

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

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

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE – "Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue"
"Sicilienne"

Barbara Harbach
Maria-Theresia Paradis / arr. Diane Bish

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

ONE: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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

Amen.

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

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

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

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

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

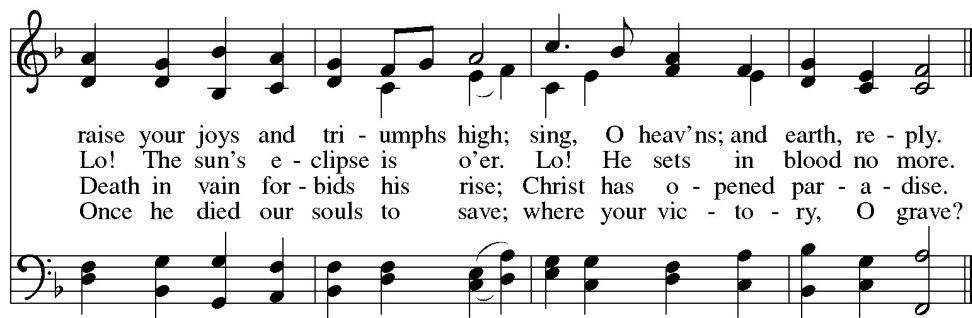
Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 373

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
 Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
 Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
 Thee we greet triumphant now;
 hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
 everlasting life is this:
 thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
 thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, Pierre de Corbeil, d. 1222, arr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

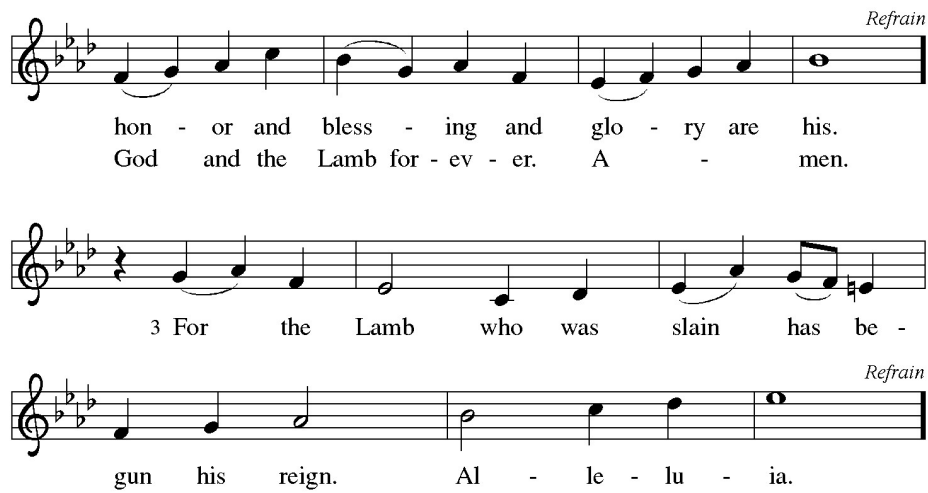
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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.

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:1-6

¹Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity,
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases,
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
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Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650
 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain; arr. Gordon Jacob, 1895–1984
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SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then the elder said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship God day and night within the temple, and the one

who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Judeans gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

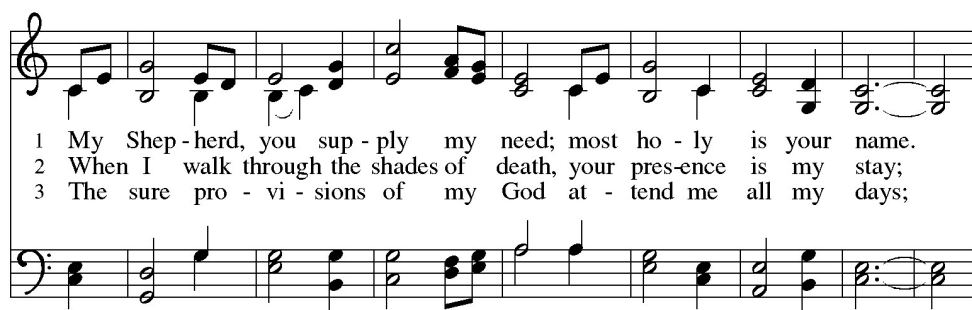
Pastor Jay

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 782

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.

You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;

and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.
 no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt., based on Psalm 23
 Music: RESIGNATION, North American traditional

NICENE CREED

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

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

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

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care; in particular those whose names and needs we lift up now: _____. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for all who minister at your altars, Holy One, in particular Francis, Bishop of Rome. Receive him into your loving embrace and grant him rest from his labors as a shepherd among your flock. Comfort those who mourn and give strength to our Roman Catholic siblings in these days. Raise up among them a leader who is full of your compassion. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints particularly Matthias, Monica, Julian, Nicolaus, and Martha we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Amen.

