

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



1 January 2023  
The Name of Jesus  
10:30 am

*From the beginning, through baptism, we are called Christian. We are “Christened” at the font. Bearing Christ’s name, we share the same Father and are invited to address this parent intimately: Abba! Jesus bears our sins in humble obedience to the will of God. Today we pray that the mind of Christ, whose name we bear, would be our own. It is a good way to begin, again, another year.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

## LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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**THE NAME OF JESUS**

**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting III • 10:30 am**

### LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Luther Memorial is Christ's church that brings its ministry to northwest Pennsylvania within the context of its Lutheran heritage.

As a church that ministers to the community, it seeks to be an inclusive congregation providing a welcoming environment for all to worship, learn, and enhance both personal spiritual growth and fellowship.

***GATHERING – "The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God."***

**PRELUDE** – "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

J. S. Bach, Jacques Berthier, Larry Visser

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Lutheran Book of Worship

**INTROIT** – "At the Name of Jesus"

James Kirby

*At the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;  
It is his pleasure, we should call Him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*

*Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
From the lips of sinners unto whom He came,  
Gladly He bore it spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious when from death He passed.*

*Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
Through the ranks of creatures, to the central height,  
Before the throne and to the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.*

*In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue  
All that is not holy, all that is not true;  
Crown as your Captain in temptation's hour;  
Let His will enfold you in its light and power.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

**C** Amen.

**P** Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** God of life,

**C** you promise good news of great joy for all people,  
and call us to be messengers of your peace.

We confess that too often we hoard our joy,  
our resources, and our security.

We nurture conflict and build barriers.

We neglect the needs of our neighbors  
and ignore the groaning of creation.

Have mercy on us.

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.

Where we are reluctant, give us courage.

Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

Renew us with your grace

and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.

Amen.

**P** Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises  
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In ☩ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.

Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth  
shall know the salvation of God.

**C** Amen.

*Text and tune of this carol have come down from medieval ages together. The earliest Lutheran version appeared in a volume produced by a Wittenberg publisher and edited by Martin Luther.*

*A slightly later version contained texts in both German and Swedish.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 288

### Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

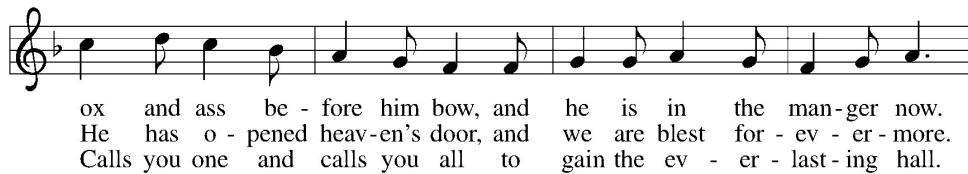


1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!





