

Welcome to
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THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY
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!

~ Luther Memorial Church and Academy is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

~ 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.

PRELUDE – “Sing Out”

M. B. Bennett

Please rise in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ONE: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.

ALL: Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Have mercy, O God,
against you, you alone,
we have sinned.

In your compassion,
cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt.
Create in us a new heart
and give us a steadfast spirit.

Do not cast us away,
but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us.

Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God’s compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God’s love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 414

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the soprano and alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The first stanza is the most prominent, with the other three stanzas providing additional verses. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
set of sun through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900
Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

¹Does not Wisdom call and Understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴“To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live. ²²“The Lord created me at the beginning of creation, the first of the Lord’s acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶when the Lord had not yet made earth and fields or the world’s first bits of soil. ²⁷I was there when the Lord established the heavens, and drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸and made firm the skies above, and established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹and assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress the Lord’s command, when the foundations of the earth were marked out, ³⁰then I was beside the Lord, like a master worker, and I was daily the Lord’s delight, playing before the Lord always, ³¹playing in the Lord’s inhabited world and delighting in the human race.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (PSALM 8)

ELW 837

Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

Wakantanka taku nitawa

Wa - kan - tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O Star - a -

qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan
your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with

ca - sbe - ya - wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
life that has no . . . end, e - ter - nal life with you.

Text: Joseph R. Renville, 1779–1846; para. Philip Frazier, 1892–1964, alt.
Music: LAC QUI PARLE, Dakota tune; arr. *Songs of the People*, 1986
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SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, the Spirit will guide you into all the truth, for the Spirit will not speak out of the Spirit's own authority but will speak whatever the Spirit hears, and will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴The Spirit will glorify me, taking what is mine and declaring it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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 861

When Long before Time
The Singer and the Song

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system includes four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the hymn with a double bar line.

1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,
2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,
3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,
4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,

when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,
their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;
its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,

and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,
and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,
the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,

and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—
and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.
the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.
our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

5 The Light has returned as it came once before,
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
be glory for ever, through life and through death.

Text: Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

This day, as we contemplate the Sacred Mystery of the Trinity, we proclaim our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed—the Creed into which we are baptized—and learn together from Luther's Small Catechism.

THE FIRST ARTICLE: ON CREATION

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me together with all that exists.

God has given me and still preserves my body and soul:

eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses;

reason and all mental faculties.

In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing,

food and drink, house and farm,

family, fields, livestock, and all property

along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life.

God protects me against all danger

and shields and preserves me from all evil.

**And all this is done out of pure, parental, and divine goodness and mercy,
without any merit or worthiness of mine at all!**

For all of this I owe it to God

to thank and praise, serve and obey.

This is most certainly true.

THE SECOND ARTICLE: ON REDEMPTION

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ,

true God, begotten of the Father in eternity,

and also a true human being,

born of the virgin Mary,

is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being.

He has purchased and freed me from all sins,

from death, and from the power of the devil,

not with gold or silver

but with his holy, precious blood

and with his innocent suffering and death.

**He has done all this in order that I may belong to him,
live under him in his kingdom,
and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,
just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.
This is most certainly true.**

THE THIRD ARTICLE: ON BEING MADE HOLY

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.

What does this mean?

**I believe that by my own understanding or strength
I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him,
but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel,
enlightened me with gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith,
just as the Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy
the whole Christian church on earth
and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith.
Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—
mine and those of all believers.
On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead
and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.
This is most certainly true. Amen.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Abiding God, your love pours into your whole church, creating faith and bestowing hope. Fill all the baptized with these good gifts in our various callings. Gather your church in every place and expression into the unity of your Spirit. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Creating God, your name is majestic in all the earth, and we are filled with awe at your creation. Renew this planet and all its wonders: springs abounding with water, earth and soil, beasts of the field, birds of the air, and fish of the sea. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, you delight in the whole human race. On this week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the wounds of racial trauma. Grant us your wisdom, so that all people, especially those in authority, work for the life and freedom of others. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, your mindful care for us is everlasting. Give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to all who suffer, deliverance to all who are afflicted, and healing to all who are sick. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Living God, your glory appears in our shared life. On this Father's Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle hearts and strong spirits, heal the wounds in our families, and comfort those for whom this day brings pain. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection especially the Emanuel Nine, Onesimos, Bill, Robert, and Dee. Hold us in our grief, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our 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.

