

WELCOME TO
**LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & ACADEMY**



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The Holy Trinity
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

+ Everything you need to follow along in worship is included in this bulletin. You are invited to stand and sit—as you are able—as indicated herein.

+ If you have a need to **children**'s bulletins, coloring pages, crayons, or other supplies they are available on the Welcome Table. You can proceed out the door next to the pulpit and find the Welcome Table near the door.

- Children are always welcome in worship and together we make a joyful noise! However, if you have need, a staffed nursery is available down the stairs across from the Welcome Table.

+ An all-gender and accessible **restroom** is available out the door next to the pulpit, up the ramp, and to the right. Follow signs for "Handicap Bathroom." Other restrooms are available down the hallway next to Faith Chapel across from the parlor.

+ You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshipping around you and turn your phones and devices to silent. Feel free to take pictures of our beautiful sanctuary or post about the sermon. However, we ask that you ask permission before taking any people pictures.

+ We welcome all to worship and to the Table trusting that it is the Holy Spirit that draws us all together. If you would like information about joining the congregation or receiving the Sacraments of the Church, be sure to talk to Pastor Jay after worship (you can usually find him next to the pulpit after the service).

PRELUDE – "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba"

G. F. Handel/arr. N. Rawsthorne

Please rise in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ONE: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

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

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

Forgive us,

renew us,

and lead us,

**so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,**

to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

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

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 413

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

OPENING SENTENCE

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God.

And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

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 shared with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray: Bless Linda O Lord, as she reads to us the scriptures. As rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return until the earth is watered, let your word not return empty, but accomplish your purpose and succeed in that for which it was sent; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together God called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humans in the divine image, in the image of God they were created; male and female God created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant

for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that had been made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that had been done, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work that had been done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that God had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE

Lord, Your Hands Have Formed

1 Lord, your hands have formed this world, ev - 'ry part is shaped by
2 Yours the soil that holds the seed, you give warmth and mois - ture,
3 Like a mat you roll out land, space to build for us and

you— wa - ter tum - bling o - ver rocks, air, and sun - light:
too. Sprout-ing blos - soms, crops and buds, trees and plants: the
you earth - ly homes and, bet - ter still, homes for Christ: the

each day's signs that you make all things new.
sea - son's signs that you make all things new.
tru - est sign that you make all things new.

Text: Ramon and Sario Oliano; para. James Minchin, b. 1942; tr. Delbert Rice
Music: GAYOM NI HIGAMI, Ikalahan (Philippines) traditional
Text © James Minchin, admin. Asian Institute for Liturgy & Music., admin. Augsburg Fortress.

SECOND READING: II Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul writes: Finally, my dear family, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

The congregation may rise in body or spirit to greet the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACS 974

Sung thrice

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is

close at hand; lis - ten to the voice that be - gan cre - a - tion;



Text: Anonymous, Canada
Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Jesus, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

