

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



16 October 2022
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Three • 10:30

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

GATHERING – “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”

PRELUDE – "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

J. P. Kirnberger, J. S. Bach, J. G. Walther

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P God of mercy and forgiveness,
C we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
 We have harmed your good creation.
 We have failed to do justice,
 love kindness,
 and walk humbly with you.
 Turn us in a new direction.
 Show us the path that leads to life.
 Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
 through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
 Amen.

P Beloved of God:
 your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.
 God points the way to new life in Christ,
 who meets us on the road.
 Journey now in God's abiding love
 through the power of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

*William How (1823-1897) studied at Wadham College, Oxford and Durham University
 and was ordained in the Church of England in 1847. The prevalent image in this hymn is light:
 God is the Light; his Word is a light for our path; and we, the church, must be a light for the nations.
 How was joint editor of Psalms and Hymns (1854) and Church Hymns (1871).
 While rector in Whittington, he wrote some sixty hymns, including many for children.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 514

O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,

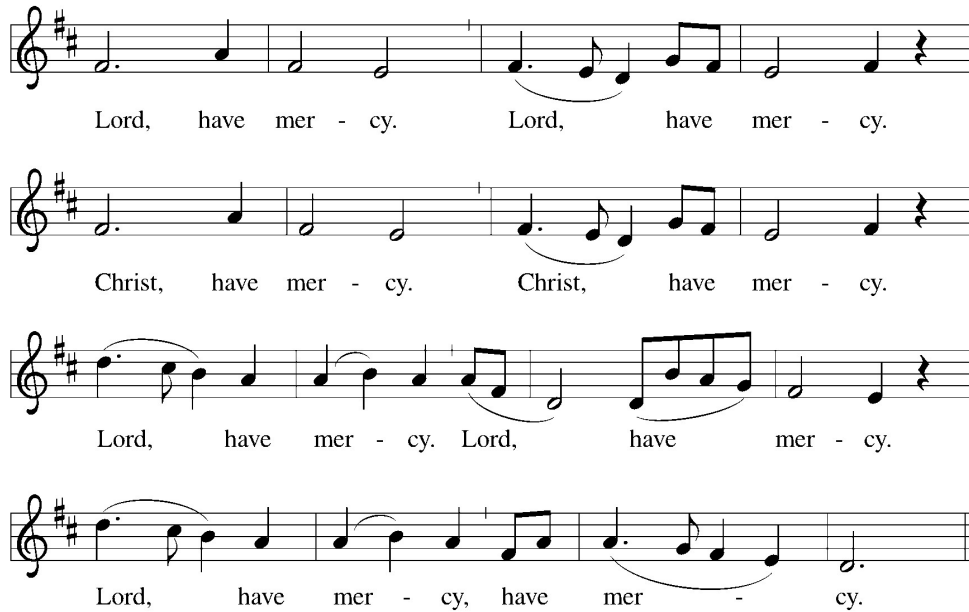


a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
☑ **And also with you.**

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray.
☑ **O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother’s birthright and his father’s blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to “Israel,” a name that means “he wrestles with God.”

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” ²⁷So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 121 (*Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.*)



- ¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- ²My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
- ³He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. **R**
- ⁴Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- ⁵the Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- ⁶so that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- ⁸The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore. **R**

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ 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.*)



*The word of God is living and active, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
(Hebrews 4:12)*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas.

Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Moran

Please stand as you are able.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of the servant church, while the second surveys the many needs and fourth describes the true source of strength for the task. The melody, made up almost entirely of step-wise motion, appeared frequently in later American and British collections.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 729

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -





her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
 Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768
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APOSTLES' CREED

- A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.
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.
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. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

- A** In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.
A brief silence.
- A** For all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- A** For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- A** For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- A** For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**



A For those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work, that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice on behalf of others. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

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

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Our Lord Jesus healed many who were sick as a sign of the reign of God come near, and sent his disciples in this work of healing. Through prayer in Jesus' name, and by the laying on of hands and anointing, the disciples witnessed the power and presence of God. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing and hope. We pray especially for those we name before you today..... We raise before you these names and trust them into the grace and love of Jesus Christ. May God ease their suffering and grant them health and salvation. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A For those who have taught us faith and now rest in your heavenly peace, especially Fred Bohn, Becky and Sam Hood, Mary and Erich Bohn, and Jean Fulton, that we remember and give thanks for these saints who shared the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS, CONFIRMATION SCARVES, POCKET CROSSES AND PRAYER STONES

P With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

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 – “Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!”

