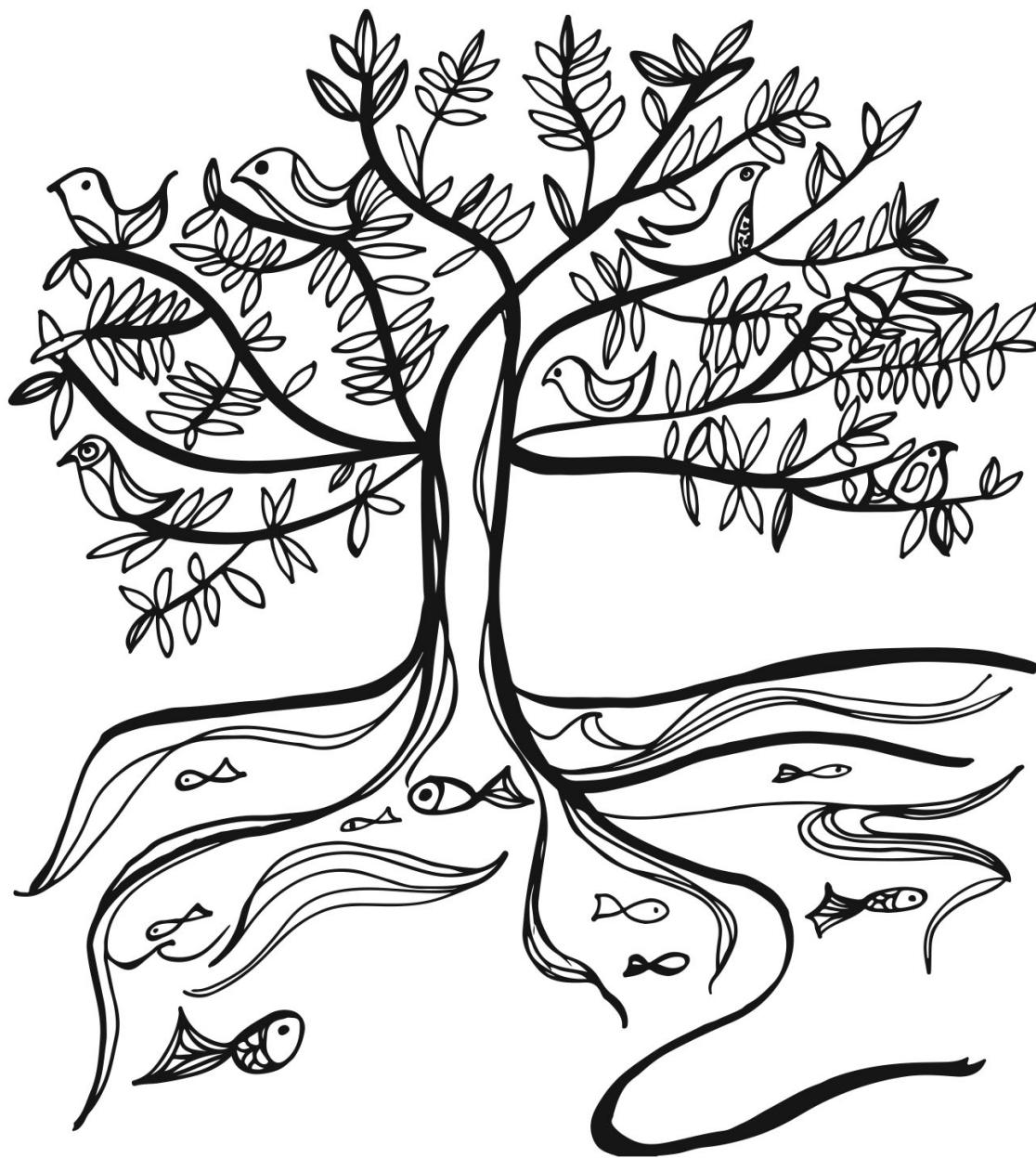


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church



18 MAY 2025
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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WELCOME!