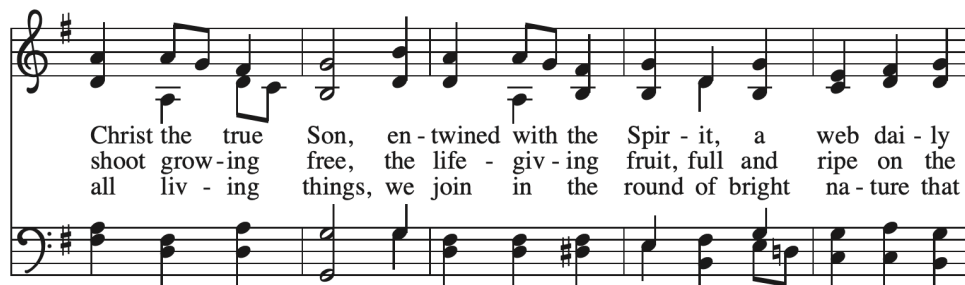
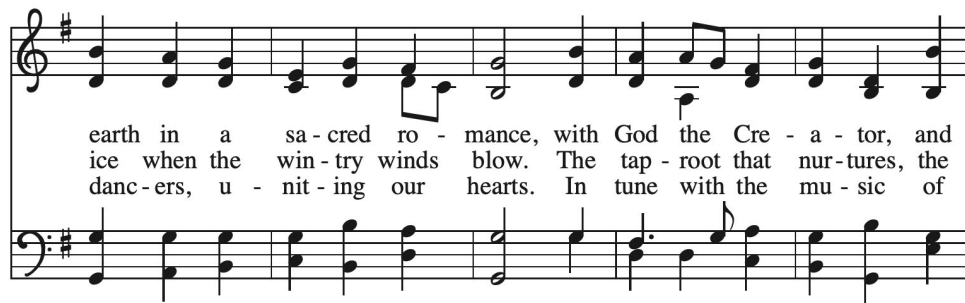
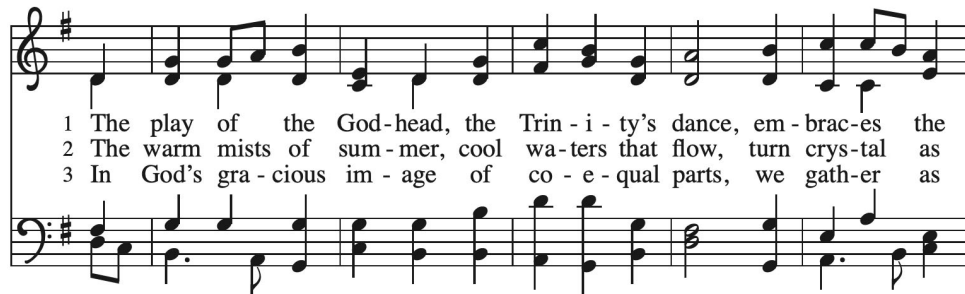
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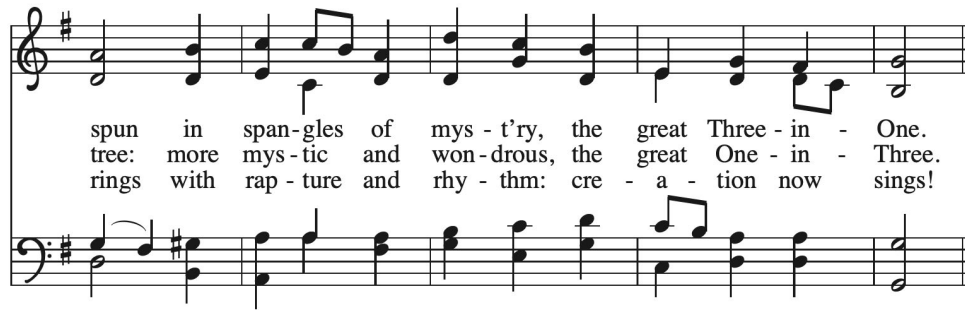
After a brief silence for reflection, as the music sounds, please stand to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 946

The Play of the Godhead





Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: PERICHORESIS, William P. Rowan, b. 1951
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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.**

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. We pray for the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod; Yehiel and Kristen, our bishops; Sara, our Assistant to the Bishop; Barbara, Brian, Bryan, and Pastors Jay, Brian, Karen, and Gail, our voting members; and all who travel to and participate in the work of being your Church in this place. Guide their deliberation, enliven their fellowship, and shape them to be your church, through their work on our behalf may we all come to “Bring the Living Hope of God to All.” God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm’s way. Comfort any experiencing hardship, particularly those whose names and needs we lift up now: (here you may name the concerns of your heart aloud). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises like Mary, Elizabeth, Justin, John, Boniface, the martyrs of Uganda, and our own beloved dead: John, Gertrude, John, Hulda and Gordon. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
All share greetings and gestures of peace with those around you. Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING



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.

MUSICAL OFFERING – "Gymnopedie I"

E. Satie/arr. A. Ridout

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

ACS 970

A musical score for a hymn, consisting of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread. We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed. You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:"

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.

You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:

and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

Text: Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop
 Music: LIVING BREAD, St. Vincent traditional, adapt.; arr. Patrick Prescod, 1932–2013
 Text and music © Caribbean Conference of Churches

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

... lle-nos es-tán el cie-lo y la tie-rra de tu glo - ria.
 your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie-ne en nom-bre del Se-ñor. . . .
 . . . Bless-ed be the Sav-ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e-res, oh Dios.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

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.

