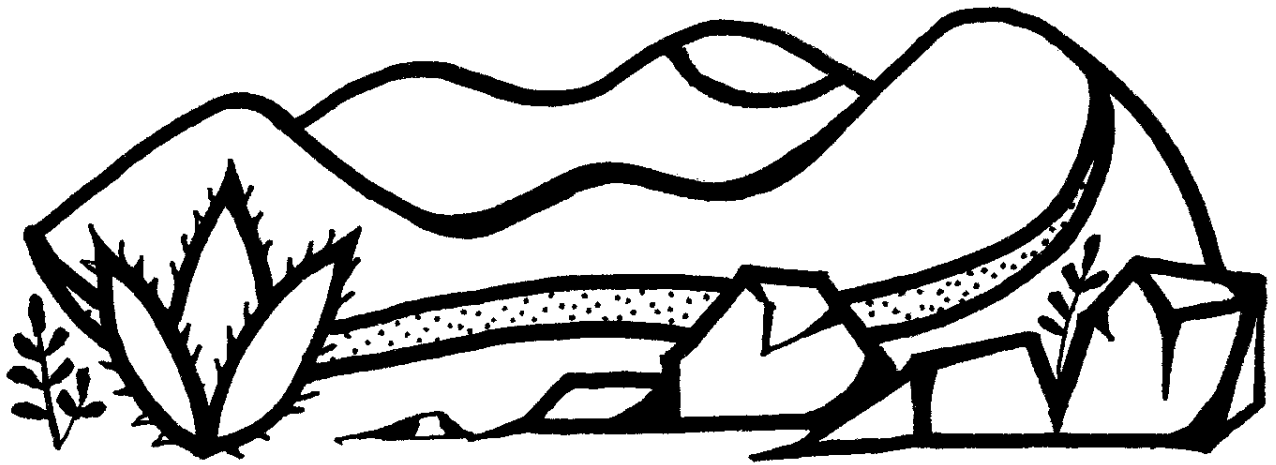


WELCOME TO
**LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & ACADEMY**



3 MAY 2026
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

+ Everything you need to follow along in worship is included in this bulletin. You are invited to stand and sit—as you are able—as indicated herein.

+ If you have a need to **children**'s bulletins, coloring pages, crayons, or other supplies they are available on the Welcome Table. You can proceed out the door next to the pulpit and find the Welcome Table near the door.

- Children are always welcome in worship and together we make a joyful noise! However, if you have need, a staffed nursery is available down the stairs across from the Welcome Table.

+ An all-gender and accessible **restroom** is available out the door next to the pulpit, up the ramp, and to the right. Follow signs for "Handicap Bathroom." Other restrooms are available down the hallway next to Faith Chapel across from the parlor.

+ You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshipping around you and turn your phones and devices to silent. Feel free to take pictures of our beautiful sanctuary or post about the sermon. However, we ask that you ask permission before taking any people pictures.

+ We welcome all to worship and to the Table trusting that it is the Holy Spirit that draws us all together. If you would like information about joining the congregation or receiving the Sacraments of the Church, be sure to talk to Pastor Jay after worship (you can usually find him next to the pulpit after the service).

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE – "Afton Water"

A. D. Miller

TEMPLE TALK

The Organ Committee

Please rise in body or spirit.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Alleluia! Amen!

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

You guide us to springs of the water of life. Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

You guide us to springs of the water of life. Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

You guide us to springs of the water of life. Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has

tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the

 an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

 here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
 Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our risen savior Jesus Christ, the love of our ever-living God, and the communion of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

The refrain is sung by all.

High Voices: vv. 1 and 3-4

Low Voices: vv. 2 and 5

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*



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.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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.

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

PRAYER OVER THE LETTERS

O God of Abundance and Grace, we give thanks for the resources you have entrusted to us in this world. **As we follow your invitation to use our voices to witness to your vision of a world without hunger, we ask that you will use our offering in these letters. May they be a clear and bold call for justice and peace our world.**

May our elected leaders do what they can to make ending hunger a priority, particularly for children near and far.