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

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

~ **You don't need to disconnect here!** You don't need to turn off your phone, but please place it in silent mode. Feel free to take pictures—of our building, of worship, but ask permission for any people-pictures. We ask that you not use flash during this worship service. Post your favorite quote from the sermon or verse from a hymn...just be sure to check in and let your friends know where you are!

~ We welcome all of God's children **no matter your age**. Wiggles, dancing, and singing welcome! Together we raise a joyful noise. If you would like a children's bulletin, a soft toy, or a book, they're near the ramp door (out the doors next to the pulpit on the long Welcome Table).

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

PRELUDE – "Kremser"

F. Peters

Please rise in body or spirit and face the font at the Crossing.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

ONE: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 376

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of the Risen Christ, the love of our ever-living God,
and the fellowship of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

Refrain
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new.

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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.

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:9-18

⁹ “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ You shall not strip your vineyard bare or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. ¹¹ You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹² And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. ¹³ You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. ¹⁴ You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. ¹⁵ You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord. ¹⁷ You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24:1-6 (*Sung responsively.*)



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¹The earth is the Lord's and all | that is in it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

²**For the Lord has founded it up- | on the seas
and established it up- | on the rivers.**

³Who may ascend the mountain | of the Lord,
and who may stand in God's | holy place?

⁴**Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is false.**

⁵They shall receive blessing | from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.

⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O Lord,
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

¹Then 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them; they will be God's peoples, and that very God will be with them and be their God; ⁴God 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." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new," and also said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then the one seated on the throne 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."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son-of-Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in God's own self and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴"I give you a new commandment, that you love one

another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By 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 at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 1038

God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



Text: David Lohman, b. 1961
Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman
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NICENE CREED

Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith of the Church:

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†,
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.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the abiding love of Jesus, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

Let us pray for the Church. Fill us with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our work in your name, particularly for those who are marginalized, ostracized, and estranged from your people. Be with our Episcopal siblings and their Migrant Ministries as they seek to do your justice. Come among us in the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod as we prepare to elect a bishop. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for all who minister at your altars, Holy One, in particular Leo, Bishop of Rome. Bless him with vision and grace. May he be a missionary in your name and a righteous shepherd among your flock. May he guide our Roman Catholic siblings into your future. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for creation. Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for the nations. Give your heart to all the leaders of the world that they may protect the most vulnerable among us. Support all those who run for public office. Grant us your everlasting peace, in particular those places where bombs sound the lullaby: Ukraine, Palestine, Russia, Israel, Haiti, Sudan, and so many other places around the world. Guide those who work for economic justice for all. Preserve migrants, refugees, and all who seek asylum from fear and danger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for those in need. Be with all those who work among the hurting and the helpless. Give them strength to share your care and compassion with those they serve. Be present for those who yearn for your wholeness, all those who cry out to you in their need, and all who find themselves in the depths of sorrow, grief, or illness. In particular, we pray for those whose names and needs we lift up now: _____. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us give thanks for those who have gone before us in the hope of rising again. We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love especially Erik, Helena, Nicolaus, Gertrude, Pauline, Fred and Alice. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED



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

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

OFFERING HYMN

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

1 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
ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

