

*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



15 MAY 2022  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Three • 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** – “With High Delight Let Us Unite”

John Leavitt, Jacques Berthier, C. Griffith Bratt

### 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.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

☐ In the waters of baptism,  
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
and we are a new creation.  
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

**C** We thank you, God, for your river of life,  
 flowing freely from your throne:  
 through the earth,  
 through the city,  
 through every living thing.

**L** You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;  
 You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.  
 Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
 and our sin is drowned forever.  
 You open the gate of righteousness  
 and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.  
 You nourish us and enclose us in safety.  
 You call us forth and send us out.  
 In lush and barren places, you are with us.  
 You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water  
 and awaken your church once more.

**C** Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
 Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

**L** To you, our Beginning and our End,  
 our Shepherd and Lamb,  
 be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,  
 now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*The son of a bishop and brother of a Presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, this author was ordained deacon in 1918 and priest in 1920, after having served as a private in an Evacuation Hospital during WWI. He was a rector of Grammer Parish in southern VA, St. John's Church in Georgetown, WA, and John Wesley's parish in Georgia. Several of the hymns which he wrote for "The Hymnal 1940" have been adopted by hymnals of other denominations.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**ELW 452**

**Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death**



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
 3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.




so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
 to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
 one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
 with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
 A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

## GREETING


- ℣ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☩ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ℣ 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE


*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!




1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose  
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength, And  
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And  
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to  
5. For the Lamb who was slain Has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. ... *refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing and glo - ry are his. ... *refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: ... *to verse 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. ... *refrain*  
gun his reign, Al - le - lu - ia! ... *final refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Dignus est Agnus, tr. John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ℣ Let us pray.
- ☩ **O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, 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.”**

*In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God’s intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus’ testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.*

**FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 148 (8:15 am Service) (Sung in alternation.)**



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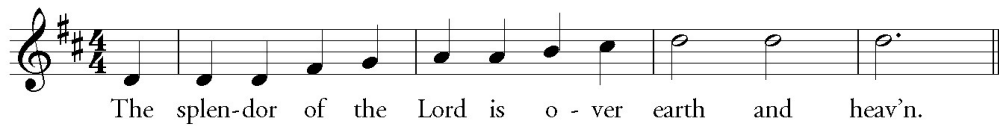
<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD<sup>1</sup> from the heavens;  
praise God<sup>1</sup> in the heights.  
<sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD,<sup>1</sup> all you angels;  
sing praise, all you<sup>1</sup> hosts of heaven.**  
<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD,<sup>1</sup> sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you<sup>1</sup> shining stars.  
<sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heav-<sup>1</sup> en of heavens,  
and you waters a-<sup>1</sup> bove the heavens.**  
<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they<sup>1</sup> were created,  
<sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forev-<sup>1</sup> er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not<sup>1</sup> pass away.**  
<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD<sup>1</sup> from the earth,  
you sea monsters<sup>1</sup> and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail,<sup>1</sup> snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do-<sup>1</sup> ing God’s will;**



<sup>9</sup> mountains | and all hills,  
 fruit trees | and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup> **wild beasts | and all cattle,**  
**creeping things and | flying birds;**  
<sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,  
 princes and all rulers | of the world;  
<sup>12</sup> **young | men and maidens,**  
**old and | young together.**  
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup> **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants,**  
**the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!**

**PSALM: Psalm 148** (10:30 am Service)

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



<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
 praise him in the heights.  
<sup>2</sup> Praise him all you angels of his;  
 praise him all his host.  
<sup>3</sup> Praise him sun and moon;  
 praise him all you shining stars.  
<sup>4</sup> Praise him heaven of heavens,  
 and you waters above the heavens.  
<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
 for he commanded and they were created,  
<sup>6</sup> He made them stand fast forever and ever;  
 he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R**  
<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth,  
 you sea monsters and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and fog,  
 tempestuous wind doing his will;  
<sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills,  
 fruit trees and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup> wild beasts and all cattle,  
 creeping things and winged birds;  
<sup>11</sup> kings of the earth and all peoples,  
 princes and all rulers of the world;  
<sup>12</sup> young men and maidens,  
 old and young together. **R**  
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
 for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup> He has raised up strength for his people, and praise for all his loyal servants,  
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah! **R**

*John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already.  
Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away.  
Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.*

**SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer,  
Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus,  
even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.*

**GOSPEL: John 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Michael Snider

*Please stand as you are able.*

*This hymn text is the work of a Moravian who was ordained a priest of the United Brethren, soon becoming a recognized leader among them. The tune served as the setting for the text from the beginning, but it exists in several earlier variants.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 368**

**With High Delight Let Us Unite**



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in  
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth  
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all  
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now  
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To  
van-quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And  
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to  
yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says  
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.  
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Text: Georg Vetter, 1536–1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976, alt.  
Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune  
Text © 1969 Concordia Publishing House.