OFFERTORY – “Pastoral”

J. K. Kuchar

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

OFFERING HYMN

ACS 1092

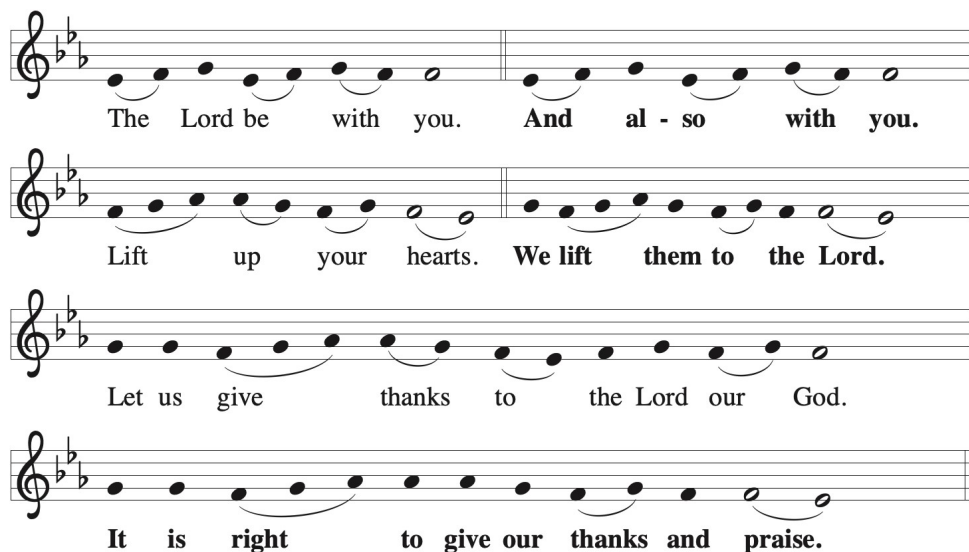
Thank You, Lord

Musical score for the hymn "Thank You, Lord". It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are arranged in four parts: 1. Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, 2. Been so good, been so good, been so 3. Been my friend, been my friend, been my 4. Love you, Lord, love you, Lord, love you. The second system of the score includes the lyrics: Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord. good, I just want to thank you, Lord. friend, I just want to thank you, Lord. Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.
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 our 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

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

*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.*

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:

The earth is full of your glory. 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,

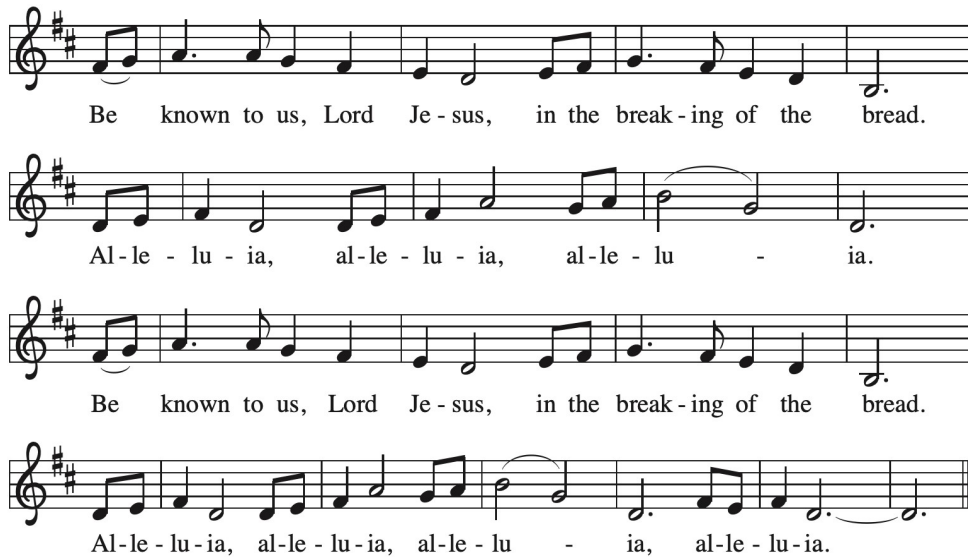
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Thanks be to God!

