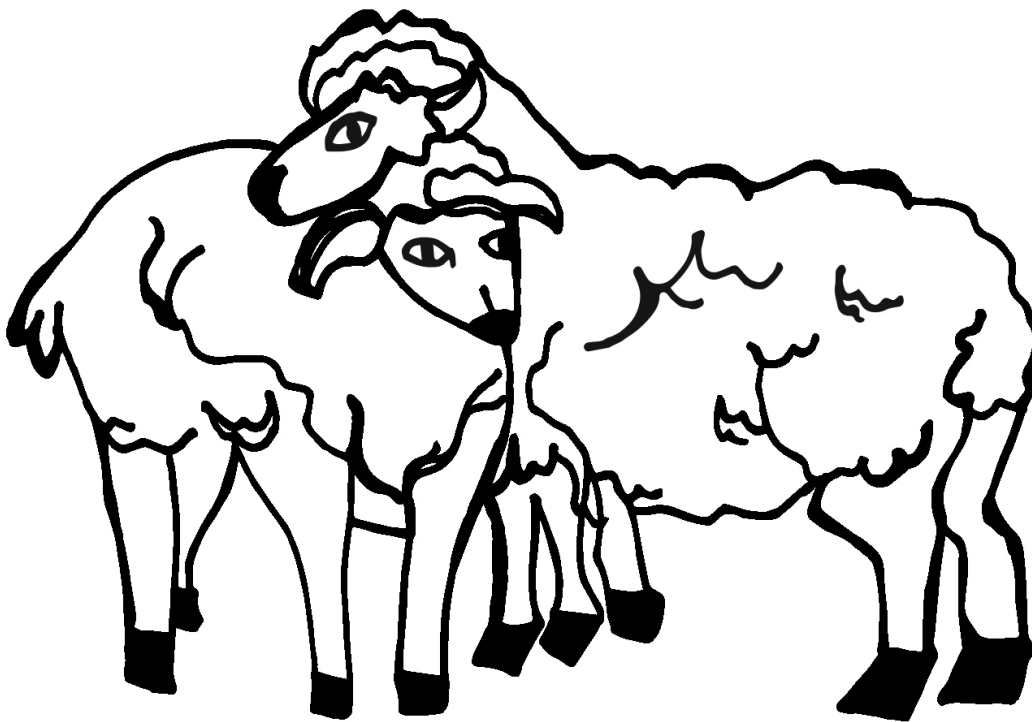


*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



30 APRIL 2023  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
10:30 am

*Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Three • 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** – Three settings of “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Flor Peeters

### 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.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

☐ Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for the Great Exchange, the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.

☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

☐ For a word at the dawn of creation, which spoke water and life into being.

☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

☐ For the great flood that revealed nature's power and God's commitment to life after death.

☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

☐ For the river that carried Moses safely, building a bridge between mothers and nations.

☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

☐ For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.

☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



**P** For the One who turned water into wine and met a woman at the well with living water.

**C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**P** For Living Water poured out on all people, washing the eunuch and Philip and us alike.

**C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**P** For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. For Christ is risen!

**C** Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

**P** Let us pray:

God of life, we rejoice with the waters that cover creation;

our songs of praise echo their dancing tides and streams.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this community and all of creation.

Cleanse our fears.

Drown our divisions.

Give us mercy and grace to drink so that our whole lives

are signs of death defeated and thirst quenched

thanks to the risen Jesus, the Beloved of God.

**C** Amen.

*This text is the work of an 18<sup>th</sup> century preacher in Liverpool who published several collections of hymns in his lifetime. The melody originally appeared anonymously, but was later attributed to a man about whom very little is known.*

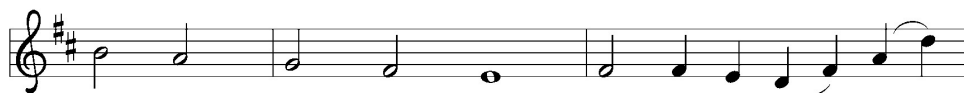
## ENTRANCE HYMN

### I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

ELW 619



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.


8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

## GREETING


- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☐ The grace of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ, the love of the ever-living God, and the fellowship of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE


*Refrain*



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




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



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

*Final Refrain*



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

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray.
- ☑ **O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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

*Today’s reading is a description of life in the community following Peter’s sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God’s people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup>The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and common life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*This version of Psalm 23 is taken from the Scottish Psalter, whose text is drawn from a number of earlier versions. The tune is the work of a Scottish mystical writer, poet and spiritual healer, known as Brother James.*

**PSALM: Psalm 23**

**ELW 778**

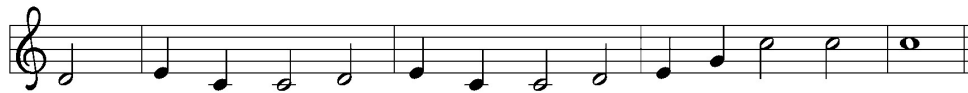
**The Lord’s My Shepherd**



1 The Lord’s my shep-herd; I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make  
3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;  
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e’en for his own name’s sake;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;  
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
and in God’s house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
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for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
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and in God’s house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650  
Music: BROTHER JAMES’ AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.*

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

<sup>19</sup>It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” <sup>23</sup>When he was abused, Christ did not return abuse; when he suffered, Christ did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

**GOSPEL: John 10:1-10**

Jesus said: <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run away because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

Please stand as you are able.