*Please be seated.*



## NICENE CREED

**A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

**A** Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us; Presque Isle, Asbury Woods, Erie Bluffs, Frontier Park, and the many other natural parks in our beautiful city of Erie. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer. ▶

**A** Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress. We pray for those who are suffering greatly from the loss of a loved one to suicide. Come with your strength and love to those who are having anxious, dark thoughts of ending their life. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

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

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints, especially Gertrude Blasco, Pauline Fickenworth, Fred Bohn, and Alice Battersby. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

**L** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

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

*Please be seated.*

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

**ANTHEM – "If Ye Love Me" (John 14:15-17) (10:30 am Service)**

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father,  
And he shall give you another,  
That he may bide with you for ever,  
E'en the spirit of truth.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Living God,  
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together  
in your peaceable reign,  
and you welcome us all at your table.  
Reach out to us through this meal,  
and show us your wounded and risen body,  
that we may be nourished and believe  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION PRAYER

- ☐ 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.

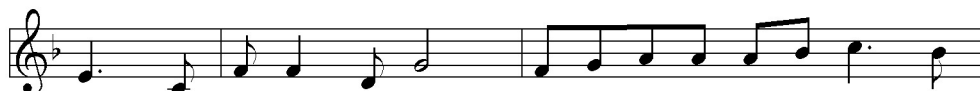
## AGNUS DEI



☑ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ The risen Christ dwells with us here.  
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

☑ 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.*

## SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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

## COMMUNION

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

*Please come forward by the center aisle and maintain appropriate physical distancing. Receive the bread from the 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.*

*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.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** – "Improvisation (Élévation) from Suite Médiévale"  
Bill Lasher, organist

Jean Langlais

*The origin of this Latin antiphon is uncertain but is believed to date back to Charlemagne or possibly earlier. For many years before Vatican II, it was the appointed hymn during the washing of the feet on Maundy Thursday's communion service.*

**HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION** (10:30 am Service)

**ELW 359**

### Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,





brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.  
 Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842  
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*Please stand as you are able.*

**BLESSING**

**D** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** We give you thanks, generous God,  
 for in this bread and cup  
 we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
 where hunger and thirst are no more.  
 Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
 that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**C** Amen.

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

**BLESSING**

**L** God, the Author of life,  
 Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
 and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
 ☩ bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen!

*The wonder and delight of this holy day is always something to sing about. A spritely sixteenth-century Italian dance tune beckons us to sing the story of our salvation and join in dancing with all creation in praising the triumph of life over death. Fasting turns to feasting, water from Jesus' side makes new saints at the font, and sunlight breaks through the night. As participants in the paschal mystery of Christ's suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension, we sing again and again: Alleluia!*

**SENDING HYMN**

**Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded**

**ACS 933**



1 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel  
 2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ  
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ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -  
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to

pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;  
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;

sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the  
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of

stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in  
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor

wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939  
Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622  
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## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A** Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE – "Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded" Johannes Matthias Michel

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PREACHING* – Michael Snider  
*GREETERS* – Vicky Blasco, Jean McMillin (8:15 am)  
Pat Bellingham, Sally & Phil McAfee (10:30 am)  
*ACOLYTES* – Marshall & Mitchell Boyd (10:30 am)  
*ASSISTING MINISTERS* – Rob Benacci (8:15 am)  
Liz Stroup (10:30 am)  
*LAY DISTRIBUTORS* – Roberta Lobaugh (8:15 am)  
Ann Flick (10:30 am)  
*LECTOR* – Jane Moran (10:30 am)  
*ORGAN VOLUNTARY* – Bill Lasher (10:30 am)  
*ALTAR GUILD* – Cathie Dugan (8:15 am)  
Martha & Tom Klomp (10:30 am)

**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our moms, Gertrude Blasco and Pauline Fickenworth, by Vicky and Dion Blasco.

