

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



3 APRIL 2022
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Ten • 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 – “The Old Rugged Cross”

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Jan Sanborn, Don Wyrzten

arr. Mark Hayes

arr. Brent Olstad, Ovid Young, Don Wyrzten

arr. Brent Olstad

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.

☒ In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

☒ Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.



L Holy One,
C we confess that we have wandered far from you:
 we have not trusted your promises,
 we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
 we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
 we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us!
Forgive us and turn us again to you.
Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.
Amen.

L Beloved in Christ,
 the Word draws near to you,
 and all who call out to God shall be saved.
 In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
 and gathers you under wings of love.
 In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
 God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.
C Amen.

*This hymn text was written by a distinguished lawyer who practiced in Naumburg in Saxony.
 It was one of nearly 150 hymns he wrote to strengthen his own faith at a time of domestic troubles.
 The tune, originally paired with another text, gradually became associated with the present text.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

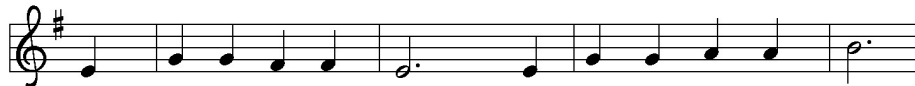


Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

GREETING

- ℣ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
☩ **And also with you.**

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ℣ Let us pray.
☩ **Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

- ¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.



²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation
could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree.
But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.*

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

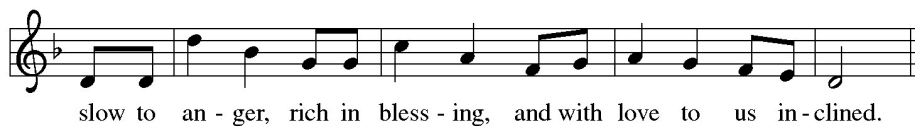
¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Michael Snider

Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

This hymn text comes from the pen of a remarkably versatile and gifted man, who near the end of this life had studied two hundred languages and could converse in one hundred.

This text is taken from one of his three published volumes of sacred text.

The tune is the work of a church musician who led a distinguished career in New York City.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 324

In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the





o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872
Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

APOSTLES' CREED

- A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

- A** Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
A brief silence.
- A** Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.**
- A** Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.**
- A** Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.**



A Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued. Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

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

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for Charlotte Chaffe, Bill Kent, Bob Halttunen, and all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

Please be seated.

MEAL – “*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*”

VOLUNTARY – “Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

arr. Bill Wolaver

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION PRAYER

D Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.
When our congregation gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion,
we heard again the story of God’s mighty acts and
of the love shown us in the death and resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ.



With thanksgiving we remembered that
“in the night in which he was betrayed,
he 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 in 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 in remembrance of me.”

We were given assurance of our Lord’s presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit.
Now we bring to you this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing,
that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ.

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

☑ **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***

☐ As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ Here is food and drink for the journey.
Take and be filled.

☑ Amen.

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

Take a cup and then return to your seat by the side aisle.

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

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

COMMUNION

This hymn text, variously attributed, is selected from among the 51 verses of the original poem. The tune is the work of a well-educated vicar of the Church of England, whose personality and devotion won him a substantial following, but whose High-Church views conflicted with the low-church views of his bishop. On that account he was overworked and died at the age of 53.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 754

Jesus, the Very Thought of You



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

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

- ☐ Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.
☑ Amen.

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

BLESSING

- ☐ You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty,
✠ bless you this day and always.
☑ Amen.

*For sheer intensity of feeling few hymns can match this meditation on the cross;
impressive images and strong contrasts combine to give the text its ardor.*

The passionate language is augmented by the highly chromatic tune later composed for these words.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 338

Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

A Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

G Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE – "Christ, the Life of All the Living"
"Ukrainian National Anthem"

Wilhelm Zachau
Mykhaylo Verbytsky

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Michael Snider

GREETERS – Vicky Blasco, Pastor & Jane Moran (8:15 am)

Jeanne Gaber, Bill Lasher (10:30 am)

ASSISTING MINISTERS – Rob Benacci (8:15 am)

Stan Rose (10:30 am)

LAY DISTRIBUTORS – Roberta Lobaugh (8:15 am)

Linda Graffius (10:30 am)

LECTOR – Pam Masiroff (10:30 am)



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Charlotte Chaffee by her loving family.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Bill, and my brother, Bob Halttunen, by Janet Kent.

At our service of worship this morning, we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion through the distribution of the elements blessed at a previous celebration. Our Lay Distributors of Holy Communion were selected by the congregational council, received instruction, and were appointed by Bishop Michael Lozano. They serve this congregation during times of pastoral vacancy so that we may continue to receive communion as Christ's body here at Luther Memorial Church.

Satisfy your curiosity and come to our sale in memory of Barb Holcomb. Take what interests you and leave a donation to benefit our W/ELCA. The items are available in the parlor this morning.