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 824

This Is My Father's World



1 This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa - ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa - ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa - ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa - ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901
 Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

ACS 948

Womb of Life and Source of Being

1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry rest - less
 2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us sec - ond
 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our
 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly

heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have
 birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing
 friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us whose we
 Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er, One - in -

loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er
 weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man
 are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us; aid the
 Three and Three - in - One. We would share your life, your



round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar-ing
strug - gles, Life of life and Death of death, ris - en
birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of
pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: RAQUEL, Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1944–1992
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TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

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

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

I bind to you today, the strong name of the Trinity. May the Father's love abide in you—as splendid as fire as firm as a rock. The grace of the Son, our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts—so he is to your right and your left, present with you both standing and sitting. The life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace—God's wisdom to guide you and hand to guard you.

Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
 Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – “The God Of Abraham Praise”

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Julie Ditz

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Stan Rose

LECTOR – Eric Hedlund

USHERS – Diana Alvaro, Cathy Beck, Mary Daniels, Carl Moore

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

VIDEO STREAMING – Sarah Prylinski



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bill Schaal, whose birthday would have been June 14, by his wife, Carol.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. Robert and Dolores Lasher by their loving family.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Ed Hokaj's birthday on June 18 by Marilyn Rositer.

This Week

Pastor Jay will be out of the office (but still at work!) while he is at ConfirCamp at Lutherlyn. In case of pastor emergency, call the church office.

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 Matters!

We are using the east facing altar for our worship this summer. First, yes, even though *technically* the altar faces south, when an altar is built into one end of a church building along the main axis of the nave, it is facing *liturgical* east. Originally all churches had an altar that faced east. This was intentional as it faced (in most cases) toward Jerusalem. More importantly, it faced toward the rising sun—a reminder of our new life of resurrection through baptism. Until very recently (relatively in church years) almost all altars faced “the wall.” Other than tradition, the reason for this is the idea that in worship all people—including the pastor—are facing in one direction. A brother in Taizé phrased it as “we do not pray to one another, we pray to God.” This is not to say that an altar table with the ability to gather all around it is wrong. In our evolution of liturgical and theological understanding, what we share in the Sacrament is less a sacrifice (in which case all people should face the same way with the sacrifice between themselves and God) and more a meal with Christ present in our midst so we gather *around* the Table. However, since we have *both* options at Luther, we are using the east facing altar for the summer as way of using both our tables, as well as considering these various theological ways of approaching worship and particularly the Meal. Note, however, that even when using the east facing altar, Pastor Jay recites the Word of Institution with the elements of the sacrament while facing the people. What happens at the altar is no secret, even if some of it is blocked by the pastor. We all have access to the altar and to our Savior who meets us there, beckons us to feast, and feeds us with himself. We will return to using the altar table in the autumn.

Through the summer we will share in *All Creation Sings* Setting XII of the liturgy. Composed largely by Anne Krentz Organ, this liturgy is unique in the liturgical settings in the ELW panoply of resources. There are two options for most of the liturgical texts: one, like we are sharing in worship this season to be used for usual services of Holy Eucharist and another with texts particularly appropriate for use at *evening* gatherings of Holy Eucharist. We have used many of the pieces of this setting before, and in this season we will use them all together.

A reminder that *All Creation Sings* (ACS) is the hymnal supplement to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW), the official worship resource of the ELCA. Like *With One Voice* was a supplement to the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, ACS seeks to expand the worship offerings of the ELCA since the publication of ELW almost 20 years ago. It comprises some 200 new hymns (all written in the 21st century) and two full settings of the liturgy, one of which is the first time a bilingual service of Holy Communion can be found on the same pages of an ELCA worship resource.

About the Cover Icon: *from Kelly Latimore, the iconographer:* “Circling around” is all we can do. Our speaking of God is a search for similes, analogies, and metaphors. All theological language is an approximation, offered tentatively in holy awe. That’s the best human language we can achieve. We can say, “It’s like—it’s similar to...,” but we can never say, “It is...” because we are in the realm of beyond, of transcendence, of mystery. And we must—absolutely must—maintain a fundamental humility before the Great Mystery. If we do not, religion always worships itself and its formulations and never God.” ~Richard Rohr, "The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation" Commissioned by Mark Bozzuti-Jones.

Hymn Lotto is back! Please use the green insert to write a favorite hymn for choice at the end of worship. Remember, this week’s choice will be sung *next* week (or, this week, in two weeks because of the parish beach service).