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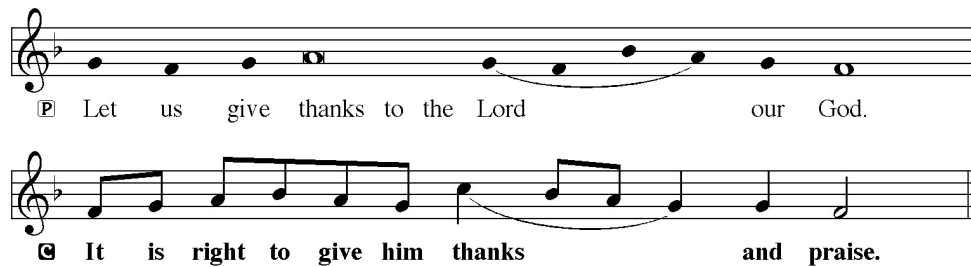
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
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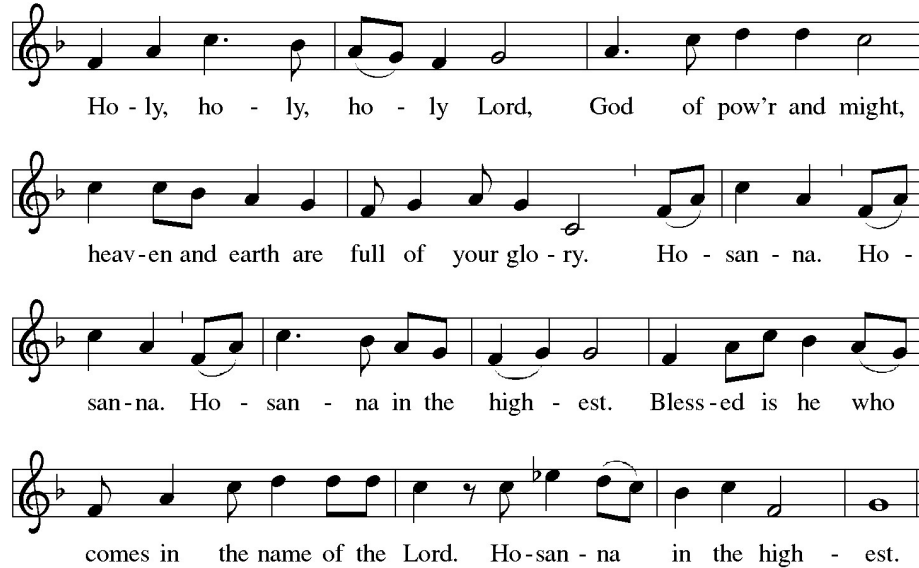
☐ The Lord be with you. ☐ And al - so with you.
☐ Lift up your hearts. ☐ We lift them to the Lord.



THE PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

*In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

Amen!

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

Amen.

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread,

as once you were known to your disciples.

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

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

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

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.

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 Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842
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A New Commandment

A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth - er as

I have loved you, that you love one an - oth - er as I have loved you.

By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if

you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo - ple know

you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

Text: John 13:34-35
 Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION HYMN

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

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

ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to

danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;

sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of

fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor

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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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION *if needed*

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

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

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen!

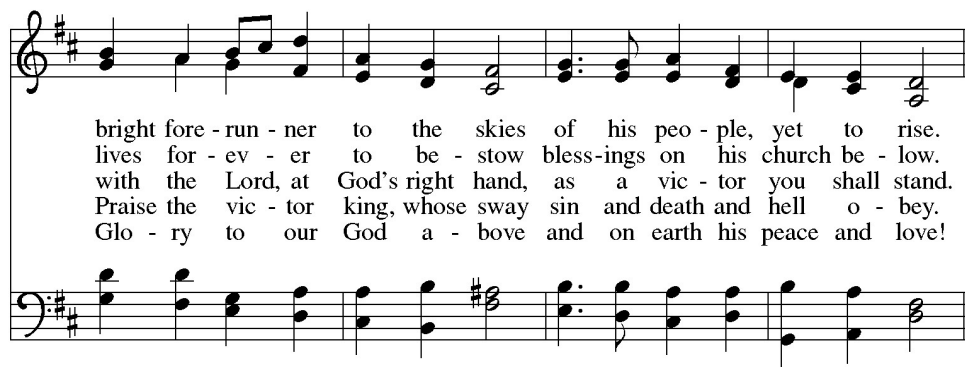
SENDING HYMN

ELW 380

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn-ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran-somed of the earth.
5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.

from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE – "Grand Plein Jeu"

L. N. Clerambault

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Kate Martin

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

LECTOR – Pat Bellingham

USHERS – Carl Moore, Betty Pletz

ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

VIDEO STREAMING – John Bartlett



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 loving memory of our mom, Alice Battersby, by her children; Dawn, Pete, J. R. and Pam; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Fred by his wife, Marilyn Bohn.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Kaitlin Weber who died Saturday, May 3, 2025. Our prayers are with her parents, Susan and Mike, and sisters; Sara Kallner, Emily LaCour, Mary Weber and Elizabeth Weber.

