTING IN WORSHIP | | | | |
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| Assisting Minister | 0.1.0 | 1 (14411101 1/10104440 | | |
| | 10:30am | Kate Martin | | |
| Communion Assistant (1 needed) | 10:30am | Elaine Kern | | |
| Lector | 10:30am | | | |
| Altar Guild | 8:15am | Donna Sedelmyer | | |
| | 10:30am | Sharon Burke | | |
| Greeter | 8:15am | Vicky Blasco | | |
| | 10:30am | (1 needed) | | |
| Video Streaming | 10:30am | Nick Lang | | |
| Counters | 10:30am | Jean McMillin, Liz Stroup | | |
| Ushers (4 needed) | 10:30am | Cathy Beck, Pat Gilbert | | |

Readings and Commemorations This Week

This week's readings are not taken from the Daily Lectionary but rather are the readings that ELCA Youth will be sharing each day related to the Gathering Theme of Created to Be.

July 15 - Created to be BRAVE: Psalm 139:14; Psalm 27:1-3; Matthew 26:36-46

July 16 – Created to be AUTHENTIC: Psalm 139:14; Matthew 5:14-16

July 17 – Created to be FREE: Psalm 139:14; Romans 12:2; Galatians 5:1, 13-15

July 18 – Created to be DISRUPTIVE: Psalm 139:14; Matthew 21:12-17

July 19 – Created to be DISCIPLES: Psalm 139:14; Matthew 22:36-40

-- Daily Lectionary Resumes--

July 20 – Psalm 23; Jeremiah 12:1-13; Luke 18:35-43