From Pastor Gail Zackrison: A Conversation on Racial Justice

Dear Friends in Christ –

Several years ago I began a journey in learning about systemic racism and all the ills that go along with some folks “lording it over other” – ‘cuz that’s what it is. It wasn’t the most fun journey – sometimes the learning hurts, but fortunately I encountered a group in the Northeast Ohio Synod that was intentional about learning and sharing, and sharing our hurts and learnings – without judgment. That group is black and white and clergy and lay. I’d love to start a group here in this synod, and since I’m a member here, this is the logical place. I will not be “teaching” anyone; I don’t have all the answers; I’m still learning. But I do have materials or podcasts and other resources which we can start with, as well as our own learnings about “race”.

And I don’t see this group as being very regular in its meetings, certainly not weekly. Since I am available for pulpit supply in this synod, I won’t even be here all the time. The group in Ohio meets once a month on Zoom (thanks to Covid!), and occasionally in person – which I don’t attend. I think perhaps meeting after the second service to start with is a possibility, and then we can think about other times or places. I’ll be “lingering” in the parlor after worship for the next 2 Sundays. Hope to see you there!

Worship

Holden Evening Prayer services will be held each Wednesday in June at 7:00pm. Please join us on the fifth floor as we end our day with a simple prayer service.

Our worship service on Sunday, June 22 will be held at Presque Isle. We will gather at the **Runner’s Club Pavilion**, located near Beach 1, for 10:30am worship. A picnic and games will follow to make it a wonderful afternoon. Please bring a dish to share, your place setting, and a chair or blanket. If you have a favorite game, bring it along too. The 8:15am service will not be held.

We are excited to announce that we are forming a new Counting Committee and are looking for volunteers! We need individuals to help count all the offerings following the 10:30am worship services. If you’re interested in contributing to this important role or would like more information, please contact the church office or Gina Snider at gms0606@gmail.com or 814-60 2-7679. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Outreach Offerings

Giving offerings to outreach ministries allows Luther Memorial to support vital work beyond our church walls, like serving those in need and spreading the gospel. It enables us to fulfill our mission of serving God and others by funding programs that improve lives, both physically and spiritually. Two of our summer months have five Sundays; June 29 and August 31. On these Sundays our morning offerings will be given to support:

- Lutheran Services in America (lutheranservices.org) on June 29, and
- Augusta Victory Hospital, Lutheran World Federation sponsored hospital in Jerusalem (avh.org/) on August 31

Youth

Flea Markets are held in our parking area (rain or shine) the third Saturday of the month 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. Our next Flea Market is Saturday, June 21. Please see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski for more information.

LIA, Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, July 8 from 5:30-7:00pm as they continue completing service projects. All youth in grades 5-12 and their families are encouraged to join in.

Opportunities for Fellowship

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; June 24. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will have a summer picnic on Wednesday, June 18 under our beautiful magnolia tree on the west side of the church. If weather doesn't cooperate we'll gather in the parlor. Join us from 11:00am – 1:00pm for hotdogs, hamburgers and maybe a good old fashioned root beer float. Please bring a dish to share and even some yard games. RSVP see Jan MacInnes this morning if you would like to attend.

OWLS will set sail on the Victorian Princess Wednesday, July 9. Enjoy a scenic cruise and delicious lunch while visiting and taking in the sights of Presque Isle. Boarding is from 11:15-11:30am. The cost per person is \$44. Reservations, with payment, are due to Jan MacInnes or the church office no later than Friday, June 27.

Kenneth Snider Memorial Car Cruise will be held Sunday, July 13 from 1:00-4:00pm in our parking lot. This is a fun afternoon for the entire family. Car enthusiasts will enjoy a variety of show cars along with DJ Bill Mason, Magic Steve, delicious food, a huge Chinese auction, 50-50 raffle and bake sale. Monies raised will benefit Shriners Children's Hospital and Luther Memorial's Youth. For more information, contact kenscarmacruise@gmail.com.

Bethany Outreach Center

Are you a Golfer who Enjoys a Good Scramble? Join us at the **DRIVE OUT HUNGER GOLF TOURNAMENT** in Support of the Bethany Outreach Center!