THE PEACE

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

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED



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

MUSICAL OFFERING – "Sing Praise to God"

Carol McClure

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

OFFERING HYMN

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

Musical notation for the hymn "Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded" in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The hymn consists of eight lines of music.

1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING SURSUM CORDA

♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS

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

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

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

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

All praise to you, glorious God of grace. Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith. With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life. With Ruth, we praise you for family and food. With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe. Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets. Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water. Remembering Junia, we thank you for those who minister among your people. One with the daughter of Jairus, we wake to life in you.

With Mary, your servant, we magnify your name:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal. Living, he healed the bleeding woman; dying, he cared for his mother; risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.

*On the night before he died,
he 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.*

With Mary, your mother, again we magnify your name:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us. Send your Spirit on this bread and cup, that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world. Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Phoebe, we serve one another with zeal. Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy. Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas, we care for the poor and needy.

With Mary, chief of your saints, once more we magnify your name:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

All praise to you, powerful God of peace. We adore you, our God, who mothers and feeds and comforts us, today tomorrow, and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed for us!

Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

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

Please be seated.


THE COMMUNION

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


HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 735


Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342–c. 1413
Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936
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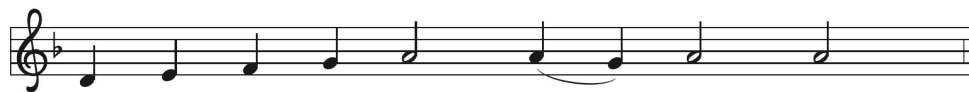
You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



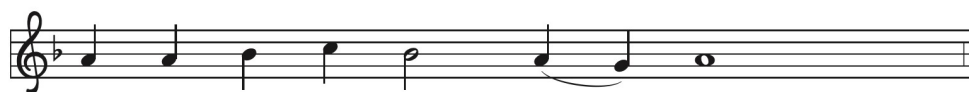
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



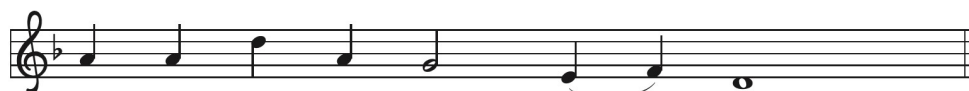
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION HYMN

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel

spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ

ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Amen.

SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION *if needed*

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

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

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

Amen!

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

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Linda Swanson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Tom Klomp

LECTOR – Christy Adams

USHERS – Brooke McCall, Carl Moore, Betty Pletz

ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

VIDEO STREAMING – Gina Snider



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our mother, Martha Bert Sturtevant, by her children; Susan, Roger, Bob and Dave.

We thank Carol and Bob Davidson for hosting our Second Sunday Soirée at 9:15 this morning. Please join us in the parlor for conversation, fellowship and light refreshments. This will be our final gathering until September.

We would like to recognize our high school and college graduates. Please contact Norma in our church office by phone, 454-0106, ext. 221, or email, nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, by Friday, May 30 with the following:

For our high school graduates, please share:

1. Name
2. High school they are graduating from
3. Future plans, college, service, etc.

For our college graduates, please share:

1. Name
2. College they are graduating from
3. Degree

Worship Matters!

About the Cover Icon: *from Kelly Latimore, the iconographer:* This Icon is for the Priests, spiritual directors, counselors, elders, deacons, nuns, God-parents, Mothers, and Sisters; it is for all of the women who have guided me on my journey. This icon was commissioned by Rev. Sharon Swanson for her daughter. The Shepherdess stands on the cliff faced shore of Shetland Scotland.

Luther Memorial will be hosting the Erie Lutheran Conference congregations for the **Ascension Service** on Thursday, May 29 at 7:00pm, with a reception to follow. This day is a major feast of the Church as we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus. We are told that Jesus walked—alive—among the people for 40 days and then ascended into heaven in order to fill all things. God has gone up with a shout! The Lord with the sound of the trumpet! Alleluia! See you there!

Christian Education

Sunday School for PreKdg. – Grade 5 will be held Sunday, May 18 at 9:30am. This will be our last class until we meet again in September.

