

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



7 AUGUST 2022  
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 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** – "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" arr. Dale Wood, Donald Hustad, Wilbur Held

### 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

### TEMPLE TALK

Tom Klomp

### 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,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

☞ **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



**P** Merciful God,  
**C** we confess that we have not followed your path  
 but have chosen our own way.  
 Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
 we long to take the best seats at the table.  
 When met by those in need,  
 we have too often passed by on the other side.  
 Set us again on the path of life.  
 Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.  
 Amen.

**P** Hear the good news!  
 God does not deal with us according to our sins  
 but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
 In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
 You are free to love as God loves.

**C** Amen.

*Hymn text author Catherine A. Cameron notes that this text was written while she was experiencing a new sense of direction, growth and creativity in her life. The rousing pentatonic melody is found frequently in early American collections. Little is known of the composer, William Moore, who was from "West Tennessee."*

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 771

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
 2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
 3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;  
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
 May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;




great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
 great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927  
 Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
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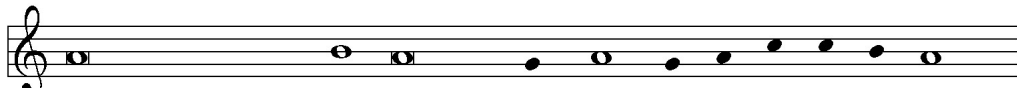
## GREETING

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


## KYRIE



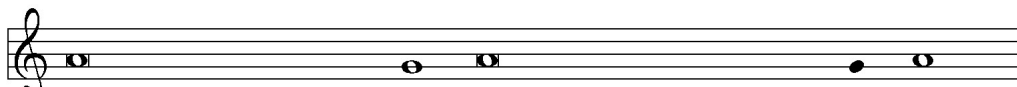
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



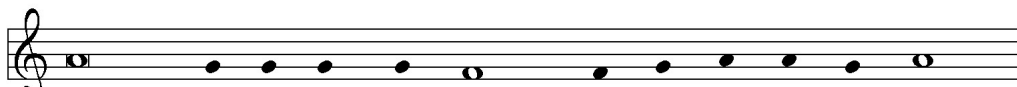
**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.




**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



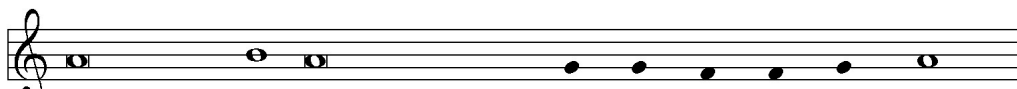
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
**C** Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God’s promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

**FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22** (*Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.*)

Let your lov - ing - kind-ness be up - on us,  
as we have put our trust in you.

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

Happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

<sup>13</sup>The Lord looks down from heaven,  
and beholds all the people in the world.

<sup>14</sup>From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze  
on all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>He fashions all the hearts of them  
and understands all their works. **R**

<sup>16</sup>There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

<sup>17</sup>The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;  
for all its strength it cannot save.

<sup>18</sup>Behold the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,  
on those who wait upon his love,

<sup>19</sup>to pluck their lives from death,  
and to feed them in time of famine. **R**

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the Lord;  
he is our help and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>Indeed our heart rejoices in him,  
for in his holy name we put our trust.

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness O Lord be upon us,  
as we have put our trust in you. **R**

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

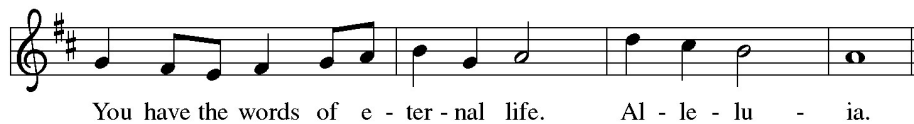
<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

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

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

## GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said: <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ►

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Lundwall

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Sometimes the prolific hymn writer Fanny Crosby wrote texts for others to set to music, and sometimes she wrote words for tunes others had composed. This hymn is the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 638**

### Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

### APOSTLES' CREED

- ☐ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- ☑ **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** Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and its members who gather this week in Columbus for the Church-wide Assembly. Send your Spirit to guide them in the deliberations and celebrations that will take place. Shape the church according to your will for the whole world. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In times of drought and fire, bring rain. Where there are extreme temperatures, send cooling breezes. In places of abundance, teach us to share and be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Let your lovingkindness be upon our world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence, especially in Ukraine, Sudan, and Ethiopia. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you. Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation, including Bethany Outreach Center and Holy Trinity Food Ministries, and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,