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, by Friday, May 30 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

Today's Events

Sunday School for PreKdgs. – Grade 5 will be held this morning at 9:30. This will be our last class until we meet again in September.

Refreshments will be provided in the parlor following the 10:30am service this morning. Thank you to our Deborah Circle for providing this time of fellowship.

Get your car washed this morning following services; 9:30 and 11:30am. Just pull around to the 11th Street entrance and our youth will get rid of that winter dirt and grime. A car wash will also be held Sunday, June 1.

Worship Matters!

† **In celebration** of the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, and in deference to *The Lutheran-Orthodox Joint Statement on the Filioque*, we will not be including "...and the Son" at the appropriate point of the recitation of the Creed.

A Healing Service will be held next week during both services. Our worship next week, informed by the gospel text we will be reading—as well as the various needs in our congregation, our community, and the world—will be slightly different. Set within the service, just after the homily and where we usually share in the Hymn of the Day, the Creed, and the Prayers of Intercession, we will have a time of individual prayer and song with the opportunity for the laying of hands for healing prayer. You are invited to come on behalf of yourself, come on behalf of a loved one, come on behalf of the wounds of the world. Whoever you are and for whatever reason you come, come to the Wellspring and receive reminders of God's wholeness—God's shalom, salaam, salem, God's peace—for you.

Why do we include the Announcements in worship? It sometimes seems redundant that we have all these announcements in the bulletin and then we lift certain ones up in worship aloud as well. Are all these announcements really part of worship? YES! We include announcements in worship precisely for the same reason that we sing a song to gather us together, or we share readings from Scripture, or we eat the Meal together...the Announcements are a reminder that what we receive here—God shared in Water, Word, Wine, and Wheat—is not meant to be kept here. We receive from God here but we are also sent out from here to live our faith, to share the Good News we receive here, and to offer comfort in a weary and wounded world. Just *some* of the ways we do that as a congregation is included here in the Announcements. So, we include Announcements in worship. And we remember that through these opportunities for fellowship, formation, and service we are sharing the Good News that we first received here in worship together. And thanks be to God for that!

Faith Formation

B.A.D. (Bible After Dark) will gather again on June 4 at Calamari's at 6:30pm and continue to meet the first Wednesday of each month. Join together with Lutherans from around Erie as we discuss the book *Context* by Josh Scott. Copies of the book may be purchased from the church office for \$12. Feel free to purchase an adult beverage as we chat.

Opportunities for Fellowship

OWLS will welcome Kasey McGregor from the Chosen Mission Project in Millcreek on Wednesday, May 21. Kasey will offer a presentation on the history of the Chosen Mission Project and how this ministry has grown. Join us at 11:30am; lunch will be served following the presentation. Donations will be accepted to help support the Chosen Mission Project. RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, this morning.

OWLS will have a summer picnic on Wednesday, June 18 under our beautiful magnolia tree on the west side of the church. If weather doesn't cooperate we'll gather in the parlor. Join us from 11:00am – 1:00pm for hotdogs, hamburgers and maybe a good old fashioned root beer float. Please bring a dish to share and even some yard games. RSVP to Jan MacInnes by Wednesday, June 11.

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Your cares will be left behind after a morning of laughter and conversation with the Magic Fingers Grace Group. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am– 12:00 noon; May 27. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

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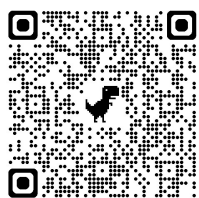
Flea Markets will be held in our parking area (rain or shine) the third Saturday of the month and continue through September 20. Set-up begins at 8:00am with shopping held from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Cost of a parking space is \$10 so load your car with unwanted treasures and come on down to park and sell. Our next Flea Market is scheduled for June 21. Please see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski for more information.

