

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



11 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 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** – "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. Christa Rakich, Michael Burkhardt

### 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

### TEMPLE TALK

Les Fobes

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

☛ **Amen.**

☞ Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



**P** God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**C** we confess that sin still has a hold on us.  
 We have harmed your good creation.  
 We have failed to do justice,  
 love kindness,  
 and walk humbly with you.  
 Turn us in a new direction.  
 Show us the path that leads to life.  
 Be our refuge and strength on the journey,  
 through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
 Amen.

**P** Beloved of God:  
 your sins are forgiven  $\text{†}$  and you are made whole.  
 God points the way to new life in Christ,  
 who meets us on the road.  
 Journey now in God's abiding love  
 through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*This vigorous text is the work of a 19<sup>th</sup> century Scottish minister of voluminous accomplishment.  
 The tune is a traditional Welsh secular tune.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**ELW 834**

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.  
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

## GREETING

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

## KYRIE

- A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
**C** **O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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

*While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship.  
Today’s reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people.  
Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God’s own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.*

## FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”



<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🎵 Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 51:1-11** (*Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.*)



Have mer-cy on me, O God, ac - cord-ing to your lov-ing-kind- ness.

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight. **R**

<sup>5</sup>And so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgment.

<sup>6</sup>Indeed I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother’s womb.

<sup>7</sup>For behold you look for truth deep within me,  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

<sup>8</sup>Purge me from my sin and I shall be pure;  
wash me and I shall be clean indeed. **R**

<sup>9</sup>Make me hear of joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

<sup>10</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>11</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me. **R**

*The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.*

**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, ►

so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

☒ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Refrain:** *Sung once by the choir, repeated by the congregation and repeated after the verse.*



*There is joy in the presence of the angels of God  
over one sinner who repents.  
(Luke 15:10)*

☒ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found  
and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners,  
each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.*

### GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

### SERMON

Pastor Lundwall

*Please stand as you are able.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17: 16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

**THE PRAYERS**     *1 Timothy 2:1*

**A** As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments, including Inter-Church Ministries. God of grace,

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

**A** Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. Bring rain to places suffering from drought in North America, Africa, and Europe. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace,

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

**A** Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Bring an end to the war between Ukraine and Russia. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. God of grace,

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

**A** Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Defend and protect all immigrants and refugees. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need. God of grace,

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

**A** Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community, including the Erie County CROP Walk, that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace,

**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 of grace,

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

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Your blessed saints, especially Bob Young and Betty Halttunen, who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives, and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. God of grace,

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

**P** Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**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 – “Create a Pure Heart in Me” (Psalm 51)**

Susan Matsui

*Create a pure heart in me, O Lord. Grant me a new and steadfast spirit.  
Do not drive me away from thy presence, or take thy Spirit from me.*

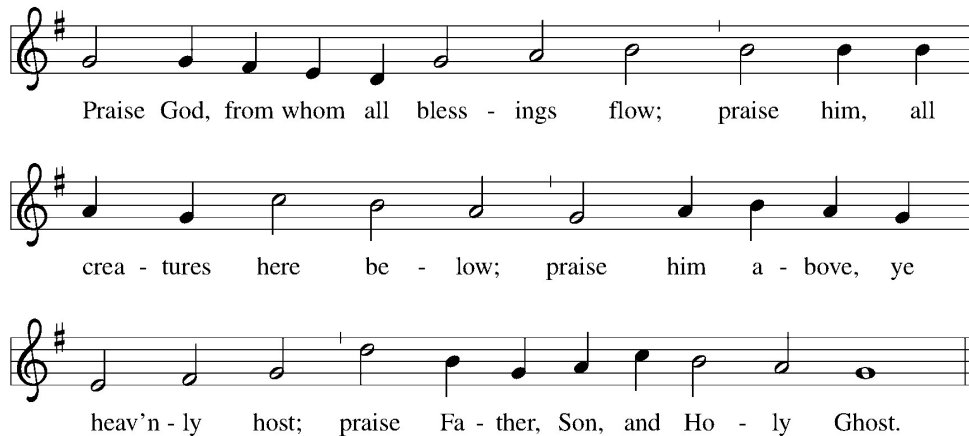
*Revive in me the joy of deliverance. Grant me a steady soul to uphold me.  
Open thou my lips, everlasting Lord, that my mouth may sing thy praises.*

*Thou takest no delight in sacrifice, nor hast thou any wish for whole offering.  
My sacrifice, Lord, is a broken soul, my offering, a contrite heart.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY**

**ELW 884**



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**G** Amen.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Matthew 21:9*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