**C** **receive 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, leaders, and the Call Committee to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you, especially Gage Anthony Post and Robert Martin Halttunen. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**





**P** Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**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.”**

**ANTHEM – “Lord, for the Tender Mercies Sake”**

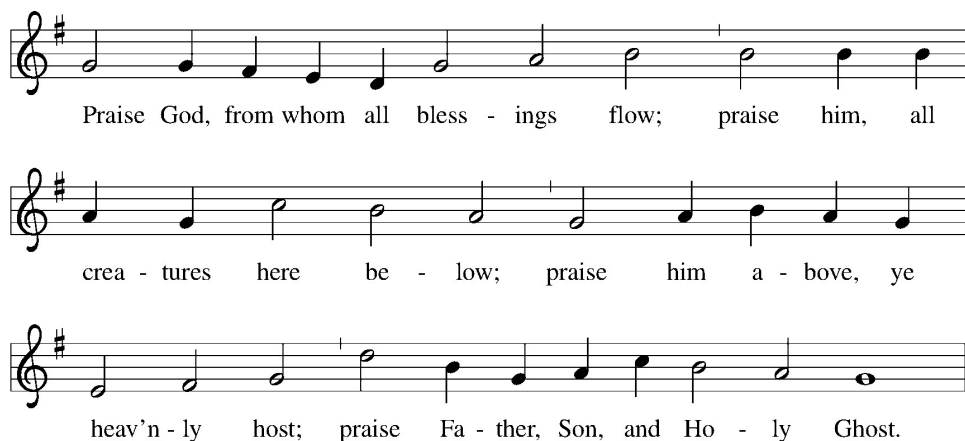
Richard Farrant

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,  
But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:  
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
That we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY**

ELW 884



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** God of abundance:  
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.

**C** Amen.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Matthew 21:9*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

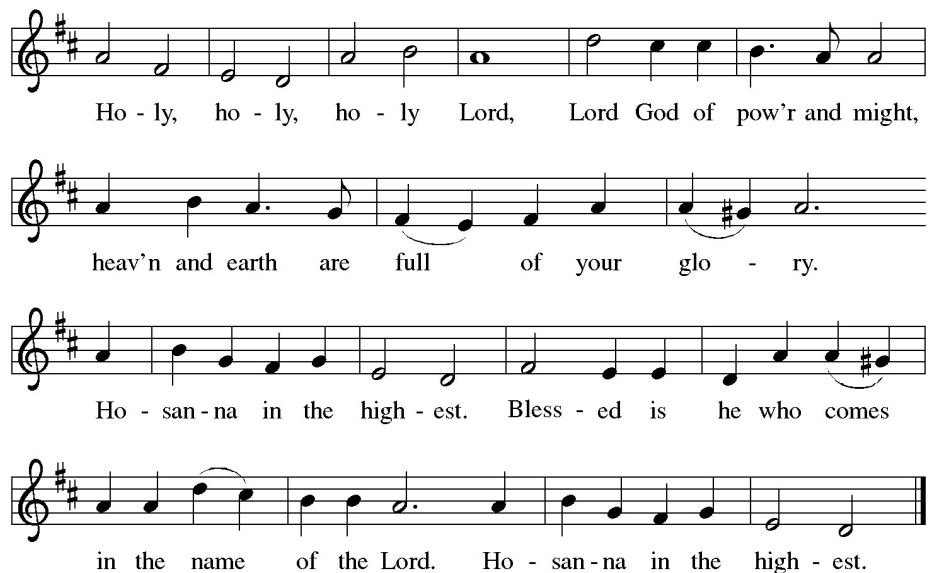
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** 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, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- ☐ 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.**