LIA, Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, June 10 from 5:30-7:00pm as they continue completing service projects. All youth in grades 5-12 are encouraged to join in.

LMA News

As we prepare for our celebrations of the 50th Academic Year of LMA, we would like to place a cross in each of our classrooms. If you would like to sponsor a cross, you may do so in memory of someone who has died or in honor of someone/something living. A small plaque will be placed for each cross donated. Each cross is \$30. Checks may be made payable to Luther Memorial with "LMA Crosses" in the memo line. Collections will be taken through July 15, 2025. We only need 11 crosses, so the first 11 donors will be honored. Thank you!

Erie Lutheran Conference



The Erie Lutheran Conference—17 congregations in Erie County—is looking toward the future of ministry in our area. Serving in our conference are only four full-time equivalent pastors. And of the 17 congregations, only 3 have a full time pastor (the other FTE pastor is shared between two congregations). In 5-10, the number of full time pastors (not retired) will very likely be only 2. This is not a reason to fear or fret but a reason to open our hearts, minds, eyes, and ears to the various ways that God is calling us into the future! The Church of Jesus will stand the tests of time...whether it looks like it does today or not is only known to Jesus. As part of this planning and

dreaming, folks have gotten together as a taskforce to consider models of collaborative ministry in our area. But this is not work just for a few people sometimes, but work that we are all called to do in God's future. In our planning and dreaming, we are looking toward what ministry looks like years down the road. As part of this dreaming and planning, YOU are invited to fill out a survey to assess the positions, feelings, hopes, and dreams of the Lutherans in Erie County. To take the survey, you can follow the QR Code, or <https://forms.gle/g6dePVPtP6sbomLw7> or you can pick up a paper copy in the church office.

Items to Note

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

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Marilyn Bohn & family
Pat Gilbert

Ed Hokaj
Lois Fobes

Rose-Marie Rose
Bea Leemhuis

Mary Daniels

Friends and Family:

Mary Beth & Mary Kelly
Nicholas Nasibyan
Carol Steffey & Marissa
Wyatt Culbertson

Laura L
Gwen Smith
Janine Frank
Henderson family

Mary Lou
Andrew Wachter
Sandy M.
Justin

Shelby
Sullivan
Ron Lester
Beth Sedelmyer

Grief:

Sharon Rositer (McGhee) family

Dee Lasher family

Kaitlin Weber family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson
Ben Dixon

Michael Stickner
Lt. Col. Mark Collins

Andrew Watson
Christopher Rose

Alli Brown

Readings and Commemoration This Week

May 18 – Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, 1160 – Micah 6:6-8; Psalm 9:1-10; I Corinthians 1:26-31; Mark 8:34-38 -- *Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.*

May 19 – Psalm 133; I Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42; Acts 11:19-26

May 20 – Psalm 133; II Samuel 1:4-27; Acts 11:27-30

May 21 – Helena, mother of Constantine, 330 – I Timothy 3:14-16; Psalm 111; Luke 23:50-55 -- *Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.*

May 22 – Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:1-5; Acts 15:36-41

May 23 – Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:6-8; Acts 16:1-8

May 25 – Nicolaus Copernicus, 1543, Leonard Euler, 1783, scientists – Job 9:2a-10; Psalm 8; Philippians 4:8-9; Matthew 13:44-52 -- *These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.*



C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, MAY 19	6:00pm	PTL
TUESDAY, MAY 20	3:15pm 6:00pm	School Board Music Rehearsal (Ascension Service)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21	11:30am	OWLS
THURSDAY, MAY 22	5:30pm 6:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, MAY 23		
SATURDAY, MAY 24		

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025 THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER HEALING SERVICE

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

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Linda Swanson
Communion Assistants (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector	10:30am	Mary Mumford
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Christy Adams
Counters	10:30am	Nick Lang, Jonathan Ulrich
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Carl Moore