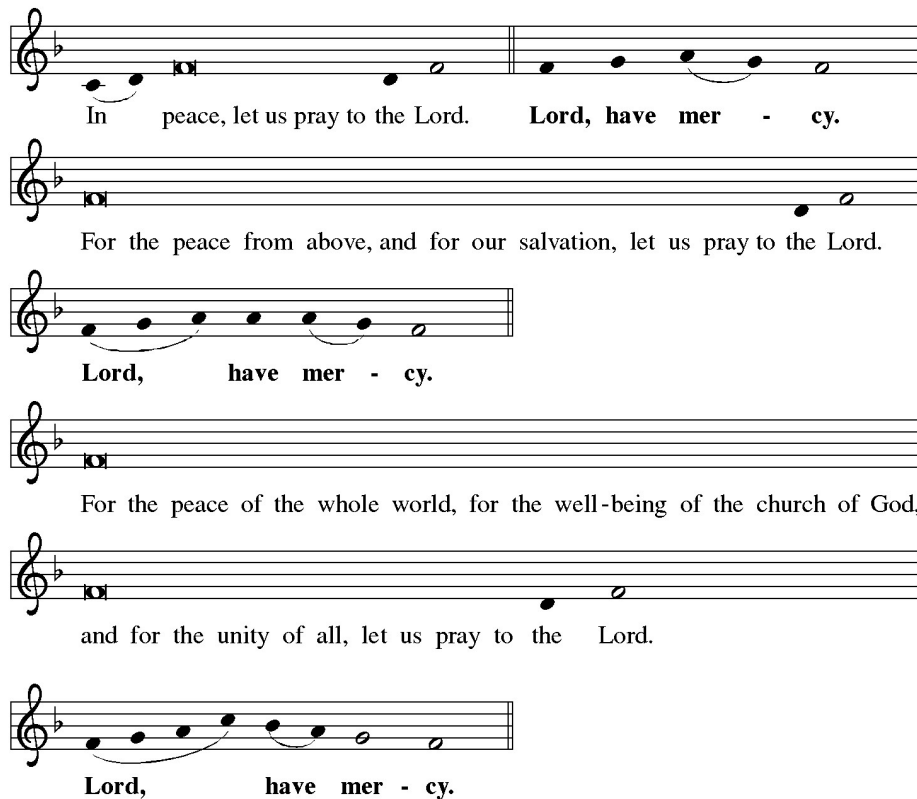
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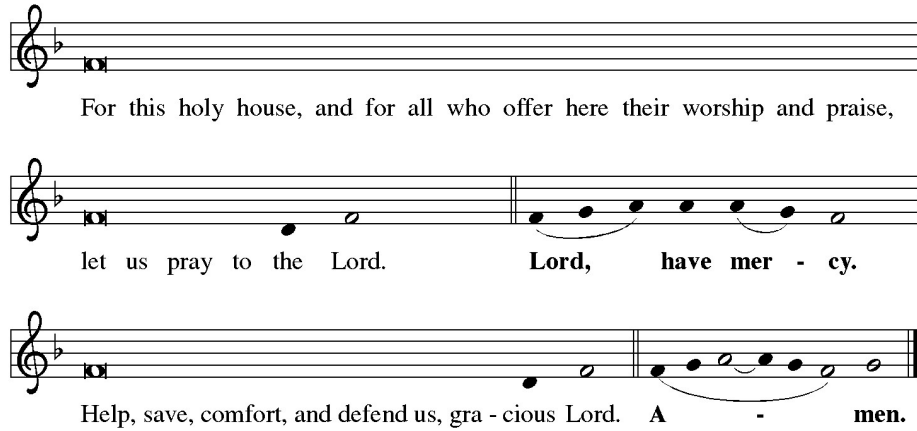
## GREETING

- P** From the one who is and who was and who will come,  
 and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection,  
 grace and peace be with you all.
- C** And also with you.



## KYRIE





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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

*God commanded Aaron to say these words, known as the Aaronic benediction, in blessing the people of Israel. We too are marked with God’s name and God’s blessing as we are sent from our assemblies into the world.*

## FIRST READING: Numbers 6:22-27

<sup>22</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying: Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them: <sup>24</sup>The Lord bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup>the Lord’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup>the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. <sup>27</sup>“So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 8

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



<sup>1</sup>O Lord our Governor

how exalted is your name in all the world!

<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of infants and children

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,

to quell the enemy and the avenger. **R**



<sup>4</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
<sup>5</sup>What is man that you should be mindful of him?  
the son of man that you should seek him out?  
<sup>6</sup>You have made him but little lower than the angels;  
you adorn him with glory and honor. **R**  
<sup>7</sup>You give him mastery over the works of your hands;  
you put all things under his feet:  
<sup>8</sup>All sheep and oxen,  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
<sup>9</sup>The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.  
<sup>10</sup>O Lord our Governor,  
how exalted is your Name in all the world! **R**

*Paul proclaims the ultimate significance of the nativity: Jesus was born the Son of God so that, because of him, we all may be God's children.*

## SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent the Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Refrain:** *(Sung once by the choir, repeated by the congregation and repeated after the verse.)*



*At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.*  
*(Phil. 2:10)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

*Eight days after his birth, Jesus is circumcised according to Jewish law  
and given the name announced by the angel before his conception.*

## GOSPEL: Luke 2:15-21

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, <sup>19</sup>and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them. <sup>21</sup>When the eighth day came, it was time to circumcise the child, and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord

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

Please be seated.