Raymond H. Haan

*Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheerful voice;
Exalt our God with one accord, and in His Name rejoice.
Ne'er cease to sing, O ransomed host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Until in realms of endless light your praises shall unite.*

*There we to all eternity shall join the angelic praise
And sing in perfect harmony to God our Savior raise;
He hath redeemed us by His blood, and made us kings and priests to God,
For us, for us, the Lamb was slain! Praise ye the Lord! Amen.*

Please stand as you are able.

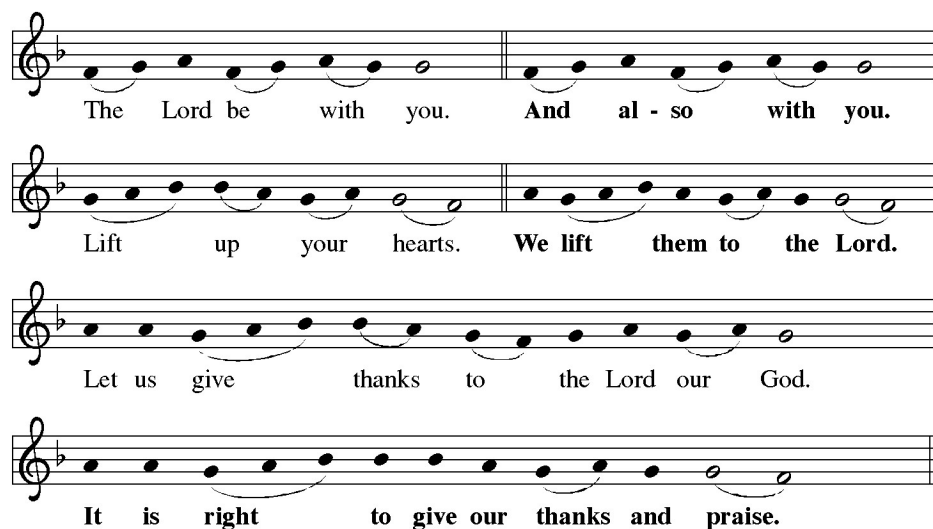


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

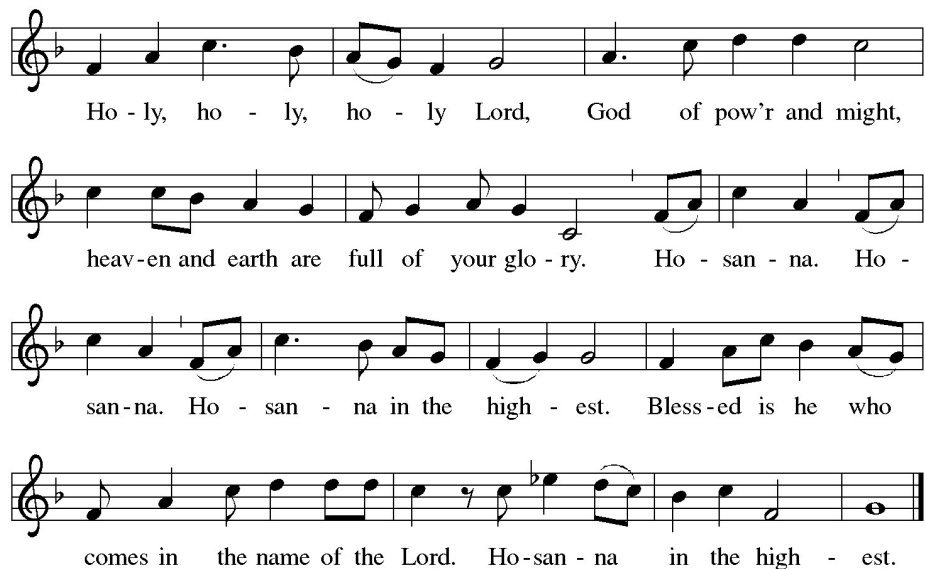
A Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
 Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
 and make us ready to share with all in need;
 through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*


The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

☐ Holy God,
 our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
 in the harmonious world of your creation,
 the plants and animals,
 the seas and stars
 were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
 you sent your Son to heal our ills
 and to form us again into one.

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 acts of healing,
 his body given up,
 and his victory over death,
 we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
 will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.



Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, 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.