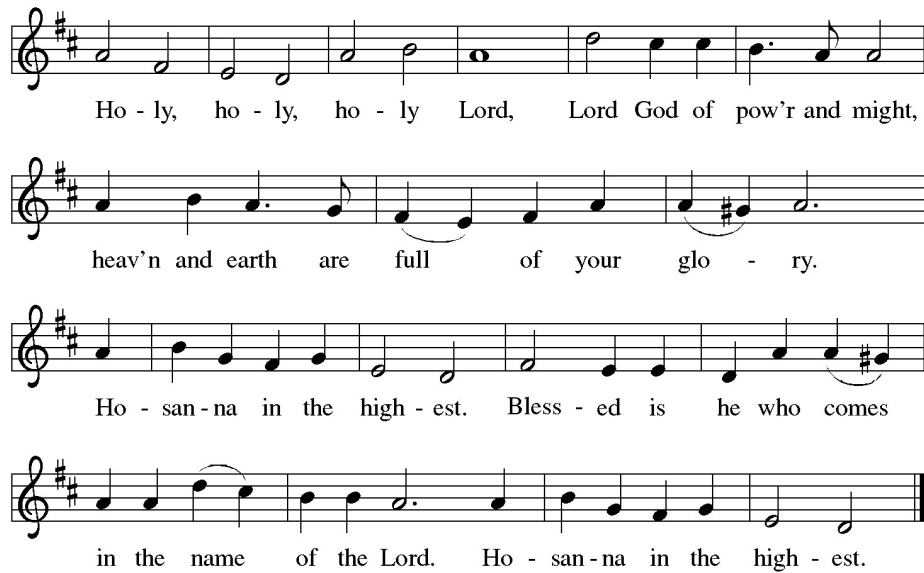
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 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

☐ Holy God,  
 our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
 in the harmonious world of your creation,  
 the plants and animals,  
 the seas and stars  
 were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,  
 you sent your Son to heal our ills  
 and to form us again into one.

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, therefore,  
 his acts of healing, his body given up,  
 and his victory over death,  
 we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
 will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
 as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
 so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
 that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
 in your holy Church, both now and forever.

☐ Amen.



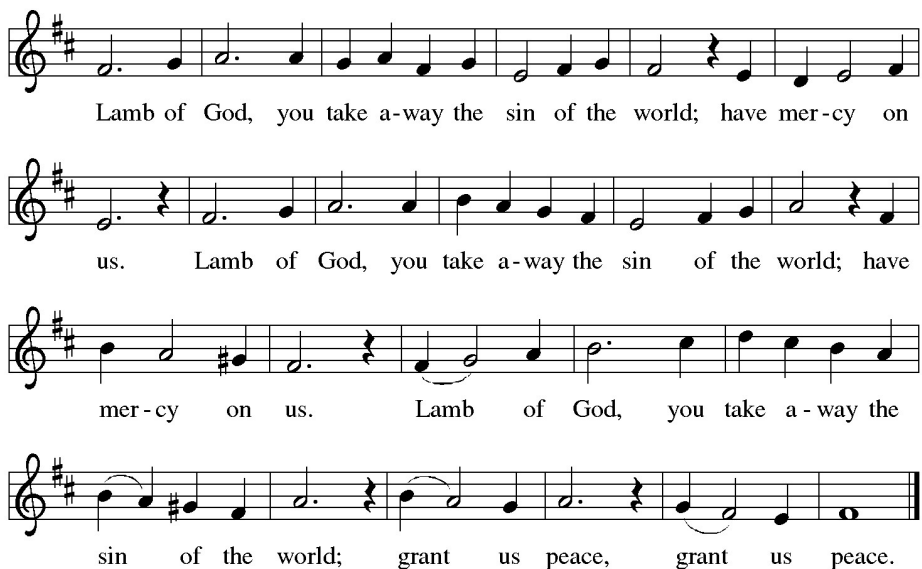
☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

☑ **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. *Matthew 6:9*

## 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, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.

☑ **Amen.**

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

*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 pastor 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.*

*This 19<sup>th</sup> century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Luke 15:11-32, Jesus' parable of the prodigal son. Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.*

## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 608

### Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*



watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

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

**C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

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

## BLESSING

**P** God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**C** Amen.

*Care Ministers please come forward to the altar during the singing of the Sending Hymn.*

*This text was written by the daughter of another prolific hymn-writer, William Havergal.*

*She was not of strong constitution but saw success in her verse-writing.*

*The tune is adapted from a piano piece by a beloved Romantic composer.*

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 676

### Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -  
liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

## SENDING OF COMMUNION CARE MINISTERS

- ☐ O God of tender compassion,  
as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger,  
bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts  
of this table with our sisters and brothers who are in need.  
May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community,  
and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ☑ Amen.

## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- ☐ Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
- ☑ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Postlude in F Major, Op. 28, No. 7"

Christian Cappelen

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PREACHING* – Pastor Karen Lundwall  
*GREETERS* – Skip Meyn, Betty Pletz  
*ACOLYTE* – Cecilia Montroy  
*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Linda Swanson  
*FIRST READING* – Jeana Williams  
*SECOND READING* – Jack Bartlett  
*USHERS* – Eric Hedlund, Elvin Montero, Carl Moore, Betty Pletz  
*ALTAR GUILD* – Dave Griswold



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Barbaro family.

**Front altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Betty Halttunen by Janet Kent.

**Bulletins** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Young, who passed away on September 8, 2016, by his family.

**Thank you** to Jessica Copfer for serving as our acolyte this summer. Her dedication as an acolyte at Luther Memorial has enhanced our worship services.

### 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!

**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.

## Today's Events

**Kid Bingo with the Family** kicks off the autumn season today with lots of fun from 12:00 – 1:30pm in fellowship hall. It's your chance to yell "Bingo" and win some great prizes. Join us!

## Worship

**Acolyte Training** will be offered on Sunday, September 18 at 9:30 and 11:30am in the main church. Both times are being offered to make it convenient for families. Youth participation makes our worship services very meaningful. Please encourage your child to help serve the Lord and share their gifts within this community.

## Christian Education

**Confirmation classes** for our 10<sup>th</sup> grade youth will begin on Sunday, September 18 and meet each Sunday at 11:30am through October 23. Our 10<sup>th</sup> grade youth will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 30. Lunch will be provided each week.

## Music Ministry

**The Luther Memorial Choirs** (*handbell & vocal*) have resumed rehearsals and gather on Thursdays at 6:00pm for handbells and 7:00pm for choir. We continue to wear masks when we are gathered together for rehearsal and worship. Both rehearsals are held on the air-conditioned 5th floor. Handbells require a commitment of at least through Christmas as each ringer is assigned a part and continuity is important. However, if you read music and would like to fill in on short notice, we are often in need of substitutes. The vocal choir can accommodate those who would prefer a shorter time commitment. If your schedule changes throughout the seasons, consider singing with us for 6-8 weeks during the seasons of Autumn, Advent & Christmas, Lent or Easter. Please contact Cantor Walt Gaber ([WaltGaber@gmail.com](mailto:WaltGaber@gmail.com) or 814.602.2755) for more information and to express your interest in participating.

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. The autumn season is time to bring out those warmer colors so bring your creativity, yarn and knitting or crochet needles and join us September 13 and 27. If you'd like to stop by to chat and visit, we'd love to see you. 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.

**OWLS** will gather on Wednesday, September 14 from 11:30am-1:30pm for a program presented by Dr. Chris and Julia Strzalka on JULIA HOUSE. They will share information on the Julia Hospice House, a new healthcare provider in Erie County that would bring improved care services for those in the community living with serious illness. Lunch will be provided following the program. Please RSVP to Norma in the church office by Friday, September 9.

**Oktoberfest** will be celebrated on Sunday, October 9 at 11:30am in our fellowship hall. A delicious German meal of bratwurst and sauerkraut (hotdogs for the kiddos) will be served to be shared by all. Beverages of beer, cider, coffee and water provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come and enjoy the fellowship. Reservations are appreciated to Norma in the church office by Sunday, October 2.

## God's Work. Our Hands.

**The Erie Lutheran Parish** will come together on Saturday, September 17 for a God's Work, Our Hands event. In recognition of International Coastal Cleanup Day we will meet at Shade's Beach, 7000 E. Lake Road, Harborcreek, to do a bit of sprucing up. Bring yourself and your love for our lakeshore and join us at 9:00am. All supplies will be provided.

## Outreach Opportunities

**CROP Walk** is scheduled for Sunday, September 25 at Presque Isle, Beach 1. Registration begins at 1:00pm with the Walk beginning at 2:00pm. Join with us as we raise funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need for today and sustainable food security for tomorrow! Stop by the church office for your packet, get a few sponsors, and you're on your way to making a difference in our community. Lutherans will gather at 1:30 by the CROP Walk banner for a group photo.

**The Holy Trinity** food ministries will resume the regular schedule of Tuesday evening dinner, and Wednesday and Saturday lunches, beginning September 6.