Erie Lutheran Conference

The Erie Lutheran Conference—17 congregations in Erie County—is looking toward the future of ministry in our area. Serving in our conference are only four full-time equivalent pastors. And of the 17 congregations, only 3 have a full time pastor (the other FTE pastor is shared between two congregations). In 5-10, the number of full time pastors (not retired) will very likely be only 2. This is not a reason to fear or fret but a reason to open our hearts, minds, eyes, and ears to the various ways that God is calling us into the future! The Church of Jesus will stand the tests of time...whether it looks like it does today or not is only known to Jesus. As part of this planning and dreaming, folks have gotten together as a taskforce to consider models of collaborative ministry in our area. But this is not work just for a few people sometimes, but work that we are all called to do in God's future. In our planning and dreaming, we are looking toward what ministry looks like years down the road. As part of this dreaming and planning, YOU are invited to fill out a survey to assess the positions, feelings, hopes, and dreams of the Lutherans in Erie County. To take the survey, you can follow the QR Code, or talk with Pastor Jay about a link to take the survey online.

Youth

Get your car washed following services, 9:30 and 11:30am, on Sunday, May 18 and Sunday, June 1. Just pull around to the 11th Street entrance and our youth will get rid of that winter dirt and grime. Donations happily accepted.

Flea Markets will be held in our parking area (rain or shine) the third Saturday of the month beginning May 17 and continue through September 20. Set-up begins at 8:00am with shopping held from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Cost of a parking space is \$10 so load your car with unwanted treasures and come on down to park and sell. Please see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski for more information.

LIA, Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, May 13 from 5:30-7:00pm as they continue completing service projects. All youth in grades 5-12 are encouraged to join in.

Faith Formation

Book Group, Paging Through with Pastor Jay, meets the second Monday of odd months at 6:00pm in the parlor. Our next gathering will be Monday, May 12 as we will begin the book *Hidden Inheritance: Family Secrets, Memory and Faith* by Heidi Neumark. Pastor Neumark will be joining us via Zoom for our gathering. The book may be purchased at local bookstores and on Amazon.

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

Opportunities for Fellowship

OWLS will welcome Kasey McGregor from the Chosen Mission Project in Millcreek on Wednesday, May 21. Kasey will offer a presentation on the history of the Chosen Mission Project and how this ministry has grown. Join us at 11:30am; lunch will be served following the presentation. RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, by Friday, May 16.

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Your cares will be left behind after a morning of laughter and conversation with the Magic Fingers Grace Group. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am– 12:00 noon; May 13 and May 27. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Items to Note

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

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Marilyn Bohn & family
Ann Flick
Mary Daniels

Ed Hokaj
Pat Gilbert

Rose-Marie Rose
Lois Fobes

Ron King
Bea Leemhuis

Friends and Family:

Grant, Alina, Charlie Jane McGrail
Steve Sensor
Carol Steffey & Marissa
Michael & Paula Lombardozzi
Henderson family
Laura L.

Jenn
Phil F.
Janine Frank
Teddy & Rebecca
Joey & family
Beth Sedelmyer

Mary Lou
Andrew Wachter
Casey Smith
Jessica Reams
Irene McCullough
Mary Beth

Bev
Dale Dannhaus
Cheryl Atkinson
Sullivan
Sandy M.

Grief:

Dee Lasher family
Sharon Rositer (McGhee) family

Clem Warrick family

Irene McCullough family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson
Ben Dixon

Michael Stickner
Lt. Col. Mark Collins

Andrew Watson
Christopher Rose

Alli Brown

Readings and Commemoration This Week

May 12 – Psalm 100; Ezekiel 37:15-28; Revelation 15:1-4

May 13 – Psalm 100; Ezekiel 45:1-9; Acts 9:32-35

May 14 – **MATTHIAS, APOSTLE** – Isaiah 66:1-2; Psalm 56; Acts 1:15-26; Luke 6:12-16 -- *Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.*

May 15 – Psalm 148; Ezekiel 2:8-3:11; Revelations 10:1-11

May 16 – Psalm 148; Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 11:15

May 17 – Psalm 148; Daniel 7:27; Revelation 11:16-19

May 18 – Psalm 23; Ezekiel 28:25-26; Luke 12:29-32



C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, MAY 12	3:30pm	Prayer Group
	6:00pm	Book Group
TUESDAY, MAY 13	10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
	5:30pm	LIA (Youth)
	6:00pm	Council
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14	4:30pm	Julia House Meeting
THURSDAY, MAY 15	5:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, MAY 16		
SATURDAY, MAY 17	9:00am	Flea Market

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Fellowship & refreshments, compliments of the Deborah Circle, held in the parlor at 11:30am.

Car Wash, provided by our youth, held in the 11th Street parking area at 9:30 and 11:30am.

Family Fun at Blessed Sacrament Bocce Courts from 2:00-4:00pm.

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Kate Martin
Communion Assistants (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Elaine Kern
Lector	10:30am	Pat Bellingham
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	John Bartlett
Counters	10:30am	Liz Stroup, Pat Young
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Carl Moore