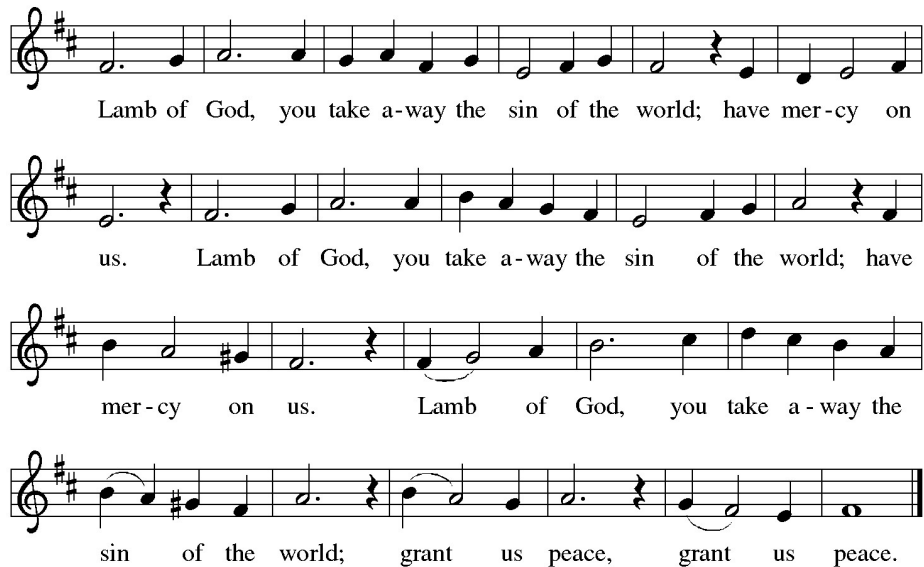
**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.  
Come to the banquet.

**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.*

*Although the celebration of the Lord's Supper is a solemn occasion, it is not a sad or somber one, rather evoking a deep joy. That tone also characterizes this chorale setting created for the original German text and notable for its support of the numerous two-syllable rhymes. The text is from the hand of a mid-17<sup>th</sup> century author in Germany whose output included 110 hymn texts. The composer of the melody was prolific in composing and publishing hymns.*

## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 488

### Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y  
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and  
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -  
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,  
glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;  
pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less  
dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -  
quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed  
though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of  
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -





bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found - ed; Christ, though heav'n - ly,  
por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your  
heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious  
fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."  
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662  
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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** Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus.  
**C** Amen.

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

## **BLESSING**

- P** The God of peace,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.  
**C** Amen!

*Care Ministers please come forward to the altar during the singing of the Sending Hymn.*

*This hymn text originated with a preacher and writer in Sweden, but because of translations through several languages, what we sing today may well be considered a new text. The Swedish melody, of unknown origin, appeared in three-quarter time when first published, but appeared in quadruple meter (as seen here) only a few years later.*

**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW 856**

**How Great Thou Art**



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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**SENDING OF COMMUNION CARE MINISTERS**

- ☐ Compassionate God,  
 as Jesus called disciples to follow him,  
 bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament  
 with those who are in need.  
 May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers,  
 that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ,  
 all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

**A** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "How Great Thou Art"

arr. Wilbur Held

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PREACHING* – Pastor Karen Lundwall

*GREETERS* – Mary Daniels, Natalie Montero, Pat Young

*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer

*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Emma Chaffee

*LECTOR* – Lois Smith

*USHERS* – Loretta Deeds, Ann Flick, Linda Graffius, Elvin Montero

*ALTAR GUILD* – Martha & Tom Klomp



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my grandson, Gage Anthony Post, by Patricia Boyd.

**Front altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my brother, Robert Martin Halttunen, by Janet R. Kent.

### 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!

### Worship

**ReCharge** contemporary service will be held Sunday, August 14. We'll begin with a summer picnic, games and fellowship at 4:00pm. Join us for worship from 5:00 – 6:00pm.

**Luther Memorial** beach service will be held Sunday, August 28 at 10:30am. A tureen luncheon will be served at 11:30am. We will meet at Presque Isle, Runner's Club Pavilion at Beach 1. Please bring a dish to share, your place setting and lawn chairs or blanket. Join us for some games and fun during the afternoon and enjoy the beautiful scenery of Presque Isle.

### Opportunities for Fellowship

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. We'll see your smiling faces on August 9 and August 23 with all your yarn and knitting or crochet needles. If you'd like to stop by to chat and visit, we'd love to see you. 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.

### Tidying Up

**Volunteers are needed** to help clean our main church and hall area on Saturday, August 13. We will begin at 9:00am; lunch will be provided. Please contact Norma in our church office to let us know you will be coming so lunch can be planned accordingly. Thank you.