## SERMON

Pastor Moran

Please stand as you are able.

*Text for this hymn is found in a 19<sup>th</sup> century publication titled "Hymns for Little Children," written by an Irish woman who went on to publish a number of collections of poetry.*

*Three of her hymn texts are included in LBW.*

*The melody for this hymn is the work of a highly-regarded organist who wrote about music, composed many psalm and hymn tunes, edited a number of hymnals, and contributed to the design of the English pipe organ.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 269

*Vs. 1 - Molly Gaber, soloist*

### Once in Royal David's City



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,  
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;  
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed;  
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;  
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;  
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

## NICENE CREED

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

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

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



**For us and for our salvation**

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

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

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

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

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

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

**A** With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Holy God, you have given the church the holy name of Jesus, and in him we are your beloved children. Unite us in mission through the power of his Spirit. Make us worthy of the name we bear, the name in which we pray. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** Peacemaking God, reconcile the nations. Lead those in conflict into negotiation, especially in areas of religious or ethnic strife. End acts of aggression and violence carried out in your name. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** Delivering God, rescue our siblings in any danger, especially in communities where disaster and disease threaten. Move those in authority to respond with speed and compassion. We pray for the safety of first responders, health care workers, and all who protect us. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** Healing God, raise up any who are bowed down with illness or sorrow. Deepen our care and concern for one another. We lift to you all who are undergoing transition in relationships, occupation, living situation, or health condition. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** You guide us in all times of our lives. In this time of pastoral transition at Luther Memorial Church, strengthen all congregational members and leaders to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Saving God, redeem us and grant us eternal peace. We give thanks for the faithful departed, especially Fred Bohn, who now rest in your undying love, made known to us in Jesus our Emmanuel. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**





**P** Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

**C** Amen.

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you. *Romans 16:16*

*You are invited to greet those around you in your pew with a word or a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated.*

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

## THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

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

*“Jesus said, truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”*

*Luke 21: 3-4*

## ANTHEM – "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Mark Schweizer

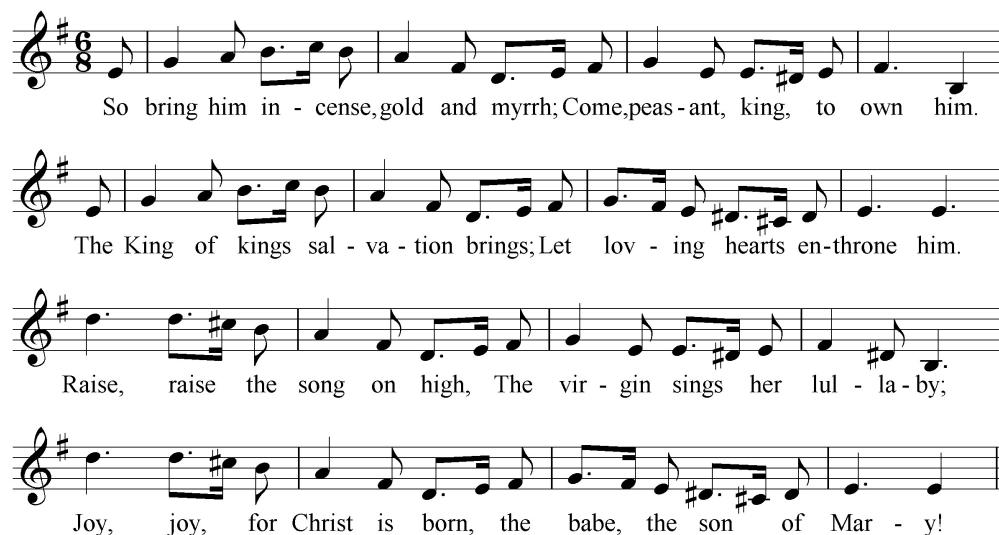
*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years, are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above;  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep, their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth;  
And praises sing to God the King, and Peace to men on earth.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born to us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;  
(Gloria! Gloria! In excelsis Deo!)  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY



So bring him in - cense, gold and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to own him.