We trust that you will multiply this offering and that your abundance will continue to burst forth in all the world. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray: Bless, O Lord, your servant Cathy as she reads to us the holy word. May our hearts burn within us as you open to us the scriptures, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 4:10-18

¹⁰Hear, my child, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. ¹¹I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. ¹²When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. ¹³Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. ¹⁴Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evildoers. ¹⁵Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. ¹⁶For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. ¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. ¹⁸But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: 119:9-32

tune: Puer Nobis

By what means but your word, O Lord, shall youthful people cleanse their way?
Before all else, my heart desires your statutes; let me never stray.

Because I seek to do your will, your promise is my heart's delight;
blessed are you, O Lord, my God, instruct me, as your laws are right.

Be on my lips, let me recite the judgments of your mouth, O Lord;
better than wealth are your decrees; I take delight in all your word.

Both day and night I will reflect on your commandments for my part;
beloved are your statutes, Lord, and I will keep them in my heart.

SECOND READING: I Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

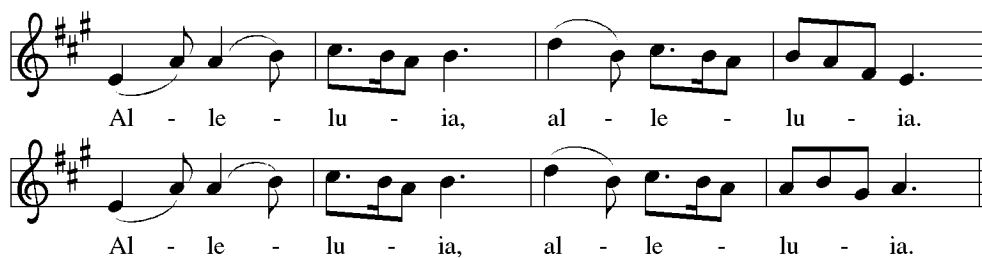
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Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All sing the Alleluia. The choir sings the verse after which all repeat the Alleluia.



I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{14:1}“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many abodes. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father

is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

Christ, You Are the Savior

1. Christ, you are the Sav-ior, the Way to the Fa-ther, the
 2. With out-cast and sin-ner you sat down to din-ner; you
 3. O Lord, all a-round us, your mer-cies a-stound us as
 Truth we de-pend on, the Life that we need. We trust you, be-
 healed the Sa-mar-i-tans, Gen-tiles, too. The poor knew your
 oth-ers dis-cov-er the way you re-veal. A man whis-pers,
 liev-ing! We lis-ten, re-ceive-ing the joy of the gos-pel by
 car-ing—the rich, your de-clar-ing that God wel-comes eve-ry-one,
 "Help me!" A wom-an cries, "Mer-cy!" A doubt-er dis-cov-ers your
 which we are freed. Yet, Lord, you re-mind us: through mer-cy you
 not just a few. A con-quer-ing na-tion brought harsh oc-cu-
 wel-come is real. O Way to the Fa-ther, your mer-cy is
 find us, by grace you for-give us. The way home is yours! We
 -pa-tion. A sol-dier came ask-ing; you of-fered a hand. A
 broad-er than we as your peo-ple have of-ten pro-claimed. May
 dare not judge oth-ers, our sis-ters and broth-ers whom
 thief saw your pow-er in his fi-nal ho-ur; you
 we wel-come oth-ers as sis-ters and broth-ers, and
 you choose to wel-come through love's o-pen doors.
 wel-come him home to God's heav-en-ly home.
 treas-ure the life that we share in your name.

Accompaniment: *The Faith We Sing*, no. 2008
 Higher Key: *The United Methodist Hymnal*, no. 664

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2014
 MUSIC: Trad. Welsh melody

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THE NICENE-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN 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 whom 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.**

The congregation kneels, sits, or stands as is customary for the:

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of grace and growth, we give you thanks for Luther Memorial Academy and our fifty years of ministry with the children in our care. Continue to guide us by your hand into the future you have in store. Through our learning and playing and growing together may your love grow in our community. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for Helen, Monica, Julian, Nicolaus, and all the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.