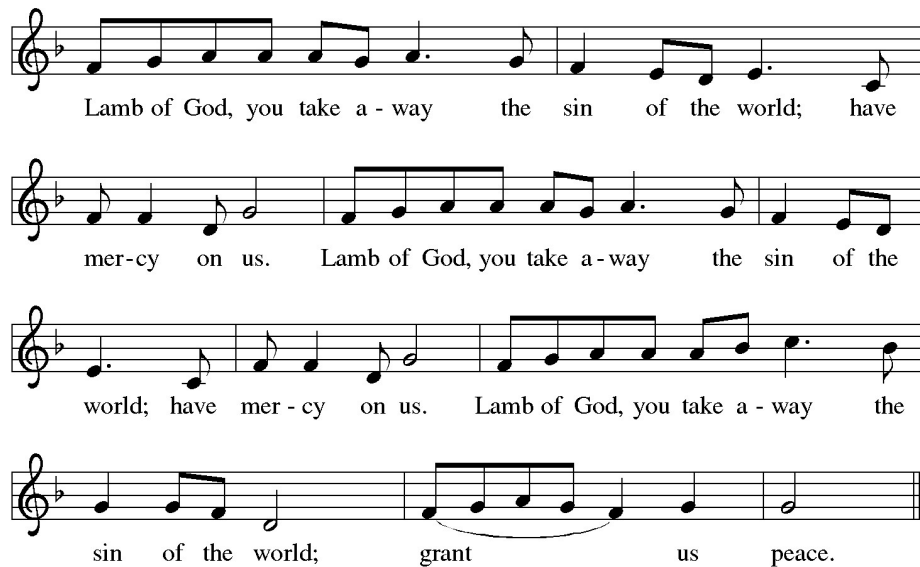
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

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

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

AGNUS DEI



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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

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 and maintain appropriate physical distancing.

Receive the bread from the pastor then proceed to the assisting minister who will be holding a tray of cups with wine, and also cups with grape juice.

Take a cup and then return to your seat.

Gluten-free wafers are on the stand in front of the baptismal font.

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.

You may also receive the healing and peace of Jesus through a blessing and anointing with oil after receiving Holy Communion.

Written by a much-loved Swedish hymnist of the 19th century, this text first appeared in a calendar but has since been found in many hymnals, set to a melody by a Swedish composer who studied music and traveled throughout the country playing his ten-stringed guitar. He also published a hymnal with two-hundred songs and 143 tunes.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 790

Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter





mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005
Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882
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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 of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

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

BLESSING

- P** God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
C Amen.



Text and tune for this beautiful hymn were written by a 16th century German scholar, who wrote the hymn after emerging from a time of great adversity during the Thirty Years' War. The tune appears in eight of Bach's cantatas, as well as a choral setting and numerous organ works based on it as heard in today's prelude and postlude.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 769

If You But Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621-1681; tr. composite
Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
- G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

J. S. Bach

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— SERVING TODAY —

- PREACHING* – Pastor Brian Moran
- GREETERS* – Sally & Phil McAfee
- ACOLYTES* – Ella & Grace Graffius
- ASSISTING MINISTER* – Stan Rose
- LECTOR* – Ann Flick
- ANOINTING* – Jeanne Gaber, Linda Graffius, Jan MacInnes
- USHERS* – Martha & Tom Klomp, Sally & Phil McAfee
- ALTAR GUILD* – Loretta Deeds



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, Fred, our parents, Becky and Sam Hood and Mary and Erich Bohn, and my sister, Jean Fulton, by Marilyn Bohn.

Front altar flowers are given in memory and honor of the 100th anniversary of our great-grandmother, Evelyn Bengston-Gustavson's Confirmation in 1922 at Bethany Lutheran Church, by Grace Evelyn Graffius and Marian Danielle Graffius.

Welcome to our Visitors!

We extend a warm welcome to those who are visiting with us today. Your presence with us is a blessing! If you have any questions about our congregation or its ministries, please call the church office at 814-454-0106. We are glad to help you in any way we can. Please worship with us again soon!

Our Prayer Lists are ever-changing and we do a daily check on all those listed. Please remember to contact Linda Graffius at 454-0106, ext. 229 or lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org if you have someone to be removed or added to the prayer list.

Today's Events

Confirmation classes for our 10th grade youth meet each Sunday at 11:30am through October 23. Our 10th grade youth will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 30. Lunch will be provided each week.

ReCharge contemporary service will be held today beginning at 4:00pm with a delicious meal, fellowship and games. Join us for music and praise at 5:00pm on the fifth floor.

Join ELCA World Hunger for a celebration of World Food Day with Rick Steves and special guest Mark Jansen, CEO of Blue Diamond Almonds. This event will be streamed online, so you can celebrate with ELCA World Hunger wherever you are! Join the celebration today at 4:00pm Central time. Registration is not required; simply visit the ELCA's Facebook or YouTube page to attend. Can't stream it live? The recording will be available on Facebook and YouTube after the event is over.

