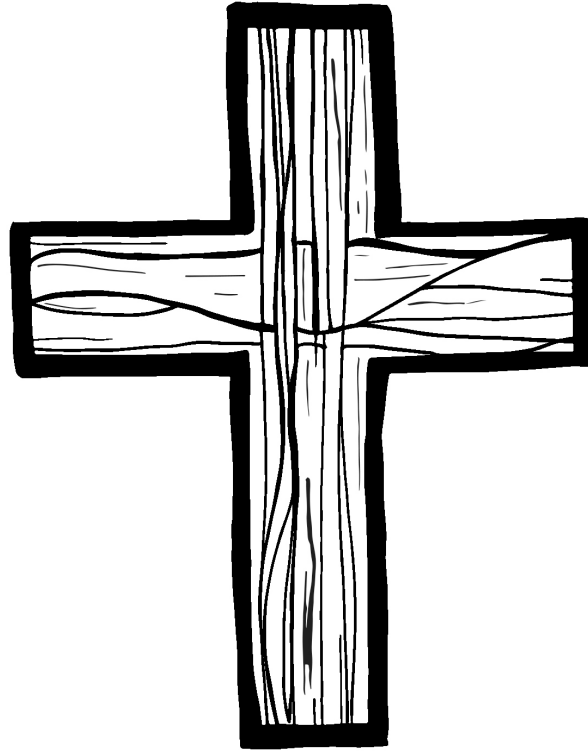


*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



**3 SEPTEMBER 2023**  
**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:30 am**

*When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 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** – Medley of Hymn Tunes

arr. Sara Glick

*By the Babylonian Rivers*

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

*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.*

☞ In the name of God who is Holy, + Mighty, and Immortal.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ►

☐ Most Merciful God,  
 ☑ **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed;**  
**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart,**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us.**  
**Forgive us.**  
**Renew us.**  
**And lead us.**  
**That we may delight in your will**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your Holy Name.**  
**Amen.**

☐ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us; and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
 ☑ **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**

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

**ELW 834**



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



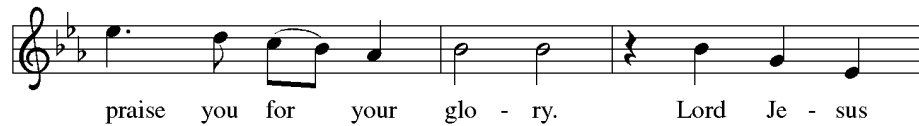
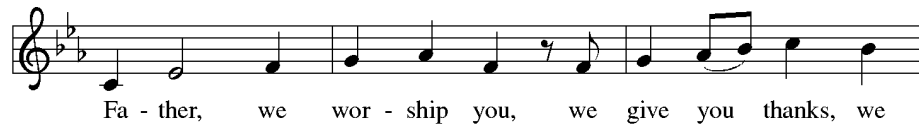
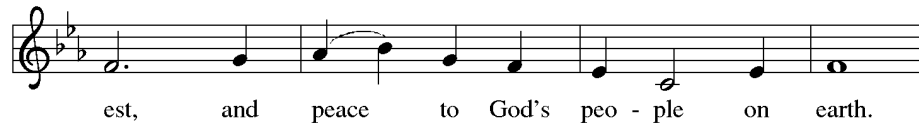
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## GREETING

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.  
 Glo-ry to God in the high-  
 est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**G** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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

*Moses experienced the call of God when God appeared to him in a bush that burned but was not consumed. When Moses expressed his unworthiness, God promised to be with him. When Moses objected that people would demand to know God’s name, God revealed his personal name, Yahweh (I AM WHO I AM), or the LORD. Israel discovered God’s true identity when God took them out of Egypt.*

**FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15**

<sup>1</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up.” <sup>4</sup>When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>5</sup>Then God said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup>God said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup>Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup>God said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who ►

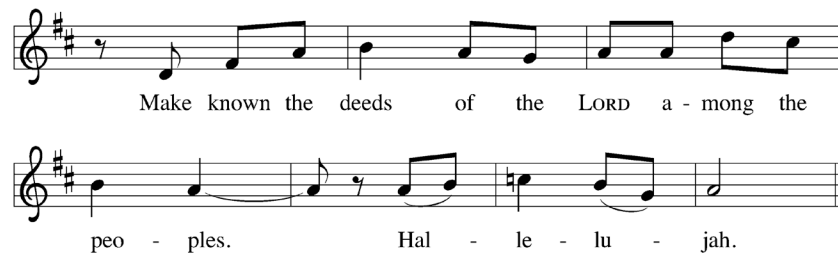
sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is God’s name?’ what shall I say to them?”<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” God said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’ ”<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

