

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



8 OCTOBER 2023
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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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.*”

SECOND SUNDAY FAMILY & FRIENDS PRELUDE

Linda Melaragno, violin

"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" (*Psalm 19*) – Benedetto Marcello
(Linda Melaragno, violin; Barb Moore, flute)

"Tune My Heart" – James Brighton

*Tune my heart, Lord, teach my heart to sing a song of praise.
Tune my heart, Lord, fill my soul with joy! Teach me your love each day.
As I lift up my voice, my heart will rejoice, and I'll learn to praise you more.*

"Valse Lente" – Leo Delibes

"Ain'-a That Good News?" – arr. Mark Patterson

*I've got good news, my Lord.
I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain'-a that good news?
I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross,
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus ain'-a that good news?*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

CORPORATE 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 God, who is Lover, + Beloved, and Love.

☞ Amen.



☐ Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

☐ Steadfast and faithful God,

☑ **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.**

We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.

We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.

For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.

For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.

For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.

Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;

in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

☐ Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ☩ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

☑ **Amen.**

Text for this hymn was written at the request of an editor, by a distinguished minister and educator who served in churches along the Eastern seaboard in the 20th century. The hymn tune is held to have originated in the late Middle Ages, and an earlier version was found in a Genevan psalter.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 342

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -
2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will
4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing
life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall
we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of
us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And
bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till
hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From
vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that
not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'
an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom
Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -





stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.
 pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!
 of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.
 fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

Text: W. Russell Bowie, 1882-1969, alt.
 Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune

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.



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



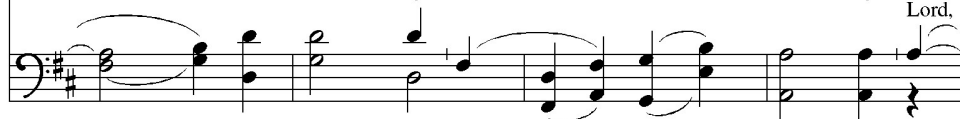
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



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



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



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



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ Amen.

Please be seated.

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

The God of the exodus graciously gave Israel the Ten Commandments. Primarily stated as negative imperatives, the Ten Commandments forbid gross sins such as murder, adultery, theft, and perjury. In most of life they grant Israel freedom to live righteously, with maximum love for God and neighbor.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning my beloved’s vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²My beloved dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; and expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.” ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are God’s cherished garden; the Lord expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

☞ The Word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 19

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



The stat-utes of the LORD are just and re-joice the heart.

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.

² One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³ Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴ their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R**

⁷ The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸ The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.



⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **R**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-145

^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;

The image shows musical notation for a two-part setting of the Gospel Acclamation. The top part is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom part is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. Both parts are in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music consists of eight measures. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement. The vocal line has a simple, hymn-like melody. A right-pointing triangle is located at the end of the piano part.

to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.

Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while

time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said: ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and the tenants treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally the landowner sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰“Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to Jesus, “The owner will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³“Therefore I tell you, the dominion of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because the people regarded him as a prophet.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able.

*Text for this hymn is by a distinguished Lutheran educator and pastor,
while the melody was written by a prolific author, composer and educator to accompany this text.
Together the two wrote ten such pairings while attending a retreat in 1981.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 826

Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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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

A Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need; Abbie, Winnie, Dave, Ann, Pat, Rose-Marie, Brian, Lisa, Jean, Jeannette, Ian, Carol, John, Jeff, Nick, Howie, Melissa, Bertil, Karen, Allison, Audree, Melissa, Scot, Robin, Mark, Cassia, Dean, Bonnie, Suzie, Doug, Jenine, Lisa, Brian, Scott, Cindy, Jane, Mitchell, Matt, Michael, Andrew, Alli, Ben and those whose names and needs we lift up now: ____. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation as living stones, that it stands in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, especially Betty Sachrison Becker, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**



A Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

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:

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

ANTHEM – "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Rachel Aarons

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.*

*All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.*

*To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today:
With thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls away.*

*Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,
What they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

ELW 691

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and a bass line. There are three verses of lyrics provided.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
 What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
 Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957
 Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** God of power, God of plenty,
 all things belong to you.
 We bring your gifts to the table,
 that all might be fed.
 Form us into the body of your Beloved,
 Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

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 him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

- 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; 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:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- ☐ Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the 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 given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body 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.

A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

- ☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ Jesus invites you to this table.
Come, eat and live.
- ☐ Those communing at home: take, eat, drink: the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

The congregation is seated.

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!
We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.

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

White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know.

Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.