The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Raise, raise the song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

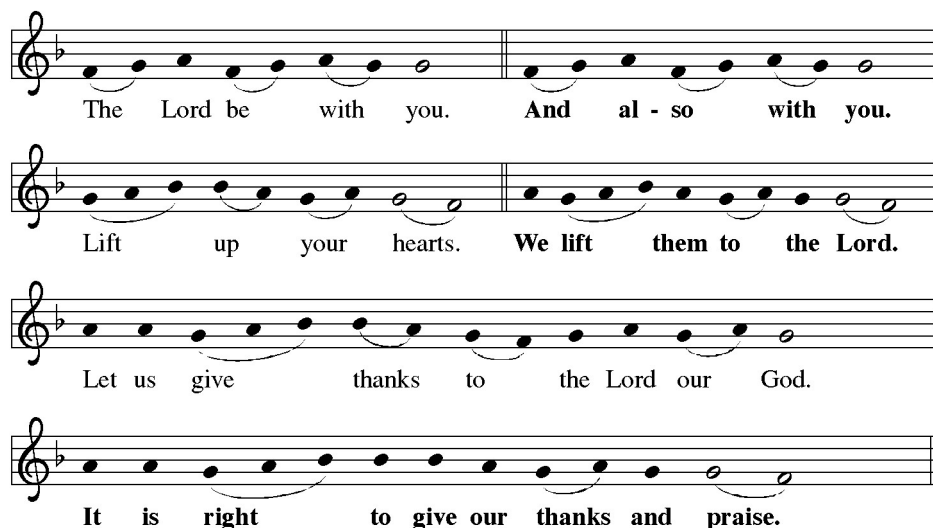
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** God of abundance,  
receive and bless these gifts we have offered.  
Join our hearts with the song of the angels,  
and gather us at your table of celebration.  
Strengthen us to share with all the world  
the abundance of your grace upon grace,  
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

**C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



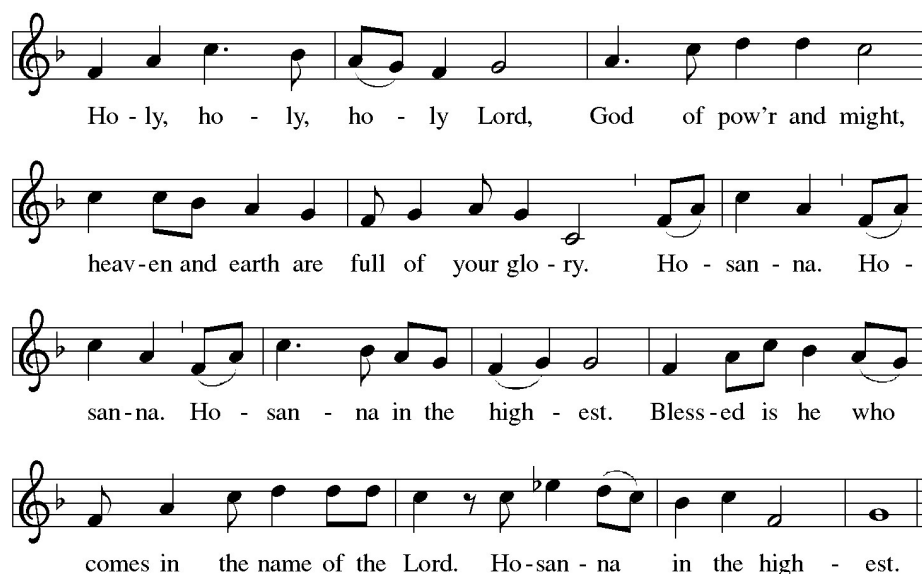
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P** 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:



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**

**P** Holy God, the Beginning and the End,  
our Salvation and our Hope,  
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.  
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,  
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages  
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love  
and to heal all the suffering world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await his coming again  
in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us  
and on this bread and wine we share:  
strengthen our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**C Amen.**