*This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10: 1– 18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 789

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847  
 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868



## NICENE CREED

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

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

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

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

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

## THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

**A** United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A** You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.





**A** You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever, especially J. David Mumford, II. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The peace of the Lord is with you.

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

*Please be seated.*

**MEAL – “God feeds us with 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.

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**ANTHEM – “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”**

Carlton T. Russell

*My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name,  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream;  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His way,  
And leads me for His mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death His presence is my stay,  
One word of His supporting grace drives all my fears away;  
His hand in sight of all my foes doth still my table spread,  
My cup with blessings overflows, His oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
Oh, may Thy house be my abode and all my work be praise;  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
No more a stranger nor a guest, but like a child at home.*

*Please stand as you are able.*



## Now We Join in Celebration

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
 dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
 for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
 stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990  
 Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662  
 Text © Joel W. Lundeen, admin. Augsburg Fortress

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Generous God,  
 in this meal you offer your very self.  
 We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
 In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.  
 In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world;  
 through Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## 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 our thanks and praise.



☐ 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 ever-living God, for the glorious resurrection of our Lord, for Christ is the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.*

**P** Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

**C** Amen.

**P** Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

**C** Amen.

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

**C** Amen.

**P** 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.

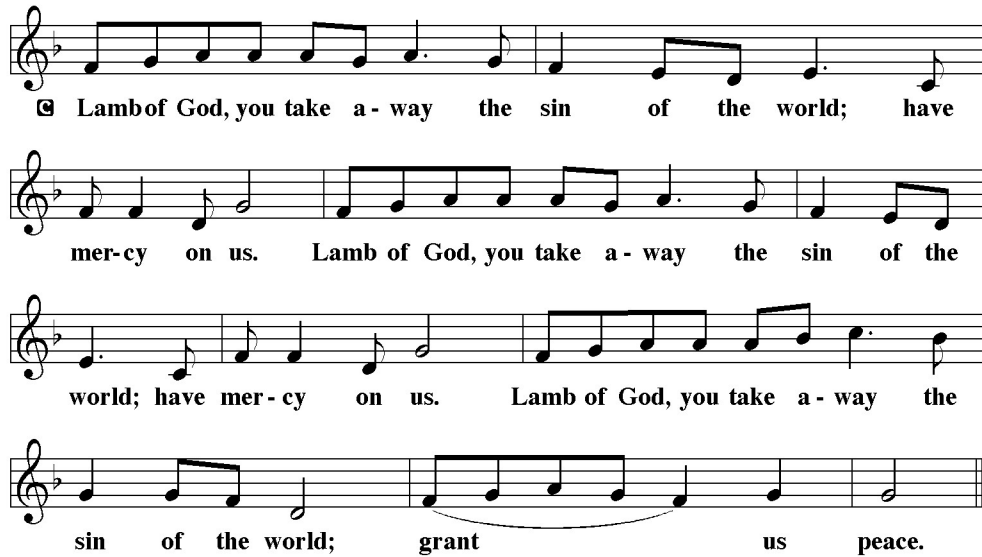
**P** O God most majestic, O God most motherly,  
O God our strength and our song,  
you show us a vision of a tree of life  
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.  
Grant us such life,  
the life of the Father to the Son,  
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,  
life in you, now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

**C** Amen.

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

**C** **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



**C** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread
- C** as once you were known to your disciples.
- P** 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

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, the 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.*

*During the distribution, if you would like healing prayer and anointing,  
please stop by one of the stations near the side aisles  
for laying on of hands, prayer in the name of our Good Shepherd, and anointing.*

*The author of this text, a lifelong resident of Cincinnati, was the founder of the World Library of Sacred Music. The composer of the melody was both a musician and an engineer in private industry.  
Composer of some 300 works, he also served as a parish choir director for 30 years.*

*At the center of the hymn's many biblical images, the third stanza draws on I Corinthians 10:16-17.*

**HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION**

**ELW 484**

**You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**  
*Gift of Finest Wheat*



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997  
Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996  
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ELW 464

### Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.  
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.  
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—  
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.  
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.  
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.  
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955  
Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever  
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*Please stand as you are able.*

#### TABLE BLESSING

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**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 of all,  
who raised † Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.