**L** Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b**

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



- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, sing praises,  
and speak of all God's marvelous works.
- <sup>3</sup> Glory in God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- <sup>4</sup> Search for the strength of the LORD;  
continually seek God's face.
- <sup>5</sup> Remember the marvels God has done,  
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,
- <sup>6</sup> O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,  
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones. **R**
- <sup>23</sup> Israel came into Egypt,  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- <sup>24</sup> The LORD made the people of Israel very fruitful,  
more numerous than their enemies,
- <sup>25</sup> whose hearts God turned, so that they hated God's people,  
and dealt unjustly with the servants of God.
- <sup>26</sup> O LORD, you sent Moses your servant,  
and Aaron, your chosen one. <sup>45b</sup> Hallelujah! **R**

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians.  
Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics  
but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others,  
we seek to live at peace with all people*

**SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is ►

noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”*

## GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>“For the Son-of-Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son-of-Man coming in his dominion.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Jay

*Please stand as you are able.*

*The word share is used in the Bible more than one hundred times. Hospitality is a hallmark of the followers of Jesus. This new hymn text encourages us not only to share and open our doors and tables to both neighbor and stranger, but also to pray for peace in several languages: Latin (pax) and Hebrew (shalom), which may be familiar to Christians, but also Sanskrit (shanti) and Arabic (maslaha). Our common good is indeed holy ground.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ACS 1036**

**Commonwealth Is God's Commandment**



1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.  
 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,  
 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.  
 stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.  
 bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



*Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha:* com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953  
 Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
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**APOSTLES' CREED**

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



## THE PRAYERS

**A** Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

**A** God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. We pray for Abbie, Winnie, Shirley, Ann, Lois, Pat, Bob, Brian, Lisa, Jean, Cindy, Ian, Carol, John, Roger, Branden, Howie, Melissa, Bertil, Karen, Allison, Audree, Susan, Mark, Michael, Mary, Dean, Bonnie, Suzie, Doug, Jenine, Lisa, Brian, Scott, Cindy, Cassia, Matt, Michael, Andrew, Alli, Ben and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and insure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor, especially Colleen and George Schaefer. Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

## THE PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you.

**C** And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

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

## THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
 To bear the dreadful curse, for my soul.*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down;  
 When I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown,  
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
 To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
 While millions join the theme, I will sing.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY**

**ELW 881**

**Let All Things Now Living**

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
 who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
 still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
 fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
 for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.  
 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

## PREFACE

**P** Blessed be your holy name, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, for you have revealed yourself to be the only, the eternal, the great I Am. From the flames of the burning bush you anointed Moses to lead your people out of hardship and bondage to the land of promise. In the fire of the prophets you spoke of a day when every sin and sorrow would be burned away and all the earth would be ablaze with your glory. In the fullness of time you revealed your way of overcoming evil in the crucible of your Son's passion and death; through his resurrection you proclaimed once again that you are the great I Am for all generations. And so we give you thanks with your church on earth and all the company of heaven, as we join the unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** Lord God, as you made the earth beneath Moses' feet into holy ground, sanctify this meal to bring us into your sacred presence. As we remember your Son's saving mercies, send down your Spirit to anoint your church for ministry. By that same Spirit bless this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, ▶

*on the night in which he was betrayed,  
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.*

*In the same way 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.*

☐ Great is the mystery of faith:

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ Sending God, who commissioned Moses for a purpose beyond his comprehension, send forth your church with an imagination shaped for your reign. Give your disciples grace to bless those who persecute them, to be patient in suffering, to persevere in prayer, and to rejoice in hope. Stretch every heart to find life in you by losing it, and strengthen your people with courage and wisdom to take up their cross and follow your Son. Make your people on earth ready for a purpose beyond our imagining, a life beyond our deserving, a glory beyond our reckoning, until your reign comes on earth as it is in heaven and you bring us with the saints onto eternal holy ground aflame with your love, most holy Trinity now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

## OUR SAVIOR'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.**

## AGNUS DEI





**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

- ☐ All people are called to Christ’s table.  
Come, eat and drink what is good.
- ☐ Those communing at home: take, eat, drink: the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

*The congregation is seated.*

**SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

**COMMUNION**

*This is Christ’s Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!  
We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

*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.*

*This hymn text was written by a native of Bohemia who was forced to move to Germany with his family in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, where he became a distinguished poet. Little is known about the composer of the tune except that he was cantor and school teacher at Potsdam in 1750.*

**HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION**

**ELW 802**

**Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,





On - ward in his foot-steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy;  
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding,  
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.  
 Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.  
 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

*Per Harling's ministry as a composer, a pastoral musician, and a congregational song leader, is ecumenical, local, and global. When collaborating with others, one of Harling's characteristic responses is "I have a song for that" or "Actually, I have three songs for that." On the rare occasion that no song comes to his mind, he has been known to say, "I will write a song for that."*

ELW 525

## You Are Holy Du är helig



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck - et mer  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945  
 Music: DU ÄR HELIG, Per Harling  
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 South America, and Central America, including the Caribbean.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## TABLE BLESSING

☐ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, keep you in all goodness and health, and bring you to everlasting life.