Holy Trinity is in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve these meals each week, as well as a person(s) to act as coordinators/leaders for the different days.

The Tuesday cooking team begins preparing the food between 2:00 and 3:00pm each week depending on the menu, with dinner being served from 5:10 until 5:45pm, followed by after dinner clean-up.

The Wednesday and Saturday cooking team begins preparing the food at 10:30am each day, with lunch being served from noon until 12:30pm, followed by after lunch clean-up.

The Food Pantry distributes food bags each week beginning at 6:00pm following the Tuesday evening dinners. Food is delivered on Tuesdays from 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank, sorted, organized and prepared beginning at 4:00pm. Volunteers are needed to help sort and organize the food and assemble/distribute the food bags, along with persons to sit at a table and sign-in/register those seeking food from the Food Bank.

If you are willing to volunteer your valuable talents to any of these ministries please contact the church office at (814) 452-3518 or email: [holytrinityerie@yahoo.com](mailto:holytrinityerie@yahoo.com).

### **Luther Memorial Church Policy**

**Masking** at Luther Memorial Church is now optional. However, with the significant rise of covid cases in Erie County, we encourage you to wear a mask during worship. 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.





# Luther Memorial Church and Luther Memorial Academy Festival

## THAT'S TODAY

3:30 – 5:00 pm    Festival  
5:00 – 6:00 pm    ReCharge Contemporary Worship

Picnic Supper with hotdogs, baked beans, chips, beverage.  
You are welcome to bring a dish to share if you wish.

Face Painting



Carnival Games

JOIN THE FUN!  
Rain or Shine!

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Puppet Show



## CALENDAR

|                                |                   |   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| <b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12</b>    | 6:00pm            | LMA Legos                                   |
| <b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13</b>   | 10:00am<br>6:00pm | Magic Fingers Grace Group<br>Church Council |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14</b> | 11:30am<br>6:00pm | OWLS<br>LMA Legos                           |
| <b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15</b>  | 6:00pm<br>7:00pm  | Handbell Rehearsal<br>Choir Rehearsal       |
| <b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16</b>    | 10:00am           | Balance Class                               |
| <b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17</b>  |                   |   |

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Pastor Brian Moran** will preach at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and the 10:30am service in the main church.

**Acolyte Training** will be offered at 9:30am and 11:30am in the main church.

**Confirmation class** for 10<sup>th</sup> grade youth will be held at 11:30am in fellowship hall.

**VASA** will gather at 1:00pm in the parlor.

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| <b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022</b> |         |                     |
| <b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>       |         |                     |
| Assisting Minister                | 8:15am  | Pam Masiroff        |
|                                   | 10:30am | Liz Stroup          |
| Altar Guild                       | 8:15am  | Cathie Dugan        |
|                                   | 10:30am | Martha & Tom Klomp  |
| Greeters                          | 8:15am  | Vicky Blasco        |
|                                   | 10:30am | Sally & Phil McAfee |

### — BULLETIN PRAYER LIST —

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| <b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b>      |                   |                     |                  |
| <b>Our Members:</b>                          |                   |                     |                  |
| Arden Fetcko                                 | Martha Stickner   | Kathy & Ken Kraut   | Jan MacInnes     |
| C. Noelle Partusch                           | Dave Parsh        | Wendy Kern          | Mark Howell      |
| Elizabeth & Scott Cowan                      | Pat Bellingham    | Chickie Braine      | Bill Grande      |
| <b>Friends and Family:</b>                   |                   |                     |                  |
| Amy Daugherty                                | Bob R.            | Amy Valentine       | Linda F.         |
| Eli Martinez Montero                         | Mary Correll      | Carol Suesser       | Amy Clark        |
| Eddie Jackman                                | Melissa Geiser    | Judy Skoog          | Amy & Nate       |
| Meghan Kessler                               | Bonnie Ford       | Sophia              | Marie Checkley   |
| Jessica & Damian Ream                        | Sidney            | Bob Guenther        | Tammy Fuller     |
| Tom McGrail                                  | Robbie Grainger   | Marilyn Hahn        |                  |
| Nicole Frank                                 | Terry Bucheri     | Larry Lechner       |                  |
| <b>Grief:</b>                                |                   |                     |                  |
| Rosanna Strausbaugh family                   | Doris Swan family | Dot Respecki family | Don Tatar family |
| <b>Our Military Service Men &amp; Women:</b> |                   |                     |                  |
| Lt. Col. Matt Anderson                       | Michael Stickner  | Andrew Watson       | Alli Brown       |
| Ben Dixon                                    |                   |                     |                  |