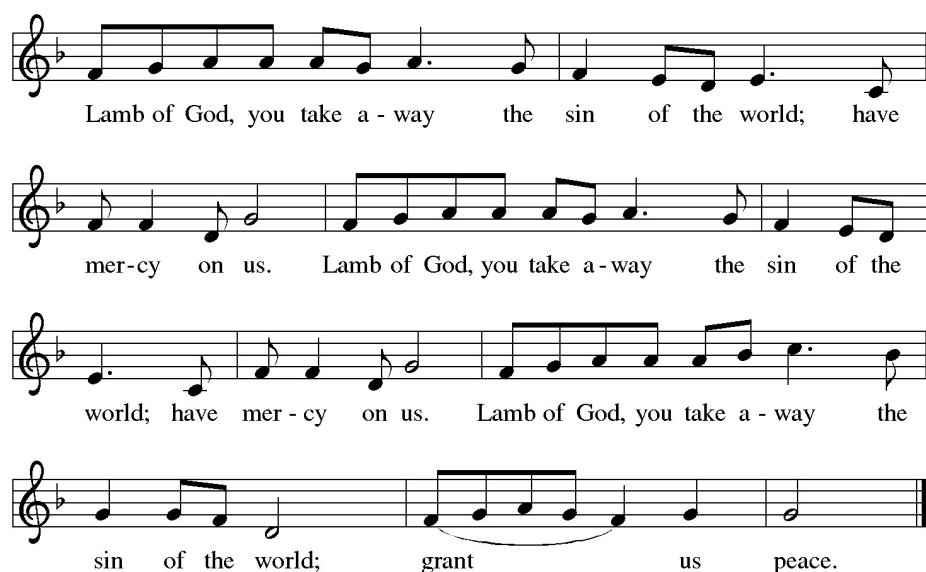
**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.    *Matthew 6:9***

## AGNUS DEI



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Glory to God in the highest!  
Come to the table of peace.

**C** Amen.

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

*The congregation is seated.*

## SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

*O Jesus, our great high priest, be present with us as you were present with your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread.* Lutheran Book of Worship

## COMMUNION

*Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.*

*Please come forward by the center aisle.*

*Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.*

*Prefilled cups with white grape juice for those who prefer it are located in the tray on the stand in front of the baptismal font.*

*Gluten-free wafers are also on the stand in the dish on top of the tray.*

*Receive the bread and wine and return to your place by the side aisle.*

*If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.*

## VOLUNTARY – "What Child Is This?"

*(Barb Moore, flute)*

arr. Lani Smith

*This hymn text and its author are ranked among the first hymns of the English language.  
The tune, first written as a solo, was later published in a collection of hymns by the composer.*

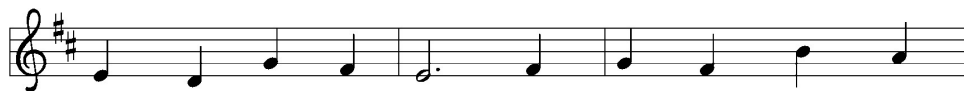
## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 620

### How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in  
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and  
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my  
4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the  
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing  
though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.  
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.  
treasure, filled with bound - less stores of grace.  
me in vain, and I am owned a child.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.  
Music: St. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** God our redeemer,  
you have fed us at this table  
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.  
As you have gathered us in joy,  
send us forth as messengers of your peace.  
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,  
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**C** Amen.

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

## BLESSING


- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

*This 18<sup>th</sup>-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.*


## SENDING HYMN

ELW 634


### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6  
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Christ the Savior is born!  
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE – "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

J .S. Bach

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PRESIDING* – Pastor Brian Moran

*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer

*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Lois Smith

*LECTOR* – Bill Lasher

*USHERS* – Ann Flick, Dave Griswold, Bill Lasher, Carl Moore

*ALTAR GUILD* – Sharon Burke



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Fred Bohn on his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday, which will be January 3, by Marilyn.

### Today's Events

**Christmas decorations** will be taken down and stored following services this morning. Boxes are located near trees and items that need to be packed and stored. If you are able to spare some time following services, your help would be appreciated. Thank you.

**Offering envelopes** for 2023 are located on the table by the ramp door. To save on postage we ask that you please pick up your envelopes. They are arranged alphabetically. Thank you.