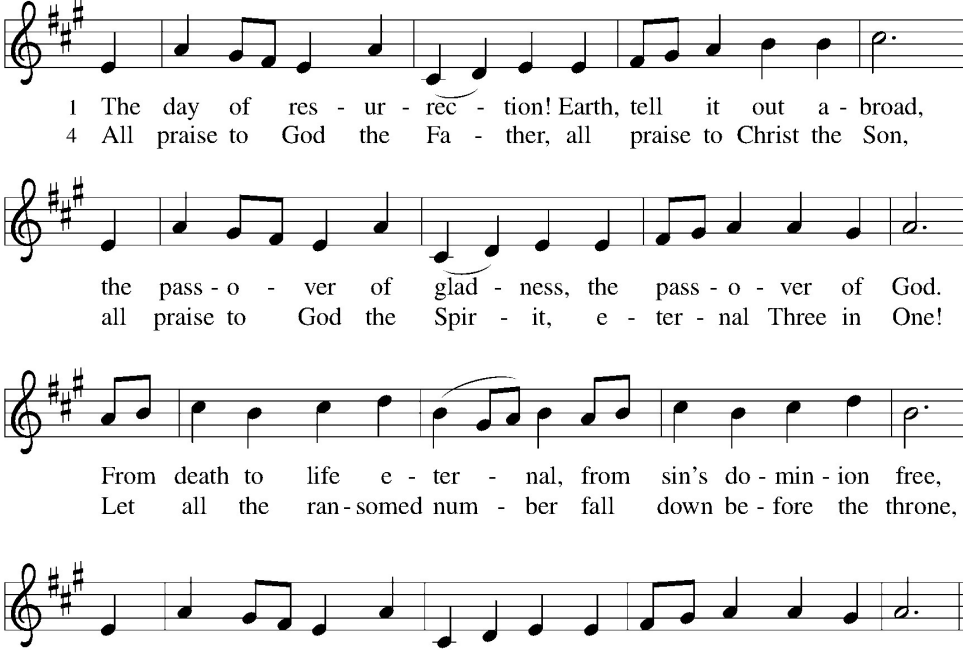
**C** Amen.

*The first verse of this hymn was written by a great poet, theologian and hymn-writer of the Greek church. The doxology (verse four) was added later. The tune's composer is not known but the tune seems to come from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century German Roman Catholics.*

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 361

### The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,  
the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!  
From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,  
our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

**A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**A** Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE – Toccata

Johann Pachelbel

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

*PREACHING* – Pastor Jay Mitchell

*GREETER* – Stan Rose

*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer

*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Pam Masiroff

*LECTOR* – Stan Rose

*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Elaine Kern

*USHERS* – Mary Daniels, Jackie Lupo, Krista Partusch, Betty Pletz

*ALTAR GUILD* – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of J. David Mumford, II, by wife, Mary, and daughter, Elizabeth, and family, Scott, Abigail, Lydia and Jack Cowan.

**Thank you** to Bill Lasher for sharing his gift of music with us this morning as our organist.

**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.

**Where Is Pastor Jay?**

**For the week of April 30**, you can drop in on Pastor Jay Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00pm in the church office OR Thursday 9:00-11:00am in the church office. You may always meet with Pastor Jay by appointment: [JMitchell@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:JMitchell@luthermemorialonline.org) or by using: [calendly.com/TheRevJCM](https://calendly.com/TheRevJCM).

**Worship**

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

**Christian Education**

**Children's Church** classes for PreK – grade 6 will gather for their final class on Sunday, May 21 meeting from 9:30 – 10:15am. We hope to see many smiling faces before we break for the summer.

**Vacation Bible School** – It's a Family Affair! Four fun evenings are planned for children, youth, and adults for VBS this year. Add to your calendars Wednesdays, May 24, May 31, June 7 and June 14. Our evenings together will be from 5:30-7:00pm and begin with a potluck meal (main dish provided; please bring a dish to share), followed by a Bible message, craft, music and some energetic activities, too. VBS has always been a fun experience for our children, and we are excited to make it a Family Affair this year.

**Ascension of Our Lord**

**A festival service** celebrating the **Ascension of Our Lord** will be held at Luther Memorial on the evening of Thursday, May 18 at 7:00pm. All of the Erie County ELCA churches will be invited to participate and Bishop Lozano will be preaching. If you would like to sing in the massed choir for this service (*hymns, liturgy, psalm*) please contact Walt Gaber ([WaltGaber@gmail.com](mailto:WaltGaber@gmail.com)). Information will be provided about the music and a single rehearsal to be held just prior to the worship service.

