

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



3 OCTOBER 2021

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Holy Communion • Of the Land and Seasons • 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 – "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Roger C. Wilson, John Ferguson, Wilbur Held

Wilbur Held, Franklin D. Ashdown

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 marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit

Amen.

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

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

- Ⓛ 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 squandered your bountiful gifts.
We have considered the blessings of the harvest our due.
We have been indifferent in planning and planting
for the future needs of the church.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, cause gratitude to ripen in our hearts,
and wisdom to mature in our minds,
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 proclaim 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.**

This hymn text is the work of a priest of the Church of England who, in addition to publishing a book of hymns, was very popular as a preacher. The tune is the work of a German court musician.

GATHERING SONG

ELW 876

Let the Whole Creation Cry



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

☐ 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 Luke 17:13

Choir 
We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow-shares of our swords, make


plow-shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.

All 
Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have


mer - cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.


Choir 
Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un -


-til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

All 
Chrst, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have


mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Choir 
De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your


word, and root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.

All 
Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have


mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God, our provider, you grant us an abundant harvest so that your children throughout the world may be fed. Establish in us thankfulness and faithful stewardship, that we may return the first fruits of praise and use your gifts of field and livestock, tree and vine to fulfill the needs of the hungry and the sojourner; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

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

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship.

Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.” The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

FIRST READING

A Reading from Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.”

¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 8 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse*)

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**



⁷all flocks and cattle,
 even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
 and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
⁹O LORD our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

SECOND READING:

A Reading from Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
 or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
 you have crowned them with glory and honor,
⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,
¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Please stand to welcome the gospel, singing this hymn.



1 O___ God, whose word well-plant ed___ yields fruit a hun-dred-
 2 O___ God of seed and har vest, of___ sun and soil and
 3 O___ God, your fi - nal har- vest___ of___ his - t'ry's an - cient



fold, we___ praise your grac - es grant - ed___ to___
 rain, at - tend the word we sow, lest___ its___
 field will___ test with truth the proud - est___ that___



those who sowed of old, who by their wit - ness
 plant - ing be in vain. Send show - ers of your
 hu - man work can yield. Op - pres - sion's blight will

scat - tered good seed up - on the soil where
 Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace, that
 van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease; and

oth - ers, reap - ing, gath ered the har - vest of their toil.
 mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
 love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity.
 These two stories demonstrate this new reality:
 Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

☒ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

☒ The Gospel of the Lord

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Michael Snider

Please stand as you are able.

The author of this hymn's text was born and educated in Holland, later moving to England and being ordained. He reports that it was written for a service to help people who had been divorced, and hopes it may be helpful in other relationships that have broken down. The tune is the work of a 19th century English organist and renowned editor of hymnals and other musical publications.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 603

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
 world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
 in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
 be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
 all the fail - ures we con - fess.
 make us stron - ger, give us faith.
 God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929
 Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889
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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 Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. Inspire creative communities, spaces, and environments that are accessible and hospitable. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless members who can no longer travel to worship with us and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

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. Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us, especially Ruth and James Timpe, Miriam and Wilfred Boyd, Catherine Timpe DiFuccia, and Bill Schaal, Sr. Strengthen our trust we have in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

Please be seated.

ANTHEM – "O Lord of the Blossom"

*O Lord of the blossom, O God of the seed, O gracious provider for all human need,
You will nourish our faith at your table of grace, and nurture new life in the light of your face.*

*O Lord of the grainfield, O God of the vine, you feed us your presence in bread and in wine.
In communion you bless to us arbor and plows, and show us the gospel, your word for us now.*

*O Lord of the harvest, O God of the feast, where sorrows are vanquished and joys are increased,
Where the tree of life grows in your orchards above, we'll join in the chorus in praise of your love.*