As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.

*All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine,
please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

VOLUNTARY – "Meditation on Thais"

(Linda Melaragno, violinist)

Jules Massenet

These evocative stanzas on Christ's Passion come from a twelve-stanza hymn by a 17th-century Hungarian pastor, as translated by the preeminent 20th-century hymnologist of the English-speaking world. The tune name, Shades Mountain, honors the composer's home in the foothills of the Appalachians.

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 736

There in God's Garden

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!"

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

*Text for this hymn was written by a Presbyterian clergyman who did extensive work in hymnology.
The tune was originally set to one of the songs to and about the Virgin Mary
which were popular among Roman Catholics in Germany.*

ELW 494

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.
Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895
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Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

- ☐ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you,
keep you in all goodness and health, and bring you to everlasting life.
☑ Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

ELW 501

Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.

And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!

Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;

but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891
 Music: WERDE MÜNTER, Johann Schop, 1600–1665; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Blessed be your name, O God,
 for we have feasted on your Word,
 Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
 Strengthened by this food,
 send us to gather the world to your banquet,
 where none are left out and all are satisfied.
 In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P The blessing of God almighty, Lover, + Beloved, and Love be yours now and always.

C Amen.

This text by Carl Daw, an Episcopal priest and former director of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, examines the life of faith. The beginning of the faith journey can feel risky and insecure, even though we trust in God. In the second stanza, faith is likened to an enduring plant whose roots of memory are kept alive in the hope of future fruit. Finally, faith matures in the third stanza, allowing us to reach beyond ourselves and to recognize God even in the ordinary things of life.

SENDING HYMN

ACS 1004

Faith Begins By Letting Go

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,

tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;

pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- Go in peace. God is at work in you.
- Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Faith Begins by Letting Go"

arr. Benjamin M. Culli

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

GREETER – Linda Graffius

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Linda Swanson

LECTOR – Pat Bellingham

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Stan Rose

ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

USHERS – Sue Cappelletty, Carl Moore, Betty Pletz, Marilyn Rositer



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Betty Sachrison Becker for her birthday on October 9 by her daughters, Sally Allen and Nancy Benacci.

Today's Events

Children in PreK-grade 5 will meet this morning at 9:30 for Sunday School.

Adult Forum will gather at 9:10 this morning.

Violinist, Linda Melaragno, will offer special music at our Second Sunday Family and Friends Prelude this morning at 10:15 in the main church. The Luther Memorial Concert Series will host the "Second Sunday Family & Friends Prelude" series on the second Sunday of each month, October through May.

Blessing of the Animals will be held this afternoon at 1:00 in our outdoor green space. Bring your furry, finned, feathered and friendly pets to receive their blessing as we give thanks for all of God's creatures. All animals must be either leashed or crated. If your animal companion(s) cannot make it, bring a picture of them and share in the blessing! In our weather is uncooperative, we will meet in Faith Chapel.

Greeting cards can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

Worship

Altar flowers are available on Sunday, October 22. Please contact the church office if you would like to have flowers at the altar. Thank you.

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

Bibles will be presented to our third grade children on All Saints' Sunday, November 5. Please contact the church office if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. If your child has not yet received a Bible, please let us know so a Bible can also be presented to them on November 5. Thank you.

Where Is Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay would love to meet with you! You don't just need to have an emergency to have a great chat. If you want to get together, because Pastor Jay is often away from his desk doing other pastorly things, you should probably call the church office or e-mail Pastor Jay directly at JMitchell@LutherMemorialOnline.org. However, if you just want to drop in on him, for the week of October 9, Pastor Jay's drop-in hours will be Tuesday from 3:30-5pm in the office OR Thursday from 8-9:30am at Pressed Coffee Shop (8th and Greengarden).

Stump the Pastor

You will notice a stand in the parlor lobby with many tree stumps on it. You (whoever you are of all ages) are invited to use these to try and stump Pastor Jay. You may ask your question anonymously or you can put your name on the stump. Either way, look for Pastor Jay's response once your stump "sprouts" a tree!

Opportunities for Fellowship

OWLS will welcome Diane Giannelli on Tuesday, October 17. She will offer a presentation on Erie's Underground Railroad and many interesting facts we may not know. Join us from 11:30am-1:00pm for a little history and a delicious lunch (provided). Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes by Friday, October 13.