THE PEACE

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

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING



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.

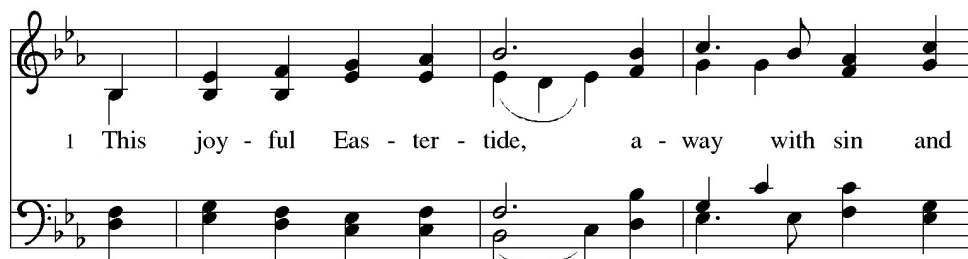
MUSICAL OFFERING – "The Call"

R. V. Williams

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW 391



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and

sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has

sprung to life this mor - - row.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our

faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
 Music: Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. hymnal version

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Ⓜ The Lord be with you. Ⓜ And al - so with you.

Ⓜ Lift up your hearts. Ⓜ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓜ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Ⓜ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.

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

Alleluia! Christ our paschal lamb has been sacrificed for us!

Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

For those communing at home: take, eat, drink: the Body and Blood of Christ for you.

Please be seated.

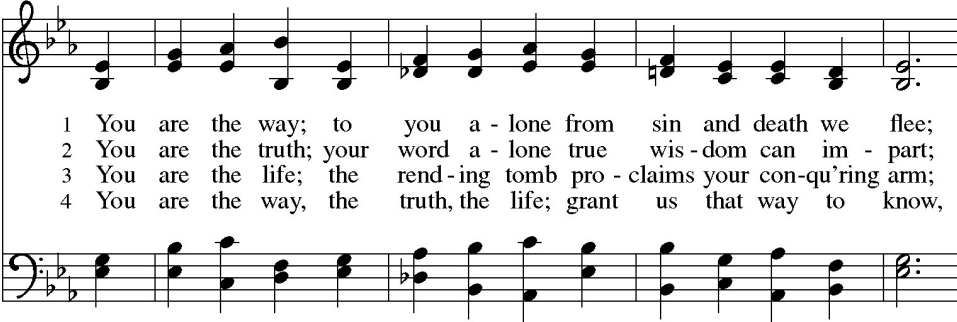
THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ 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. Receive the bread in your open palm. All bread is gluten free. Proceeding to either communion assistant, hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. Non-alcoholized grape juice is in the pre-filled cups. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the bowls. 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. If you need communion brought to you, please let a neighbor know to inform the Pastor.*

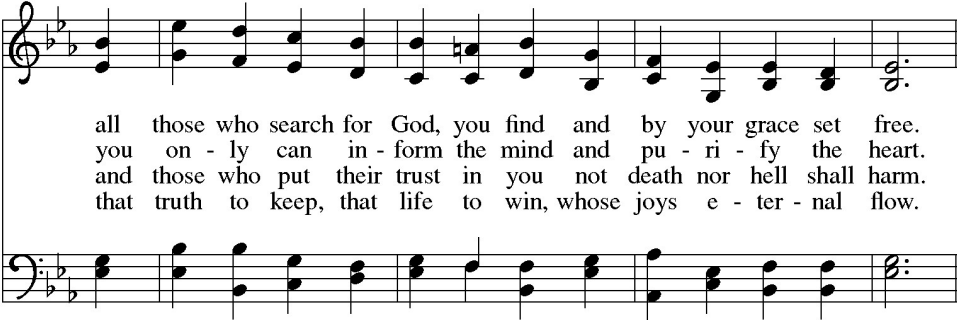
HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 758