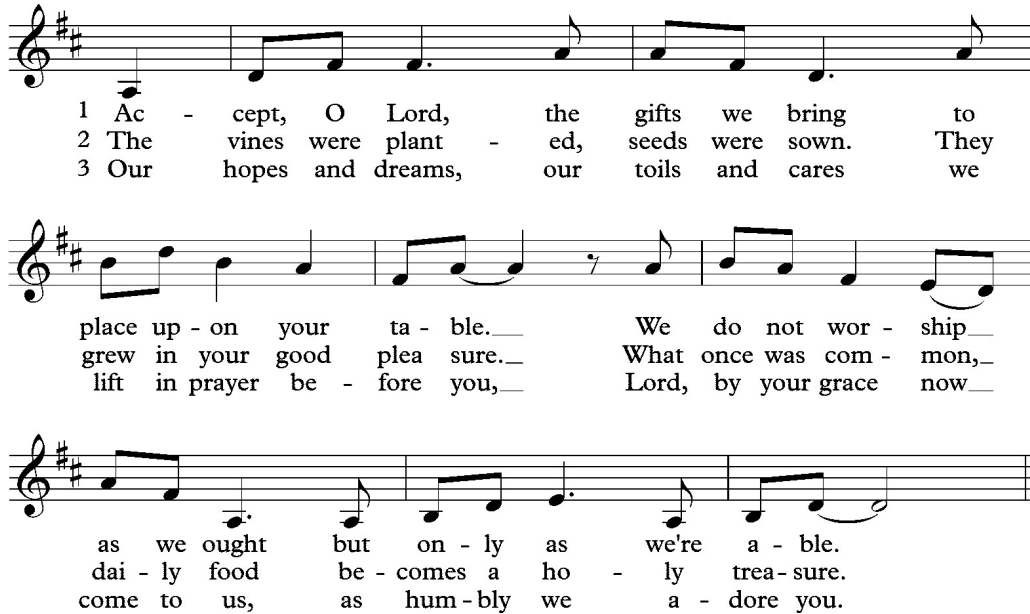
Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son, sing praise to the Spirit. Praise God, Three in One!

You will make us one people you feed by the hand, O Lord of the heavens, O God of the land.

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

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we

place up - on your ta - ble. — We do not wor - ship —
grew in your good plea - sure. — What once was com - mon, —
lift in prayer be - fore you, — Lord, by your grace now —

as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION PRAYER

D Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.
When our congregation gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion, we heard again the story of God’s mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
With thanksgiving we remembered that
“in the night in which he was betrayed,
he took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this in 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 in remembrance of me.”

We were given assurance of our Lord’s presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now we bring to you this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ. ►

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

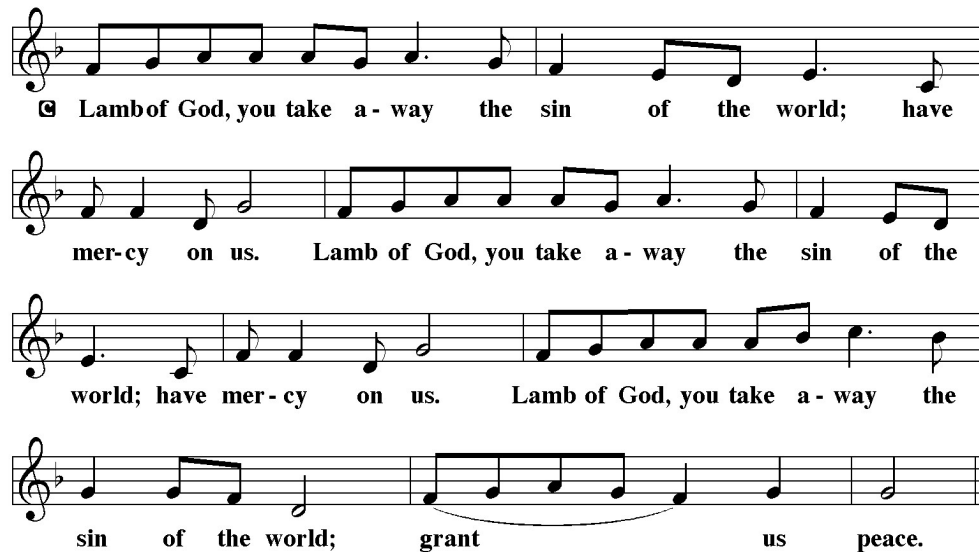
☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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***

☐ As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

☐ Just as this broken bread was first scattered on the hills,
then was brought together and became one,
so let your church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours are the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

☑ **Amen.**

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

The congregation is seated.

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.

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.

COMMUNION *John 1:29*

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

We Sing Your Praise for Autumn's Glow



1 We__ sing your__ praise for au - tumn's glow, for__
2 We__ praise the__ Fa - ther, praise the__ Son, and__



har - vest__ yield from spring - time seed; up -
praise the__ Spir - it, with the throng of__



-on our__ hearts__ your__ grace be - stow till__
saints and__ an - gels, joined as__ one in__



faith bears fruit in lov - ing deed.
grate - ful, ev - er - last - ing song.