Magic Fingers Grace Group gathers in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month for knitting and crocheting. We'll be meeting and visiting on October 10 and 24 from 10:00am-12:00 noon for a creative and fun morning. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Calling All Trunks! Decorate your car trunk, fill it with treats and join us for our 3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat in our parking lot on Sunday, October 22. Car set up will be from 12:30-1:00pm. Treating is held from 1:00-2:30pm. Halloween fun with music by DJ Mason, dancing, costume parade and more. Great treats come out of the trunk of your car! Reserve your space today by contacting the church office, Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski.

Paving Project

Parking has improved dramatically with the addition and improvements made over the last few weeks. We continue to ask for your financial support as our Capital Campaign moves forward. Additional commitments are needed as we look to fulfilling our financial goal. Your help and all that you do at Luther Memorial is appreciated; thank you.

Faith Formation

ALT Worship (*A Lutheran Table*) will gather on October 11 at 5:30pm for a new worship experience. The service will be about 60 minutes and center around sharing a meal. We will begin by preparing the meal and the worship space together and end with dessert and clean-up. All part of the worship experience. We will also share in Communion. Come on out for something new and a unique encounter with the Divine!

Dinner With Our Flock, a relaxed evening together, will be held on Wednesday, October 18. At 5:30 we gather for dinner; the main dish is provided, please bring a dish to share. A Bible lesson and a craft or activity will be held following our meal. Held the third Wednesday of the month, this is a wonderful time for everyone.

B.A.D. (*Bible After Dark*) will be held on November 1 at 6:30pm at the Brewerrie. Join together with folks from Mt. Calvary as we share in Bible Study and fellowship (with some adult beverages if you would like). Every **first** Wednesday, we will gather to share from *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups* and discussion of what these stories we learned in Sunday School still mean for us today. RSVP is not necessary but helpful. Let Pastor Jay or the church office know if you're interested.

Cash Bingo will be held Sunday, November 5. Doors open at 12:00 noon with Bingo beginning at 12:30pm. All games are cash prizes of \$50. Tickets are \$20 each and available on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.

Luther Memorial Academy

Candy is Needed! LMA will be participating in the Erie ZooBoo October 12 – 30. This is an opportunity to spread the word about our great school. Many small treat bags will be prepared to hand out during ZooBoo, and we are in need of approximately 30,000 pieces of candy. Donations may be dropped off in the church or school office. Candy is needed by October 10. Thank you.

Items to Note

In case of an emergency and unable to reach Pastor Jay, 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.

WEEKLY READINGS AND COMMEMORATIONS

October 9 – Psalm 144; Ezekiel 19:10-14; I Peter 2:4-10

October 10 – Psalm 144; Isaiah 27:1-6; II Corinthians 5:17-21

October 11 – Psalm 144; Song of Solomon 8:5-14; John 11: 45-47

October 12 – Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:1-8a; I Peter 5:1-5, 12-14

October 13 – Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:8b-14; James 4:4-10

October 14 – Psalm 23; Isaiah 24:17-23; Mark 2:18-22

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon	Winnie Lyons	Dave Parsh	Ann Flick
Pat Gilbert	Rose-Marie Rose		
Friends and Family:			
Brian & Lisa Davis	Jean C.	Jeannette Bowers	Ian Minner
Carol E.	John Semonis	Jeff Granger & family	Nick
Howie	Melissa	Bertil Carlson	Karen Chilcote
Allison, Audree & family	Melissa Pierce	Scot & Robin	Mark Hadzega
Cassia Cabaday	Dean Scalise	Bonnie Ford	Suzie Hosterman
Doug & Jenine	Lisa & Brian Adams	Scott Coleman	Cindy B.
Jane Rose	Mitchell & family		
Grief:			
Shelley Sandquest family	Gloria Rosthauser family	Shirley Brown family	Mike Daniels family
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown

CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 <i>Columbus Day</i>	12:00pm	Church & School Offices Closed Adult Forum / 5 th floor
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10	10:00am 10:00am 6:00pm 6:00pm	Study Group for Pastors Magic Fingers Grace Group Church Council Cross Country Banquet
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11	5:30pm	ALT Worship
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12	1:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	Grief Support Group Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13	6:30pm	Club 50
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14		

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023 ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN, EVANGELIST

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

Adult Forum will be held in the library at 9:10am.

LYO (grades 6 – 12) will meet at 9:30am.

Confirmation Class for youth in grade 10 will begin at 11:30am.

Stuffed pepper soup available for purchase following the 10:30am service.

VASA will meet at 1:00pm.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham
Communion Assistant	10:30am	Elaine Kern
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Loretta Deeds
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	Dave Kinzig
Counters	10:30am	Jeff Swanson, Pat Young