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

Please be seated.


THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is 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. Receive the bread in your open palm. All bread is gluten free. Proceeding to either communion assistant, hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. Non-alcoholized grape juice is in the pre-filled cups. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the bowls. 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. If you need communion brought to you, please let a neighbor know to inform the Pastor.*


HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 415

Father Most Holy



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en; good - ness un -
3 Mak - er of all things, all thy crea - tures praise thee; all for thy
4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to thee be glo - ry, one in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,
bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, light of the an - gels,
wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; now, as we al - so
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, light nev - er wan - ing.
joy of those for - sak - en, hope of all liv - ing.
wor - ship thee de - vout - ly, hear thou our voic - es.
praise thee and a - dore thee, now and for - ev - er.

Text: Latin hymn, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.
Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681
Outside USA: Text from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906.

When Long before Time
The Singer and the Song



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 forever, through life and through death.

Text: Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936
 Music: THE SINGER AND THE SONG, Peter W. A. Davison
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Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

...now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 414

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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,
 above 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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Bolero de concert Op. 166"

L. Wely

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Luther Memorial Church and Academy are located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people. These lands were ceded by the people of the Six Nations on October 22, 1784 in a treaty ratified by the United States Government in 1785 and never ratified by the people of the Six Nations. We gather in this place indebted to these peoples for their forced generosity. While some peoples were successful in resisting assimilation and genocide, and still live on dwindled homelands now, many were absorbed into other peoples, exiled, or annihilated by the United States government for their land. For those who remain and for the land on which we gather, we give thanks to the Creator and to those who have been custodians of this part of Turtle Island since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ASSISTING MINISTER – Stan Rose

COMMUNION ASSISTANT –

LECTOR – Linda Melaragno

USHERS – Lynnette Gustafson, Amy Scott

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

VIDEO STREAMING – Gina Snider



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, John, and our parents, Gertrude and John Mick and Hulda and Gordon Swenson, by Lee Swenson.

Today's Events

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. If you would like your offering this morning to support The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, please mark your envelope "ELCJAL".

Smile! for your picture. This morning is your last opportunity to have your picture taken for our new church directory. Stop in to the fifth floor from 9:15 – 10:15am and 11:30am – 12:00 noon to have your picture taken. If you prefer to submit a favorite photograph, please email the picture as an attachment to nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org. Please include each person's name listed left to right by row as shown in your photograph. Thank you.

Worship Matters!

We just got done with all that white...after a brief break with red, why are we in white again?! This Sunday is unique in the entire Christian calendar. This is the **only** festival that celebrates a doctrine. All other feasts, festivals, and fasts celebrate a person or a moment in time. But this day—while we *could* consider the Trinity a “person,” famously it’s not—we celebrate the Holy Trinity; a doctrine. We begin this season of wrestling with what it means to be Christ’s Church after the ascension of Jesus and the descent of the Spirit. And how do we begin? We begin with perhaps the most puzzling of doctrines in the Church—our One God is in community within God’s self with three persons. But this is the promise to which we cling: we do not struggle alone. We are in relationship with each other and with our God who is, in turn, in relationship within the Divine Self.

The 2026 **HYMN LOTTO** season has begun! Please be sure to fill out the green ticket in your bulletin and place in the baskets when you come forward for communion. Next week's Sending Hymn will be chosen during the Announcements.

Faith Formation

Bible After Dark (BAD) meets on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row (1317 State St.) for a time of conversation and fellowship. **YOU** are invited to join us on Tuesday, June 2. We are exploring *Belonging*, a study of the Woman at the Well by Karoline Lewis (you may have met her!). Books are available for purchase through the church office for \$15.

Brown Bag Bible (B³) gathers on Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. You bring a lunch, Pastor Jay brings something to talk about. B³ will not meet this Thursday, 4 June while Pastor Jay is at Synod Assembly.

Mark your calendars for Adult Forum in July! *Revolution and Reformation: Lutherans at the Time of Independence.* We will join in the library between the services July 12, 19, and 26 to explore some important Lutherans and how Lutheranism had an impact during the struggle for independence. Sundays in July (except the 5th) 9:15-10:15am in the Library.