You Are the Way



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,

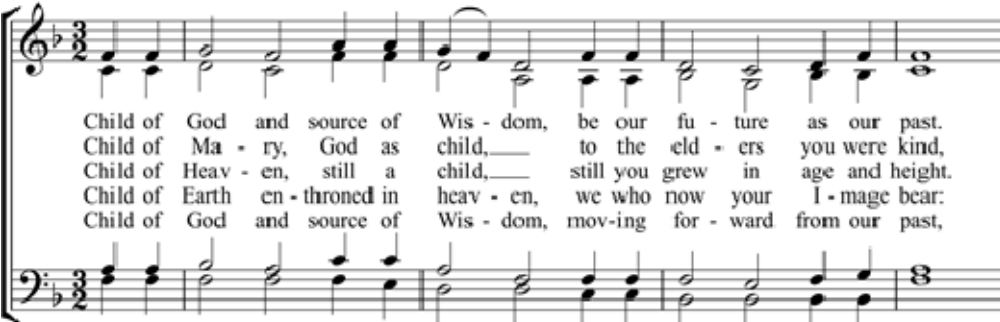


all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

CHILD OF GOD AND SOURCE OF WISDOM LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY ANNIVERSARY HYMN

In celebration of our Golden Anniversary Year, this hymn text was written by The Rev. Jay C. Mitchell based on Luke 2:52, Psalm 90:12, Psalm 36:9. The hymn weaves the story of the boy Jesus in the Temple with our own learning today, seeing Jesus as the source of Wisdom.



Child of God and source of Wis - dom, be our fu - ture as our past.
Child of Ma - ry, God as child, to the eld - ers you were kind,
Child of Heav - en, still a child, still you grew in age and height.
Child of Earth en - throned in heav - en, we who now your I - mage bear:
Child of God and source of Wis - dom, mov - ing for - ward from our past,

O - pen to us worlds of know - ing, fill our minds with vi - sions vast.
 still you taught them all they need - ed, through your teach - ing op' - ning minds.
 E - ven like us, with all Wis - dom, sought to share with us God's light.
 hold us, help us, list - en to us, we who lift to you our prayer.
 you walk with us, help - ing, teach - ing, in - to fu - tures blest and vast.

You come to us, young and hum - ble, from your heart cre - a - tion flows,
 Child of Naz' - reth, stu - dent, rab - bi, in your words we hear... God speak,
 For us, in us, by us, through us, may we al - so God's light share,
 As you've guid - ed gen - er - a - tions, learn - ing, grow - ing, shaped by you,
 In our learn - ing, in our grow - ing, in our play - ing, in your plan,

be a - mong us, in our play - ing, that through you our know - ledge grows.
 "I have come to love the out - cast, home - less, hun - gry, sick, and weak."
 that for neigh - bors, friends, and fam - i - ly, we for love may be pre - pared.
 so now guide us, by your Spir - it, as you've made us, keep us true.
 keep us ev - er as your child - ren, 'til be - fore you we shall stand.

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our

faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

Please be seated.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

...now and forever.
Amen.

Making Their Way

1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
 2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
 3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney

heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,

Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,
 learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,

the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, 1906–2003

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE – "Simple Gifts"

J. W. Kerr

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Luther Memorial Church and Academy are located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people. These lands were ceded by the people of the Six Nations on October 22, 1784 in a treaty ratified by the United States Government in 1785 and never ratified by the people of the Six Nations. We gather in this place indebted to these peoples for their forced generosity. While some peoples were successful in resisting assimilation and genocide, and still live on dwindled homelands now, many were absorbed into other peoples, exiled, or annihilated by the United States government for their land. For those who remain and for the land on which we gather, we give thanks to the Creator and to those who have been custodians of this part of Turtle Island since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

— **SERVING TODAY** —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Linda Swanson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Linda Graffius

LECTOR – Cathy Beck

USHER – Carl Moore, Jeff Swanson

ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

VIDEO STREAMING – Gina Snider



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my mother, Helen Roth, by her daughter, Donna Sedelmyer.