**Front altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Fred and in memory and recognition of Alice Battersby's birthday by Marilyn Bohn.

**We would like to recognize** our high school and college graduates. Please contact Norma in our church office by phone, 454-0106, ext. 221, or email, [nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org), by Monday, May 23 with the following:

For our high school graduates, please share:

1. Name
2. High school they are graduating from
3. Future plans, college, service, etc.

For our college graduates, please share:

1. Name
2. College they are graduating from
3. Degree

### **Welcome to our Visitors!**

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

### **Today's Events**

**Homemade soup** is available for purchase this morning. Stop by the table in the parlor area and pick up your lunch; mmm, delicious!

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

### **Worship**

**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.

**The Prelude** brings us together for the beginning of our worship service each Sunday morning. Our worship time together concludes when the Postlude is complete. We ask that the chancel area remain unoccupied during these times of music as live video streaming continues through the entire worship service. Thank you.

### **Christian Education**

**Children's Church classes** are held Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. Our final Children's Church will be held on May 22; classes will resume in September. Our class schedule is as follows:

- LYO – third Sunday of the month (May 15)
- Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (May 22)

### **Opportunities for Fellowship**

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. Lift your spirits, add some beautiful spring colors to your projects and join us on May 24. 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

**Delicious fundraisers** keep popping up 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 see what's new. Dips from Gourmet Creations and Cookie Cards from Ye Ole Sweet Shoppe are still available.

## Prayer Requests

The Prayer Partners group of Luther Memorial Church, consisting of 13 members, has been faithfully praying for many people for several years. The prayer list consistently has 100+ names on it and this is becoming cumbersome for the bulletin. We understand that it is difficult at times to remove a name off the list, resulting in some names being on the list for as long as 5 years. We don't want to remove their names, unless you inform us. So starting in May we will be splitting the list to a **LONG TERM** list (people who have been on for more than 1 year) and a **SHORT TERM** list (1 year or less). If someone on the short term list needs to be on indefinitely, i.e. for cancer treatment, please let Linda Graffius or Norma (in the church office) know.

- The short term list will be in the bulletin each Sunday;
- The long term list will be available at the welcome table on Sunday mornings;
- If you would like the long term list emailed, please contact Norma;
- The long term list will also be printed in the newsletter quarterly;
- Our military men and women will be listed on the long term list.

We will no longer be emailing or calling for updates as this has become difficult to do with so many people on our list. Therefore, if you have someone on the list and a change needs to be made, **you** need to contact Linda or Norma by email or by phone during our work hours.

We will continue to have the Private List option available. The names on this list are only available to the prayer group and Norma. The Grief list will continue to be in the bulletin each week.

We will closely monitor this for several months to determine if it is working. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Linda or Norma. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

## Stay Healthy

**A Matter of Balance** is a program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels and will be offered at Luther Memorial on Fridays from 10:00am – 12:00 noon from June 3 – July 29. There will not be a class held on July 1. This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Registration is due by Sunday, May 29 by contacting Linda Graffius at [lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org) or 454-0106, ext. 229. The class is free; all materials will be provided. Flyers are located at the Welcome Table.

## Outreach Opportunity

**Bethany Outreach Center** could use some extra help on Wednesdays. We are in-process of creating a team of 3-9 volunteers to handle the jobs described below. Then we will create a schedule for which team members will serve each week, based upon their availability.

The 3 weekly jobs for which we need volunteers are described below:

1. Food Pickup, Delivery, and Food Distribution Setup (7:45-9:30am)
2. Clothes Closet and Food Pantry Setup (8:00-9:30am)
3. Clothes Closet and Food Pantry Takedown (10:30-11:30am)

Notes: Each of these volunteers need to be able to handle steps and lifting while carrying items such as tables, boxes or bags of food, and bins of clothes. For Job #1 your vehicle must be able to hold 2-3 medium size bins, such as a SUV or car with a large trunk.

If you are interested, please contact Eric Hedlund via email at [eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org](mailto:eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org) or by phone at 814-722-7732. He will provide you with a detailed description of each of the jobs and if you wish to be on the team, he will take your information and put you in the schedule for the job and date(s) you wish. As dates are filled in Eric will distribute the updated schedule to all team members via email.



### **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](http://www.ldr.org) or call 800-638-3522
- Lutheran World Relief at [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service at [www.lirs.org](http://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.

### **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.

### **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.