We will also present one of **J.S. Bach's Ascension cantatas** during the service. As in our previous Bach Cantata Vespers, this cantata will be sung in its original German and accompanied by a small orchestra. Much of the cantata is sung by soloists, with the chorus singing the first and last movements. If you would like to receive more information about the music and rehearsals for the cantata, please contact Walt Gaber. Our next rehearsal will be Sunday, May 7 from noon to 1:15.

## Supporting our Youth

**Silent Auction** bids will be accepted through Sunday, May 7. A variety of items will be available in the parlor for your bidding. Bids may be placed throughout the week by:

1. Completing a bid form and placing in the labeled box in the parlor or dropping off in the church office
2. Contacting Norma in our church office at [nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org) or 814-454-0106, ext. 221
3. Giving your form to Beth Keller

Be sure to check the bulletin board outside the parlor to see the current high bid for each item.

All proceeds from our Silent Auction will be used for our youth who will be traveling to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2024 and to help the church defer costs for our youth attending confirmation camp.

**All youth** interested in attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2024 **and their parents** are asked to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, May 7 at 12:00 noon.

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**General Meeting** for our Tuesday W/ELCA and Deborah Circles will be held May 2 at 12:00 noon.

**OWLS** will enjoy a delicious lunch at the Shrine Club on Tuesday, May 16. Join us from 11:30am – 1:00pm for laughter, conversation and great food. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or Norma Buerk at 454-0106, ext 221 by Friday, May 12.

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** invites you to start your Tuesday mornings with a smile by joining us for some knitting, crocheting and your yarn projects. Gathering the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am-12:00pm is a perfect way to start your day. We'll see you May 9 and May 23. 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.

## Your Health

**Safe in Home services** will offer a class in fall prevention on Friday, May 5 from 10:00-11:00am. Learn about the many tools you can use to reduce your risk of falling and injury. This information is not just for seniors. If you assist an elderly relative, would like to be steadier on your feet, join us. Please RSVP to Linda Graffius, RN at [lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org) or 814-454-0106, ext. 229 or to Norma Buerk at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

## Camp Lutherlyn

**CampBlast** will be held at Lutherlyn, 500 Lutherlyn Lane, Butler, on Saturday, May 13 from 11:00am – 4:30pm. A whole day of fun for free. Take a drive and enjoy a wonderful day of activities and see everything Lutherlyn has to offer; horseback riding, crafts, archery, ziplines and more.

## Luther Memorial Academy

**LMA's Lego League** team has been invited to a FIRST Lego League tournament at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts June 9-11, 2023. This is a huge opportunity for the LMA team and they are proud to represent LMA & Erie County. To make this happen for our team, it is necessary to raise \$845 per student, which means a total of \$5,915 for the team. If you are

aware of an area business that would like to sponsor our Lego League, please share the information with the school office. Every little bit helps & all donation and sponsorship can be mailed or dropped off in the school office. Be sure to make checks payable to LMA & earmark them for Lego League. Thank you.

## 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** 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.

**CALENDAR**

<b>MONDAY, MAY 1</b>	6:00pm	LMA Lego League
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 2</b>	12:00pm	General Meeting/W/ELCA & Deborah Circles Newsletter Mailing
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 3</b>		
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 4</b>	5:30pm 6:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 5</b>	10:00am	Fitness Friday LMA Closed
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 6</b>	10:00am	Julia House Meeting

**SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Worship** with us at 8:15 and 10:30am.

**Silent Auction** continues; stop in the parlor for the fun.

**Choir Rehearsal** held at 12:00pm.

**National Youth Gathering** meeting for youth and parents at 12:00pm.

<b>SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Emma Chaffee
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeters	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	Linda Graffius
Counters	10:30am	Pat Bellingham, Emma Chaffee

- PRAYER LIST -

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Our Members:**

Cathy & Don MacGregor  
Paul Meucci  
Lynnette Gustafson

C. Noelle Partusch  
Dave Birkner  
Richard Jeffords

Chickie Braine  
Torsten Carlson

Mike Daniels  
Julie Sturm

**Friends and Family:**

Dennis & Lori Sander  
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie  
Mark Smith  
Jessica & Damian Ream  
Austin Coverdale  
Baby Archer Bardwell  
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon  
Ginger  
Adam Surovick

Elayne Morphy  
Mary Correll  
Nichole Jones  
Elise VanDamia  
Kevin  
Curtis Krick  
Debbie  
Barbara Dennison  
Roger Smith

June Madurski  
Judy Skoog  
Bob Guenther  
Brendan Sauers  
Tom Wilson  
Tom Braendel  
Caitlyn Kessler  
Diane Henry  
Melissa Pierce

Edie Jackman  
Branden Jones  
Christine Norris  
Meghan Kessler  
Dawn Weborg  
Susan Brooks  
Michele Seifert  
Kate Collins

**Grief:**

J. David Mumford family

Megan Bruno-Osborne

Joan Peters family

**Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson

Michael Stickner

Andrew Watson

Alli Brown