Today's Events

Many thanks to the 30 of you who wrote letters to Rep. Mike Kelly, encouraging him to restore and strengthen nutrition programs that help families put food on the table. We will offer them to God at the end of worship today. They will be delivered in person to Rep. Kelly's Erie office in the near future.

Smile! for your picture. With your help our church directory will soon be updated. All you need to do is stop in and have your picture taken. Pictures will be taken every Sunday in May (May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31) from 9:15 – 10:15am and 11:30am – 12:00 noon on the 5th floor. No appointment necessary; just stop up to the 5th floor and say “cheese”. If you not able to come to the church to have your picture taken or prefer to submit a favorite photograph, please email the picture as an attachment to nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org. Please include each person's name listed left to right by row as shown in your photograph. Thank you.

Worship

Rachel's Day is an opportunity to lift up all of our youth who are threatened by the “Herods” of today; sex trafficking, gun violence, war, bullying, suicide. Rachel's Day and anti-violence work are not about fixing others but recognizing that children need to know that adults care. A Litany of Prayer and candle lighting service will be presided over by Bishop Kristen Papson, ELCA Bishop of the NWPA Synod. Prayer Stations will be available throughout the church building from 6:00pm- 8:00pm.

Rachel's Day is a day of remembering the young lives lost, and it should also be a time to recommit to children everywhere. It is important to celebrate as well as mourn. It is in celebrating that the faith community is stirred to hope and can envision a better future.

ALL faiths and denominations are welcome to join Women of the ELCA for this event on **Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30pm**. A light reception will be offered at the conclusion of the service.

Luther will be hosting the Erie Lutheran Conference congregations for the **Ascension of Our Lord** worship service on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00pm. The Rt. Rev. Kristen Papson, IV Bishop of the NWPA Synod, will be preaching. There will be a reception to follow. God has gone up with a shout! The Lord with the sound of the trumpet! Alleluia! See you there!

Luther Memorial Concert and Cultural Series

Millcreek Community Band will offer a program at Luther Memorial on Monday, May 4 at 7:00pm. From its roots as a clown/comic parade band, the Millcreek Area Community Band has grown into an ensemble of approximately 45 members that performs a wide variety of wind ensemble, concert band and symphonic band repertoire. Please join us for what is sure to be an evening of musical entertainment.

Join us Sunday, May 24 at 2:30pm as we welcome Assistant Grand Court Organist, Dylan David Shaw to Luther Memorial. Dylan is Parish Organist at Zion Lutheran Church in Bristol, PA and has served for nearly 11 years as Assistant Organist at the former Macy's Philadelphia, Wanamaker Grand Court with Peter Richard Conte. In addition to his duties at the Grand Court, Dylan is an Associate Organist at Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, New Jersey, home to the Largest Musical Instrument in the World.

Faith Formation

Bible After Dark (BAD) meets on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row (1317 State St.) for a time of conversation and fellowship. **YOU** are invited to join us on Tuesday, June 2. BAD will not meet on Tuesday, May 5; we invite you to attend the Rachel's Day worship service. We will begin exploring *Belonging*, a study of the Woman at the Well by Karoline Lewis (you may have met her!). Books are available for purchase through the church office for \$15.

Brown Bag Bible (B³) gathers on Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. You bring a lunch, Pastor Jay brings something to talk about. B³ will meet each Thursday in May with a study on the book of Revelation.

Four workshops for confirmation students, 7th grade through 9th grade, will be offered throughout the year on the 2nd Sunday (in odd months: **November 9, January 11, 2025 and March 8, May 10, 2026**) after the 10:30am worship service. In order to successfully complete confirmation classes, each confirmand must attend all four. However, the *same four* will be offered every year in slightly different orders to allow for flexibility in attending all four. There will also be a worship leadership and a biblical literacy component that will need to be completed along with the usual service hours. Finally, ConfirCamp is strongly recommended for *at least* one year between the end of 7th and beginning of 10th grade. Confirmation will still be held in the autumn of 10th grade to each confirmand.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Second Sunday Socials will be held Sunday, May 10 at 9:15 in the parlor. Join us for conversation and some sweets. Please contact the church office if you would like to host this time of fellowship.