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

ELW 656

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

☑ Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

☐ Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture.

We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us.

Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you and your cherished creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

☑ Amen.

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

BLESSING

☐ People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever.

☑ Amen.

Originally called *Harvest Hymn*, this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

SENDING HYMN

ELW 679

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
- Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE – "For the Fruit of All Creation"

Dale Wood

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Michael Snider
ASSISTING MINISTER – Lois Smith
LECTOR – Eric Hedlund

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Ann Flick, Tom Klomp, Stan Rose



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents, Ruth and James Timpe, our grandparents, Miriam and Wilfred Boyd, and our sister, Catherine Timpe DiFuccia, by their family.

Columbarium flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my beloved husband, Bill Schaal, by his wife, Carol.

Offering plates are located at the doors. You are welcome to use the pew envelopes, designate how your offering is to be used and place in the plate following the service. Thank you.

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.

Opportunities for Worship and Prayer

Sunday Morning Worship – In-person worship at 8:15am and 10:30am. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel. To watch the service on YouTube, go to YouTube, in the search bar type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA”. Subscribe to the channel. Our worship services are also available on our Luther Memorial Church website. If you have any problems or questions, please reach out to Norma Buerk in our church office.

Worship

At our service of worship this morning, we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion through the distribution of the elements blessed at a previous celebration. Our Lay Distributors of Holy Communion were selected by the congregational council, received instruction, and were appointed by Bishop Michael Lozano. They serve this congregation during times of pastoral vacancy so that we may continue to receive communion as Christ’s body here at Luther Memorial Church.

ReCharge contemporary service will be held Sunday, October 10. Join us for fellowship from 3:00-4:00pm. Our service of praise and song will be held from 4:00-5:00pm.

At Luther Memorial Church we are thankful that we are able to provide at home communion. Understanding that the bread and wine is a sustaining gift from Jesus that is blessed and received in community, we now have available bread and wine in individual packets that, after being blessed on Sunday morning during our worship, will be available for those worshipping from home to pick up at the church during the week. The intention is that you take home enough bread and wine for each member of your family for the month. During our worship service, those worshipping from home would set before them the consecrated bread and wine, and then receive the bread and wine during worship. To make arrangements to pick up the bread and wine from the church please contact Linda Graffius by email at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org, Norma Buerk by email at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

Christian Education

Children’s Church classes began this morning and are held from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. Masks are worn and all safety protocols are followed. We hope to see many of our children join us. Our class schedule is as follows:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month (this morning)
- Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (October 10)
- LYO – third Sunday of the month (October 17)
- Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (October 24)

Bibles will be presented to our third grade children on Reformation Sunday, October 31. Please contact the church office if your son and/or daughter are in the third grade and will be receiving their Bible on October 31. Thank you.

Music Ministry

The **Luther Memorial Concert Series** will not present a Bach Cantata Vespers service this fall due to precautions we are taking caused by the rise of the COVID-19 Delta variant in our community. Plans are being made to resume that part of our series next spring. However, we now return with another popular offering from years past - the **Sunday Morning mini-concerts**. In a slightly revised format, soloists and small ensembles will present special music for the Prelude and Voluntary once a month. The first of these will be on October 17 when Bob Banks will play several soprano saxophone selections. In November, the LM handbell choir will introduce our new handbells which have extended our choir to five full octaves of bells. And in the following months, we will hear other instrumentalists (*flute, clarinet, cello and trumpet*) and vocalists from within our congregation. Please watch for details about each of these and future concerts and plan to be in your seats in time to enjoy the entire prelude - and thank you to all who have and continue to sustain the LM Concert Series through your donations, attendance and words of support.

Family Events

Trunk or Treat will be held Sunday, October 24 in our Luther Memorial Church parking lot. This will be a super fun event for the entire family, safely held outside with all treats individually wrapped. We are hoping for full parking lot of cars filled with treats for our trunk-or-treaters. Set up will be at 12:30pm; the event will be held from 1:30-3:00pm. Decorate your car, wear a costume, and enjoy. Please RSVP to our church office by Wednesday, October 20 that you will be participating. Thank you.