Opportunities for Fellowship

L.I.A., Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, June 9 from 5:30-7:00pm for planning of our upcoming service projects and some very creative ideas. L.I.A. is open to families and those looking to help with small hands on service projects. And it's a great opportunity to take care of those service hours many youth need. Be sure to check the bulletins for surprises all summer. If you are not familiar with the BAND App, contact Sarah Prylinski as outings are also posted on the app. We're looking forward to see everyone this summer!

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Enjoy a relaxing morning with friends at the Magic Fingers Grace Group as you knit your cares away sprinkled with some laughter. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. We hope to see you June 9 and June 23 from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will welcome summer with a picnic in the parlor on Wednesday, June 17 at 11:00am. Tasty grilled hotdogs, hamburgers and beverage will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, or the church office, 454-0106, ext. 221 by Friday, June 12.

W/ELCA will gather for their annual end of the year picnic on Tuesday, June 2 at 5:00pm in the parlor. All women are invited to join us as we welcome summer. The main course is provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please contact Pat Your, 455-7736, or the church office with any questions.

For Your Health

No Strings Attached! Begin your journey and learn how to better manage blood sugars, blood pressure, cholesterol and weight with nutrition. The National Diabetes Prevention Program will offer this free one year "journey" beginning Thursday, June 18 at 10:00am in our parlor. One hour sessions will be held weekly for 3 months, bi-weekly for 3 months and monthly for 6 months. Please join us on Thursday, June 18 for the free Discovery Session when information will be shared to learn more about the program. Delicious meals and free giveaways will be included throughout the one year journey. This is a wonderful opportunity to improve your health. Please RSVP to Diabetes Prevention Program of The Sight center at 814-455-0995, opt. 4 or contact Norma in our church office.

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.

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.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Betsy Brumagin	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	David Leemhuis
Diane Parsons	Judy Karney	Karen Zamperini	Kate Martin
Donna Sedelmyer	Sutton Rowland	Mary Mumford	
Friends and Family:			
Mary Beth & Nancy, Kelly	Gail Lesuer	Linda F.	Kris
Archer Bardwell; age 3	Mike	Ellie	Peggy S.
Erin N.	Carl Larese	Shirley	Brynlee
Kevin Soles & family	Jenny	Caroline Daniels	Valerie
Adam & Connie Ogle	Katja & family	Peter Maker	Anthony Benacci
Hannah Jacob			
Grief:			
Don MacGregor family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	Justin Gajewski

Readings and Commemorations This Week.

May 31 – The Visitation – *This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.*

June 1 – Justin, martyr at Rome, 165 – Psalm 29; Job 38:39-39:13; I Corinthians 12:1-3 -- *Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.*

June 2 – Psalm 29; Job 39:13-5; I Corinthians 12:4-13

June 3 – The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886 AND John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, 1963 – Psalm 29; Job 39:26-40:5; John 14:25-26 -- *On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda. AND When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.*

June 4 – Psalm 50:7-15; Lamentations 1:7-11; II Peter 2:17-22

June 5 – Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, 754 – Psalm 50:7-15; Lamentations 3:40-58; Acts 28:1-10 -- *Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.*

June 6 – Psalm 50:7-15; Exodus 34:1-9; Matthew 9:27-34



CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 1	11:30am 3:15pm	Pizza with the Principal and Pastor Prayer Group
TUESDAY, JUNE 2	5:00pm	W/ELCA Summer Picnic
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3		
THURSDAY, JUNE 4 <i>Synod Assembly</i>	2:30pm	LMA Study Skills
FRIDAY, JUNE 5 <i>Synod Assembly</i>	1:00pm	Grade 8 Awards Assembly
	6:00pm	Grade 8 Banquet
	6:30pm	Grade 8 Dance
SATURDAY, JUNE 6	10:00am	Quilting

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026
THE TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Baccalaureate and Graduation for our Grade 8 Luther Memorial Academy students will begin at 3:00pm.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Stan Rose
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Linda Graffius
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Jane Moran
Altar Guild	8:15am	Pastor Jay
	10:30am	Mary Daniels
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Christy Adams
Counters	10:30am	Barb Dennison, Gail Zackrison
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	

How would you picture
the Trinity?