L.I.A., Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, May 12 from 5:30-7:00pm for planning of our upcoming service projects and some very creative ideas. All youth in grades 5-12 and their families meet the second Tuesday of each month; join us.

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Enjoy a relaxing morning with friends at the Magic Fingers Grace Group as you knit your cares away sprinkled with some laughter. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Our May gatherings will be the 12th and 26th from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will welcome Master Gardner Mary Hetrick on Wednesday, May 20. Mary will share some brilliant ideas to bring patriotism into your gardening. Come and discover patriotic container gardening and be ready to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the U. S. A. Lunch will be provided. Please join us May 20 at 11:00am. RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, or the church office.

CampBlast will be held at Camp Lutherlyn, Butler, Pa, on Saturday, May 9 from 11:00am – 4:30pm. Rain or shine, this is a day of fun for the entire family; archery, gaga ball, zipline, crafts, hiking, hay rides, kayaking, and so much more. The entire day is free. What a wonderful way to spend your day!

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.

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

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Betsy Brumagin	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	David Leemhuis
Diane Parsons	Judy Karney	Karen Zamperini	Mark Zamperini
Donna Sedelmyer	Kate Martin	Sutton Rowland	
Friends and Family:			
Mary Beth & Nancy, Kelly	Gail Lesuer	Linda F.	Kris
Archer Bardwell; age 3	Brooks Davis	Sharon Swick	Peggy S.
Erin N.	Carl Larese	Shirley	Brynlee
Kevin Soles & family	Jenny	Caroline Daniels	Valerie
Adam & Connie Ogle	Katja & family	Peter Maker	
Grief:			
Braendel family	Joann Perry family		
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	Justin Gajewski

Readings and Commemorations This Week.

May 4 – Monica, mother of Augustine, 387 – Psalm 102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40 -- *Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.*

May 5 – Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56

May 6 – Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:13-18; John 8:31-38

May 7 – Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12

May 8 – Julian of Norwich, mystic, 1416 – Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38 -- *When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.*

May 9 – Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, 1760 – Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 8:13-19; John 14:27-29 -- *When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.*

CALENDAR

MONDAY, MAY 4	11:40am 7:00pm	Pizza with the Principal and Pastor Community Band Presentation
TUESDAY, MAY 5	10:00am 12:00pm 6:30pm	Pericope W/ELCA General Meeting Rachel's Day Service
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6		
THURSDAY, MAY 7	12:00pm 1:00pm 2:30pm 5:30pm 6:45pm	Brown Bag Bible Grief Group LMA Study Skills Handbells Choir
FRIDAY, MAY 8	9:00am 10:00am	Muffins with Moms (1 st Grade) LMA Assembly
SATURDAY, MAY 9		

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Second Sunday Socials will gather in the parlor at 9:15am.

Confirmation class for 7th-8th grade will meet at 11:30am.

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Stan Rose
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Bill Lasher
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Christy Adams
Counters	10:30am	Ken Kraut, Skip MacInnes
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	

HEY! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE **MANSIONS?** DIDN'T THERE USED TO BE **MANSIONS?**



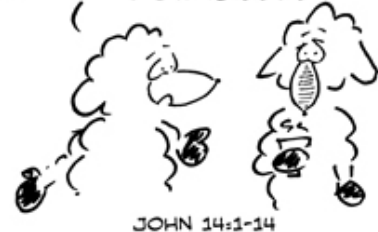
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THAT'S AN ARCHAIC TRANSLATION.

BESIDES, IT'S NOT ABOUT THE ARCHITECTURE, IT'S ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER THROUGH JESUS.



I **GET** THAT! ALL I'M SAYING IS I WISHED THAT THE FATHER HADN'T **DOWNSIZED!**



JOHN 14:1-14

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I am the way,
the truth,
and the life.