Family Scavenger Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, October 17 beginning at 12:30pm from our church. Be a super sleuth and use the clues to find your destinations. One of the stops along the way will be a "God's Work. Our Hands" small service project, which will also serve as an event for our confirmation students. The scavenger hunt will conclude no later than 4:00pm.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group is the fun, relaxing and joyous way for a Tuesday to begin. Bring any knitting, crocheting, or crafty project you'd like to work on and enjoy a wonderful morning the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. We look forward to seeing you on October 12 and 26 from 10:00am- 12:00 noon. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

OWLS will enjoy a fieldtrip on Wednesday, October 13 to the Watson-Curtze Mansion-Hagen History Center, 356 West 6th Street. We will be treated to a tour from 11:00am-12:30pm of the Frank Lloyd Wright Exhibit and Erie Canal Exhibit. Please meet at the parking lot located behind the Mansion at 10:45; parking is free. Cost of the tour is \$5/person. Masks are necessary for safety purposes. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Sunday, October 10.

Youth Fundraiser

Orders are being taken through Monday, October 25 for the famous Stanganelli's cookie dough, pies, cheesecakes, garlic knots, pepperoni balls and so many of their delicious goodies to satisfy your cravings. Order forms are available in the church office and at the hospitality tables. Your orders may be dropped off in the church office or with Beth Keller. Thank you.

Outreach

If you would like to help those affected by Hurricane Ida, you can make a contribution to Lutheran Disaster Response in several ways. To give online, go to [Lutheran Disaster Response.org](https://www.lutheran-disaster-response.org). To give by phone, call 800-638-3522. Checks may be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009; write "Hurricane Ida" on the memo line.

Luther Memorial Church Policy – Following the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines

In accordance with the Pennsylvania mask mandate in place, it is now necessary for all those worshipping at Luther Memorial Church wear a mask regardless of your vaccination status. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. We are pleased and thankful that our members have been so cooperative during this difficult time and we thank you for your continued cooperation.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4	6:00pm	Legos
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5	12:00pm	Circle Gathering
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6	6:00pm	Legos
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7	6:00pm 7:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8	7:00pm	LMA Closed Club 50
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9		

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021 THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor Karen Lundwall will preach at the 8:15am and 10:30am services in the main church. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel; go to YouTube, in the search bar type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA”. Subscribe to the channel.

The recorded service is also available on Luther Memorial Church’s website at www.luthermemorialonline.org by clicking on the tabs of “Resources & Online Worship” and “Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study”.

Children’s Church for Grades 1st – 3rd will be held from 9:30-10:15am.

ReCharge contemporary service will begin with fellowship at 3:00pm followed by worship at 4:00pm.

- PRAYER LIST -

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Sarah Prylinski	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Roy Washill	Bill Grande
Bob Peterson	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Brent Young	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Lois Fobes	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Mark Lechner
Tim Houston	Dave Mumford	Joyce Zwilling	

Friends and Family:

Cecily DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	Bobbi MacInnes
Loraine Pond	Kristen	Larry E.	Kirsten Braley
John & Naomi Howard	Amy Valentine	Jesse McFadden	Abby
Madison & family	Ed Hokaj	Elijah Montero	Ray Polasky
Marianella	Linda Grimm	Amanda Toms	Rich Hudic
Carol & Frank V.	Edna Pett	Bea Becknell	Katrina Foltz
Josie W.	Jeff F.	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingram	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Hildy	Paul Spierling	Joan Torrelli	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. F.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Brandy Dyne
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Dick Lechner
Conor Chadwick	Lucia Doyle	Jeff F.	Sue Kuhn
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Stephany Bourne	Michele Black	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Missy & Jeff	Sue Agens	Patty Meadowcroft	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Mike B.	Paula Bauda
Marilyn Schultz	Ron Trisket	Sonya Kisak	Frank Nalepa
Scott Respecki	Bryan & Bev	Andrew Dahlstrand	Logan
Sidney	Meghan Kessler	Dorothy McCarty	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Steve & Leah W.	John Wilson
Judy Oosterkamp	Amy	Patrick L	Pete Battersby
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Frank S.	Shelly	Jack Wong
Kim Robertson			

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson
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Grief:

Amy Peters Hoffer family	Wilda Sundberg family	Steve Narusewicz family
Leola & Ed Wiest family		