Flyers listing possibilities for your Lenten disciplines are located at the welcome tables. Please pick one up and prayerfully consider how you will keep the season of Lent this year.

Today's Events

Youth will spruce up the outside grounds of Luther Memorial and nearby area today from 11:30am-12:30pm. Help us do a little raking, picking up trash and brighten up our church for spring.

Worship

Lent is a more quiet and somber time than others in the church year. On Sunday mornings in Lent we will be intentionally extending the times of silence for your own reflection and prayer.

Lenten services have been held each Wednesday in Lent at 12:05pm in the main church. Our final service will be held on April 6.

April 6

“Perfect Love Casts Out Fear”

Pastor Brian Moran

ReCharge contemporary service will be held on Palm Sunday, April 10. Please come for fellowship, games and dinner at 4:00pm in fellowship hall. Our worship service is held at 5:00pm in the Upper Room on the 5th floor.

Volunteers who would like to take part in the 7:00pm Maundy Thursday service are asked to remain following the 10:30 service on Sunday, April 10. We will meet in the main church and review the procedure for Stripping the Altar. Please see Les Fobes with any questions.

Palm Sunday 10:30 worship service will begin with a processional using rhythm instruments led by our children. We hope many of our children will join us for this special service as we celebrate the day that Jesus entered Jerusalem. Please contact our church office or Beth Keller if your child(ren) would like to participate.

The Mercyhurst Liturgical Dance Ensemble under the direction of C. Noelle Partusch will participate in our 10:30am Palm Sunday service on April 10. They will lead the Palm Processional and enhance portions of our liturgical singing with liturgical dance.

Volunteers are needed to welcome those attending worship on Sunday mornings for the 8:15 and 10:30am services. Please contact Norma, in the church office, if you would like to welcome our friends with a smile. Thank you.

Music Ministry

The time of Lent and the Passion have inspired a rich collection of Christian hymns and chorale tunes. Continue your Lenten journey with an hour of reflective piano music presented by Luther Memorial's Cantor, Walt Gaber, that will transport you through Christ's last days - known as his Passion. Central to the Christian faith is the miracle of the Resurrection celebrated in Easter - and Easter can only be fully understood in light of the preceding events, experiences and emotions of Christ and those around him. During this hour, you will hear many of our most well-known and well-loved hymns and chorales. They will be presented in piano settings by classic and contemporary composers in a variety of styles. Some will shed new light on these familiar tunes. Some will challenge your listening. Expect to have a more meaningful Easter through this brief time of personal musical and spiritual reflection as we begin Holy Week on Sunday, April 10 at 7:00pm. The program will also be livestreamed on the Luther Memorial YouTube channel.

The **Luther Memorial Choir** and **Handbell Choir** have resumed rehearsals on Thursdays. Handbells practice at 6:00pm with the choir practicing at 7:00pm. Please contact Walt Gaber (WaltGaber@gmail.com; 814.602.2755) if you are interested in joining us as we prepare for Holy Week and the Easter season.

Christian Education

Children's Church classes are held Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. We hope to see many of our children join us. Our class schedule is as follows:

Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month (April 3)

Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (April 10)

LYO – third Sunday of the month (April 17; not in session)

Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (April 24)

First Holy Communion classes continue to be held each Sunday morning at 9:30 through April 10. Students will receive their First Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 14, at the 7:00pm service.

Luther Memorial Church's 7th, 8th and 9th graders will be attending **Confirmation Camp at Camp Lutherlyn** from June 19 to June 24, 2022. Information has been sent to all parents and students about the details of Confirmation Camp. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Luther Memorial Church's 10th grade students will prepare for their confirmation and gather for classes beginning Sunday, April 24 through Sunday, May 22 from 11:30am – 1:00pm. These youth will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday during the 10:30am service, on June 5, 2022.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. Fill your Easter basket with spring colored yarn, hop over and join us on April 12. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes and let us know if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Supporting our Youth

Fundraisers continue to help offset the church cost of Confirmation Camp for our youth. We invite you to stop by the youth table in the parlor area and browse the items to order; dips from Gourmet Creations and Cookie Cards from Ye Ole Sweet Shoppe. **Orders for hamloaf are due this morning.**

Summer Camp

Register for a great week of summer fun at Camp Lutherlyn. There are camps available for every interest from Horse Camp to Rocketry to Arts & Music. Even the youngest can attend Small Fry Days and the entire family can enjoy Family Camp. Flyers are available at the welcome tables.

Military Outreach

Military Care Packages are being prepared to be sent to our servicemen and women. Donations and cards may be placed in the marked boxes in the parlor area. Homemade cookies may be dropped off in the church office, marked “military”. Monetary donations are appreciated to help with the shipping cost. Please help us support our troops with some gifts from home and prayers for their safe return. **A list of needed items can be found at the welcome table. Donations will be accepted through this morning.**

Support for Ukraine

To offer support to people in Ukraine donations may be made to the following organizations:

- Lutheran Disaster Response at www.ldr.org or call 800-638-3522
- Lutheran World Relief at www.lwr.org
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service at www.lirs.org

If you would prefer to place your donation in the offering this morning, please mark it Ukraine and we will send all donations to Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you.