**Desk calendars** for 2023, compliments of the Burton Quinn-Scott Funeral Home, are located at the welcome tables. Please pick up as many as you need for the coming year.

### Congregational Announcement

**A Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, January 15 following each service to vote on the appointment of Rev. Jay C. Mitchell as the next pastor of Luther Memorial Church. A letter has been sent by mail and emailed to our congregation regarding this meeting. All are invited to a meet and greet on Saturday, January 14 from 3:30 – 6:00pm in the church parlor.

### Worship

**ReCharge** contemporary worship will be offered for all on Sunday, January 8. We welcome everyone to join us at 4:00pm for a home-cooked meal and many smiles during some fun games. Our worship service will be held from 5:00 – 6:00pm.

**Baptism of Our Lord** is Sunday, January 8. During the 10:30am service we will recognize all those baptized in 2022. Please join us for this special occasion.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, January 29, 2023 following the 10:30am service. The 8:15am service will not be held. Annual reports from staff members, committee heads and other key members of the congregation are appreciated to the church office by Sunday, January 15, 2023. The Annual Report will be emailed prior to January 20, and copies will be available to the congregation. Homemade soup and/or chili, compliments of our youth, will be available for purchase.

**An Erie Conference Epiphany Worship** with Holy Communion and the Burning of the Greens will be held on Friday, January 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 5414 East Lake Road in Harbor Creek. We will start indoors with a celebration of Holy Communion, then process to the lawn behind the church for the burning of Faith's Christmas trees and greenery. Dress warm. You can also watch the bonfire from the comfort of the social hall. Afterwards, there will be hot chocolate and cookies. Everyone can take home a "Blessing of the Home" kit with chalk and a simple home blessing.

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

### Christian Education

**Children's Church** for PreK – grade 6 will meet January 8 from 9:30 – 10:15am and will continue to gather the second Sunday of each month. Our youth in grades 7 - 12 will continue meeting on the third Sunday of the month at 9:30am.

**Teachers** and helpers are needed for our Children's Church classes. This will only be the second Sunday of each month. If you are able to help monthly or on a rotating basis it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the church office with any questions. Thank you.

### Opportunities for Fellowship

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-12:00pm. Begin 2023 by keeping those knitting and crocheting needles busy and join us January 10 and 24. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes and let us know if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

## Luther Memorial Church Policy

**Masking** at Luther Memorial Church is now optional.

### In Case of Emergency

**In case of an emergency** please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162 or Linda Graffius at 440-5458. Thank you.



### – PRAYER LIST –

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

##### **Our Members:**

Jan & Skip MacInnes  
Dave Parsh

C. Noelle Partusch  
Mark Howell

Chickie Braine  
Mike Daniels

John Downey

##### **Friends and Family:**

Elise VanDamia  
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie  
Edie Jackman  
Jessica & Damian Ream  
Susan Brooks  
Brian Nicewonger

Elayne Morphy  
Mary Correll  
Melissa Geiser  
Brittani H.  
Kevin

Tammy Fuller  
Judy Skoog  
Bob Guenther  
Tom McGrail  
Tom Wilson

Linda F.  
Sue O'Mahony  
Christine Norris  
Meghan Kessler  
Dawn Weborg

##### **Grief:**

Henry Gilbert family  
Pastor Ralph Storm family

Kaitlyn Farley family  
Phyllis Goldhart family

Mark Lechner family  
Carol Luebke family

Bev Held family

##### **Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson  
Ben Dixon

Michael Stickner

Andrew Watson

Alli Brown



## CALENDAR

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2**

Church Offices and LMA Closed

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**

5:30pm

Handbell Rehearsal

6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**

Church Offices and LMA Closed

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023** **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**Pastor Karen Lundwall** will preach at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and the 10:30am service in the main church.

**Children's Church** for PreK – Grade 6 will be held at 9:30am

**ReCharge** contemporary service will begin at 4:00pm; service at 5:00pm.

<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Roberta Lobaugh
	10:30am	Emma Chaffee
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Pam Masiroff
Greeters	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	Bill Lasher
Counters	10:30am	Emma Chaffee, Betty Pletz