Worship

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

Christian Education

Children's Church gathers each Sunday morning at 9:30 following the same schedule as last year. This morning our children in grades 1st – 3rd will spend some time together.

Pre-K – Kindergarten will meet the first Sunday of the month; November 6

Grades 1 – 3 will meet the second Sunday of the month; November 13;

LYO Youth will meet the third Sunday of the month; today;

Grades 4 – 6 will meet the fourth Sunday of the month; October 23.

Teachers and helpers are needed for our Children's Church classes. If you are able to help weekly or on a rotating basis it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the church office with any questions. Thank you.

Bibles will be presented to children in third grade on Reformation Sunday, October 30 during the 10:30am service. Please contact Norma in our church office by Monday, October 17 if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. Thank you.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-12:00pm. Our outdoor work is nearly complete for the year so we have some extra time to knit and crochet. Join us October 25 for to visit, chat and knit. 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.

Family Events

Trunk or Treat will be held Sunday, October 23 in our Luther Memorial Church parking lot. A howling good time for the entire family, safely held outside with all treats individually wrapped. We are hoping for a parking lot full of cars filled with treats for our trunk-or-treaters. Set up will be at 12:00 noon; the event will be held from 12:30-2:00pm. Decorate yourself and your car, and enjoy. Please RSVP to our church office by Wednesday, October 19 that you will be participating. Thank you.

Outreach Opportunities

Family Christmas Dinner will be served to area neighbors on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00pm at the Bethesda Center, 18th and Walnut Street. This is the 24th year that St. Matthew's began the tradition of serving a Christmas dinner to those in need, and we now continue to share that Christmas spirit. Monetary donations are needed to purchase hams, scalloped potatoes, green beans, beverages and paper products. Donations of cookies are also needed. A volunteer sign-up sheet is located at the welcome table as approximately 20 people are needed to assist beginning at 5:00pm that evening. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate marked "Family Christmas Dinner" or dropped off in the church office. Please feel free to contact our church office with any questions. Thank you.

A **beautiful hand painted** chair is being raffled off with all proceeds to assist those affected by Hurricane Ian. All donations will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Donations to Lutheran World Relief are also accepted. Tickets will be on sale through Sunday, October 23 and our winner will be notified promptly. Thank you.

The 2022 Bethany Bash Bingo will be held on October 30 at the Polish Falcons, 431 East 3rd St. This is the major fall fund-raiser for the Bethany Outreach Center. Tickets are \$25 each and include 10 games of Bingo with cash prizes of \$100 and finale of \$300. Besides Bingo, there will be other games of chance such as a Basket Auction, Tips, 50/50 and Pull Tabs. **Doors open at noon and Bingo starts at 1:00pm. Don't miss the fun!** *Tickets are available from Norma during the week, and in the parlor this morning and October 23. Please see Pat Bellingham or Eric Hedlund. Tickets will also be available at the door on October 30 -- the day of the Bash.*

Safety Preparedness

Active Shooter and Stop the Bleed Training will be offered Wednesday, November 9 at 6:00pm at the Erie County Department of Public Safety Building, 2880 Flower Road, Erie. Learn what to expect in an active shooter event and how to react. Participants will learn three (3) quick actions in order to save a life. Registration is necessary by Friday, November 4 by calling 814-823-5205.

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.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 6:00pm LMA Legos

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 3:30pm Prayer Group
6:00pm LMA Legos

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 grades 4-6 will begin at 9:30am.

Confirmation class for 10th grade youth will be held at 11:30am in fellowship hall.

Trunk-or-Treat fun will be held from 12:30 – 2:00pm.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Liz Stroup
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeters	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	Michael Snider

– BULLETIN PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Arden Fetcko	Martha Stickner	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Jan MacInnes
C. Noelle Partusch	Dave Parsh	Bill Grande	Mark Howell
Elizabeth & Scott Cowan	Chickie Braine	Walt Gaber	
Friends and Family:			
Amy Daugherty	Bob R.	Amy Valentine	Linda F.
Eli Martinez Montero	Mary Correll	Larry Lechner	Amy Clark
Edie Jackman	Melissa Geiser	Judy Skoog	Amy & Nate
Meghan Kessler	Bonnie Ford	Sophia	Marie Checkley
Jessica & Damian Ream	Sidney	Bob Guenther	Tammy Fuller
Tom McGrail	Robbie Grainger	Marilyn Hahn	Sue O’Mahony
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie	Nicole Frank	Brittani H.	
Grief:			
Dorothy Overberg family	Jeff Benson family		
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			