The Grace Slavic Pentecostal Church located on Carriage Hill Drive in Erie wanted to create a reliable place where the community can donate towards Ukraine. This humanitarian effort is currently providing support to the refugees that have left Ukraine. Information on ways to donate, as well as their newsletter and videos, can be found on their website at <https://linktr.ee/ErieForUkraine>.

Save the Date

St. Stephen’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 940 E. 22nd Street, will be closing. A definite date for the closing has not yet been determined. Pastor Owen Rhodes and St. Stephen’s congregation would like to invite you to their 10:30am worship service on Sunday, May 1, with special music and keynote speakers, followed by a Farewell Luncheon at 12:00 noon. Reservations are necessary for the luncheon; please RSVP to 814-456-0121 (messages can be left) or saint10@verizon.net.

Luther Memorial Church Policy

Masking at Luther Memorial Church is now optional. Masking recommendations will be revisited monthly and changes made if community numbers increase. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our 8:15 worship service will return to the Chapel beginning Sunday, April 24, the first Sunday after Easter.

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.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday ~ April 10



8:15am Worship – *Main Church*
9:30am First Holy Communion Class
 Children’s Church / Grades 1st – 3rd
10:30am Worship – *Main Church*
 Children’s Processional
4:00pm ReCharge Contemporary Service
7:00pm Journey to the Cross – Piano Reflections
 on the Passion of Christ
 Cantor Walt Gaber, pianist
 Main Church

Maundy Thursday ~



7:00pm Worship ~ *Main Church*
 First Holy Communion Students
 commune / Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday ~ April 15

7:00pm Tenebrae Service
 Main Church



Easter Sunday ~ April 17

8:15am Worship with Holy Communion
 Main Church
10:30am Worship with Holy Communion
 Main Church



CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 4	10:00am 12:30pm	Military Box Packaging LMA Anti-bullying program
TUESDAY, APRIL 5	8:45am 12:00pm 3:00pm	LMA Buddy Program Deborah Circle W/ELCA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6	12:05pm 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Service Worship & Music
THURSDAY, APRIL 7	6:00pm 7:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, APRIL 8	7:30pm	Club 50
SATURDAY, APRIL 9		

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD / PALM SUNDAY

Pastor Karen Lundwall will preach at the 8:15 and 10:30am worship 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”.

Children’s Church for children in grades 1st – 3rd will gather at 9:30am.

First Holy Communion class will be held at 9:30am.

ReCharge contemporary service begins at 4:00pm with fellowship & dinner; worship at 5:00pm.

Journey to the Cross – Piano Reflections on the Passion of Christ, presented by Cantor Walt Gaber, will be offered at 7:00pm in the main church.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Ministers	8:15am	Jan MacInnes
	10:30am	Lois Smith
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Sharon Burke

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Sarah Prylinski	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Lois Fobes	Bill Grande
Elaine Kern	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Joyce Zwilling	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Bev Held	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Mark Lechner
Rosanne & Roy Strausbaugh	Dave Mumford	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Nancy Downey
Julie, AJ, baby Gigi Chandler	Matt Kinzig	Brent Young	Dave Kinzig
Bob Banks			

Friends and Family:

Cecily & Addison DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	Bobbi MacInnes
Amy Daugherty	Kristen	Larry E.	Kirsten Braley
Bob	Amy Valentine	Jesse McFadden	Abby
John & Naomi Howard	Ed Hokaj	Josie W.	Ray Polasky
Marianella	Linda Grimm	Gayle Rumbaugh	Shelly
Kim Robertson	Edna Pett	Bea Becknell	Shaffer family
Eli Martinez Montero	Aahron	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingraham	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Steven & Ally Soltesz	Paul Spierling	Frank S.	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. S.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Amy
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Dick Lechner
Christian	Jeff F.	Sue Kuhn	Amanda Toms
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Paula and Chet Bixby	Pete Battersby	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Judy Skoog	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Missy & Jeff	Kathy Kisak	Sophia	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Patrick L	Paula Bauda
Marilyn Schultz	Mya	Sidney	Lorraine Pond
Allison & Erick	Bryan & Bev	Judy Oosterkamp	Marianella
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Meghan Kessler	Jennifer Bluey	Rob K.
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Steve & Leah W.	Scott Respecki
Mike & Paula Lombardozzi family	Bonnie Ford	Jim Sturm	Amy & Nate
Eli Martinez Montero	William Lemmon	Rev. Ralph Storm	Kevin
Brendon Sauers & Carol Stinson	Jim Berger	Donnie Schley	

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			