☑ Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 881

### Let All Things Now Living

2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;  
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the  
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.  
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

- P** The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
‡ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age.
- C** Amen.

*Text for this hymn is the work of a distinguished priest in the Anglican Church of Canada.  
The tune is taken from the composer's orchestral work The Planets.*

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 710

### Let Streams of Living Justice

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;





give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.  
 The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,  
 the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.  
 Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;  
 a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934  
 Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934  
 Text © 1989 William Whitla.

## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE – “This Joyful Eastertide”

arr. Sara Glick

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PRESIDING MINISTER* – Pastor Jay Mitchell

*GREETER* – Emma Chaffee

*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer

*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Liz Stroup

*LECTOR* – Les Fobes

*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Mary Daniels

*ALTAR GUILD* – Martha & Tom Klomp

*USHERS* – Jeanne Gaber, Dave Griswold, Martha & Tom Klomp



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my parents, Colleen and George Schaefer, by the Hedlund family.

**Our love and sympathy** is with the family and friends of Shelley Sandquest, Jeff Swanson's sister, who died Wednesday, August 16. The funeral service was held Monday, August 21.

**Our love and sympathy** is with the family and friends of Gloria Rosthauser, grandma of Michelle Thom (*LMA Administrator*), who died Monday, August 28, 2023.

### **Today's Events**

**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.

### **Worship**

**Worship Leader Information Sessions** are offered Sunday after each worship service. Brochures explaining the worship opportunities are located at the hospitality tables and in the church office. See the brochure for the sessions you might be interested in. Attendance is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged to ensure you are up-to-date on our shared worship practices. We will also be making a rotation for scheduling purposes from those in attendance. A session will not be held this morning.

*On Sunday, September 10 following worship, those who are interested in **PRAYER WRITING** will meet. A behind-the-scenes role that is only 1 time per year for a liturgical season. Please meet Pastor Jay in the library located across from the parlor following each service.*

**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.

### **Where Is Pastor Jay?**

**Pastor Jay** would love to meet with you! You don't just need to have an emergency to have a great chat. If you want to get together, because Pastor Jay is often away from his desk doing other pastorly things, you should probably call the church office or e-mail Pastor Jay directly at [JMitchell@LutherMemorialOnline.org](mailto:JMitchell@LutherMemorialOnline.org). However, if you just want to drop in on him, for the week of September 3, Pastor Jay's drop-in hours will be Tuesday from 3:30-5:00pm at Pressed Coffee Shop (8<sup>th</sup> and Greengarden) or Thursday from 10:00-11:00am in the Office.

### **Faith Formation**

**Confirmation orientation** for youth in grades 7 – 10 and their families will be held Sunday, September 17 at 9:30am in the parlor. An overview of plans for our year will be shared and a light breakfast will be served.

**Confirmation classes** for our 10<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students will begin on Sunday, September 17 from 11:30am – 1:00pm (lunch will be provided). Classes will be held each Sunday through October 22. Youth will be confirmed at our 10:30 service on Reformation Sunday, October 29.

**Adult Forum** will begin on Sunday, September 10 between the services in the library located across from the parlor. If you cannot make this time, the same session will be held in the parlor on Mondays at 12noon.

### **Stump the Pastor**

**You will notice** a stand in the parlor lobby with many tree stumps on it. You (whoever you are of all ages) are invited to use these to try and stump Pastor Jay. You may ask your question anonymously or you can put your name on the stump. Either way, look for Pastor Jay's response once your stump "sprouts" a tree!

### **Opportunities for Fellowship**

**OWLS** next fun event will be held Tuesday, September 19 from 11:00am-1:00pm in our parlor. Have some fun and laughter playing cards and games. Join us for a nice relaxing time and delicious lunch. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes by Friday, September 15.

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** gathers in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month for knitting and crocheting. We'll be meeting and visiting on September 12 and 26 from 10:00am-12:00 noon for a wonderful morning and hope to see you. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

### Worship Space

**St. Zita's Day!** All are asked to lend a hand for any time you can share to help with our Cleaning Day on Saturday, September 30 beginning at 9:00am. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Carpets and floors have been cleaned, painting has been done, and now those cleaning touch ups are needed. Please join us. You are welcome to contact the church office or Les Fobes with any questions. Thank you.

### Paving Project

**Parking** has improved dramatically with the addition and improvements made over the last few weeks. We continue to ask for your financial support as our Capital Campaign moves forward. Additional commitments are needed as we look to fulfilling our financial goal. Your help and all that you do at Luther Memorial is appreciated; thank you.