Save the Date: Sunday, July 20 Time: 10:00am

Location: Harbor Ridge Golf Course at 3730 Harbor Ridge Trail in Erie, PA 16510

Highlights of this "Fun" Fundraiser:

- Several (last year we had 16) Teams will compete in two 9-hole "Scramble" Rounds
- 9 optional "Fun" Skill Contests, such as Hole-In-One, Closest-To-The-Pin, etc.
- **Even if you're not a golfer**, you can still enjoy the Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle games in the Club House during and after golf
- Hot dogs and drinks at the turn
- All Proceeds go to support the Bethany Outreach Center
- Cost is \$320 per Foursome

To sign up your team, fill out a registration form (found on the table by the ramp), or go to the Bethany Outreach Center website (www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org). Call, text, or email Eric Hedlund to submit your registration, or if you have any questions, at (814) 898-1233 or (814) 722-7732 or eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org. ***Instead of golf, if you would like to volunteer to run some of the events / games, please contact Eric Hedlund for that as well!***

Are you inspired by our "100 Hearts of Hope" campaign whose goal is to find 100 people to donate \$100 toward Bethany Outreach **by June 19**? If so, here is how you can donate your \$100:

- Write a check for \$100 payable to "Bethany Outreach Center" with memo "100 Hearts of Hope" and put it in the offering, or drop off in the church office; OR
- Go to www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org, click on the red "Donate" button, enter your payment information and enter your name into the optional note field.

Your name will be added to our 2025 **"100 HEARTS OF HOPE LISTING"** on the Bethany Outreach Website.

LMA News

Two teaching positions are open for the 2025/2026 school year:

- Full-time fifth grade classroom teacher – A degree in education or a related field is required. Elementary classroom experience is preferred. Candidates must be proficient with classroom technology and basic communication tools.
- Part-time music teacher – General music classes for grades Kindergarten – 8th one day per week. The teacher will design and implement engaging lesson plans that cater to diverse learning styles. The position also includes planning, rehearsing and directing the LMA Sunday performance, end-of-year music program and other events as needed. Qualifications: BA in Music, Music Education or related field; teaching experience preferred.

Please send a letter of interest and current resume, including three references, via email to LMA Administrator, Michelle Thom, at mthom@lmaerie.org.

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
Sally McAfee

Robert Copfer
Pat Gilbert

Ed Hokaj
Lois Fobes

Rose-Marie Rose
Bea Leemhuis

Friends and Family:

Mary Beth & Mary Kelly
Nicholas Nasibyan
Carol Steffey & Marissa
Phil Nagy
Robert Timm

Laura L
Gwen Smith
Janine Frank
Henderson family

Mary Lou
Andrew Wachter
Sandy M.
Justin

Shelby
Sullivan
Ron Lester
Beth Sedelmyer

Grief:

Dee Lasher 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

June 16 – Psalm 124; Proverbs 7:1-4; Ephesians 4:7-16

June 17 – Emanuel Nine, martyrs, 2015 -- Isaiah 11:1-9; Psalm 91; 1 John 3:1-3, 18-24; Matthew 5:1-10 -- *On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.*

June 18 – Psalm 124; Daniel 1:1-21; Luke 1:46b-55

June 19 – Juneteenth -- Psalm 78:1-11, II Chronicles 7:14; Isaiah 30:25-26 – *Juneteenth is a holiday that celebrates the end of slavery in the United States. It recalls how the states of Louisiana and Texas heard the news that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Slavery continued in those two states for more than two years after the proclamation was signed because the word had yet to travel there. Texas and Louisiana finally got the good news on June 19, 1865. Former slaves broke out in spontaneous celebration. Legend has it that the good word was spread by a black man who rode a mule from the east all the way to Texas. Historians credit General Gordon Granger, who arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, with making the announcement. In any case, the announcement marked the end of slavery for the nation.*

June 20 – Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 57:1-13; Galatians 3:15-22

June 21 – Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, 1931 – Isaiah 62:1-7; Psalm 48; Romans 10:11-17; Luke 24:44-53 -- *Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was then freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.*



CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 16		LMA Summer Bootcamp
TUESDAY, JUNE 17		LMA Summer Bootcamp
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18	11:00am 7:00pm	OWLS Picnic Holden Evening Prayer Service LMA Summer Bootcamp
THURSDAY, JUNE 19		LMA Summer Bootcamp
FRIDAY, JUNE 20		LMA Summer Bootcamp
SATURDAY, JUNE 21	9:00am	Flea Market

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025 **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

Worship service at 10:30am will be held at Presque Isle, Runner's Club Pavilion (near Beach 1).
The 8:15am service will not be held.

Picnic lunch will be held at 11:30 following worship. Please bring a dish to share and your lawn chair or blanket.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	10:30am	Chloe Meucci
Lector	10:30am	Karen Braendel
Counters	10:30am	Nick Lang, Jonathan Ulrich