### College Connections

**We have a number** of Luther Memorial folks who have journeyed off to college. If you are one of them, or if you love one of them, please let the church office know their name and contact information. Look for future announcements about ways we will continue to keep in touch with them while they are away!

### Look What's Coming

**B.A.D. (Bible After Dark)** will begin on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30pm at the Brewerie. Join together with folks from Mt. Calvary as we share in Bible Study and fellowship (with some adult beverages if you would like). Every **first** Wednesday, we will gather to share from *Bible Stories for Adults* and discussion of what these stories we learned in Sunday School still mean for us today. RSVP is not necessary but helpful. Let Pastor Jay or the church office know if you're interested.

**ALT Worship (A Lutheran Table)** will be offered on the **second** Wednesday of every month beginning September 13 at 5:30pm for a new worship experience. The service will be about 60 minutes and center around sharing a meal. We will begin by preparing the meal and the worship space together and end with dessert and clean-up. All part of the worship experience. We will also share in Communion. Come on out for something new and a unique encounter with the Divine!

**Dinner with Our Flock** will be held on the **third** Wednesday of the month; September 20, October 18 and November 15. At 5:30 we will gather for dinner; the main dish will be provided, please bring a dish to share. A Bible lesson and a craft or activity will be held following our meal. A wonderful time for us all to be together.

**Indoor Yard Sale** will be held this **Saturday, September 9** from 8:00am – 1:00pm in our fellowship hall. Items for the sale may be dropped off through September 8. Books, TV's or large electronic items and soft furniture will not be accepted. C'mon down and catch the great deals! Proceeds will benefit our youth traveling to the National Youth Gathering in July 2024.

**Cash Bingo** date has changed to Sunday, November 5. Doors open at 12:00 noon with Bingo beginning at 12:30pm. All games are cash prizes of \$50. Tickets are \$20 each and available on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.

**The month of October** promises to be lots of fun with our Family Scavenger Hunt on Sunday October 1 and Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 22. There's always something happening at Luther Memorial!

### Luther Memorial Academy

**LMA** middle school will be participating in a Sneaker Drive through September 15. Please bring your gently used sneakers to church and leave in the Sneaker Drop-off box outside the parlor near the video screen. LMA will receive monetary compensation for each pair of sneakers. All reusable sneakers are recirculated to secondhand markets so quality, pre-owned footwear can be purchased at affordable prices.

## Items to Note

**Parking** in the lot across from 11<sup>th</sup> Street is not permitted. Please do not park in this area as your car will be towed. Thank you.

**In case of an emergency** and unable to reach Pastor Jay, 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.

## WEEKLY READINGS AND COMMEMORATIONS

**September 4** – Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 4:10-31; Revelation 3:1-6

**September 5** – Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 5:1-6:13; Revelation 3:7-13

**September 6** – Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 7:14-25; Matthew 12:22-32

**September 7** – Psalm 149; Exodus 9:1-7; II Corinthians 12:11-21

**September 8** – Psalm 149; Exodus 10:21-29; Romans 10:15b-21

**September 9 – Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, 1654** – Isaiah 58:6-11; Psalm 1:1-6; Matthew 25:31-40 -- *Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the enslaved people who arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.*

## – PRAYER LIST –

<b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b>			
<b>Our Members:</b>			
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon	Winnie Lyons	Shirley Brown	Ann Flick
Lois Fobes	Pat Gilbert	Bob Giannelli	
<b>Friends and Family:</b>			
Brian & Lisa Davis	Jean C.	Cindy Hessinger	Ian Minner
Carol E.	John Semonis	Roger Smith	Branden Jones
Howie	Melissa	Bertil Carlson	Karen Chilcote
Allison, Audree & family	Melissa Pierce	Susan Brooks	Mark Hadzega
Michael Collins & Mary	Dean Scalise	Bonnie Ford	Suzie Hosterman
Doug & Jenine	Lisa & Brian Adams	Scott Coleman	Cindy B.
Cassia Cabaday			
<b>Grief:</b>			
Shelley Sandquest family	Gloria Rosthauser family	John Varner family	
<b>Our Military Service Men &amp; Women:</b>			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

## CALENDAR

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

*Labor Day*

Church Offices & LMA Closed

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

12:00pm

Deborah Circle

3:00pm

W/ELCA

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

6:30pm

Bible After Dark / Brewerie (B.A.D.)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

1:00pm

Grief Support Group

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

8:00am

Indoor Yard Sale

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

**Sunday School** for PreK – Grade 6 will be held at 9:30am.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

Assisting Minister	8:15am	Pam Masiroff
	10:30am	Linda Swanson
Communion Assistant	10:30am	Elaine Kern
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	Linda Graffius
Counters	10:30am	Pat Bellingham, Emma Chaffee