### **Church-wide Assembly**

**The ELCA Church-wide Assembly** is the highest legislative body of the denomination. The 2022 gathering will be held next week, August 8-12, in Columbus, Ohio. More than 900 voting members from every synod will meet under the theme, "Embody the Word." They will participate in plenary discussions to make decisions about the work of this church. Attendees will also spend time in worship and Bible study. A schedule of events and live video of the assembly will be accessible at [www.elca.org/CWA-2022](http://www.elca.org/CWA-2022).

### **Health Information**

**All are welcome** to attend a conversation with a panel of palliative medicine and hospice care providers for the community. Come and learn about these two important health care opportunities for all people and those who love and care for them. There is no cost for this event held Tuesday, August 2, at 7:00pm at the Jefferson Educational Society, 3207 State Street, Erie, PA. For more information, call 814-459-8000 or visit [www.JESerie.org](http://www.JESerie.org).

### **Luther Memorial Church Policy**

**Masking** at Luther Memorial Church is now optional. However, with the significant rise of covid cases in Erie County, we encourage you to wear a mask during worship. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **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, AUGUST 8**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 9**                      10:00am        Magic Fingers Grace Group  
     6:00pm        Church Council

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 11**                      6:00pm        Handbell Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 12**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13**                      9:00am        Main Church Cleaning

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022** **THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Michael Snider** will preach at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and 10:30am worship service 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** at 10:30am is also available on Luther Memorial Church’s website at [www.luthermemorialonline.org](http://www.luthermemorialonline.org) by clicking on the tabs of “Resources & Online Worship” and “Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study”.

**ReCharge contemporary service** will begin with a picnic and games at 4:00pm. Worship will follow at 5:00pm.

<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Ministers	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Lois Smith
Lay Distributors	8:15am	Roberta Lobaugh
	10:30am	Ann Flick
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan, Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Loretta Deeds
Greeters	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	Linda Graffius

### — BULLETIN PRAYER LIST —

<b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b>			
<b>Our Members:</b>			
Arden Fetcko	Mark Howell	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Jan MacInnes
C. Noelle Partusch	Dave Parsh	Wendy Kern	Mark Howell
Elizabeth & Scott Cowan	Pat Bellingham	Don Tatar	Bill Grande
Martha Stickner	Chickie Braine		
<b>Friends and Family:</b>			
Amy Daugherty	Bob R.	Amy Valentine	Linda F.
Eli Martinez Montero	Allison & Erik	N. S.	Kevin
Bishop Michael Lozano	Nancy Baker	Judy Skoog	Kathy Kisak
Meghan Kessler	Bonnie Ford	William Lemmon	Marie Checkley
Sophia	Sidney	Bob Guenther	Tammy Fuller
Brendon Sauers & Carol Stinson	Lesley	Amy & Nate	Donnie Schley
Melissa Geiser	Michelle Miller	Robbie Grainger	Amy Clark
Jessica & Damian Ream	Carol Suesser	Jane Esper	Tom McGrail
Kaleena H.			
<b>Our Military Service Men &amp; Women:</b>			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

## Erie Gives Day 2022



YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP A NON-PROFIT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022 8:00AM – 8:00PM  
12 HOURS OF GIVING

**Day and Time:** Checks will be accepted on Monday, August 8. The online event takes place on August 9. You have 12 hours to make your donation between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm.

**Participating Nonprofits:** Your organization must be a 501(c)(3), serve Erie County and either be a member of [The Nonprofit Partnership](#) or have an Agency Endowment with the Erie Community Foundation to participate in Erie Gives. **Luther Memorial Church, Luther Memorial Academy and Bethany Outreach Center appreciate your support.**

**Gift Amount:** The minimum gift is \$25. There is no limit to the amount of money you may give. There is no limit to the number of organizations you can donate to in a transaction.

**Making a Donation:** Simply log on to [www.eriegives.org](http://www.eriegives.org) or call the Erie Community Foundation at 454-0843.

**Credit Cards:** Only Visa, MasterCard and Discover will be accepted. The credit card processor charges a nominal fee per transaction. The Erie Community Foundation does not receive any fees. (Credit card gift cards will not be accepted.)

**Checks:** Donors can write a check for their Erie Gives donation.

- Checks must be made out to The Erie Community Foundation;
- All check donations must be accompanied by a Check Donation Form. The Check Donation Form will be available for download beginning June 20, 2022. A Check Donation Form can be mailed to you by contacting the Foundation and requesting this;
- Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16507) no later than Monday, August 8, 2022.

**Prorated Match:** The Erie Community Foundation and our sponsors will enhance each donor's gift by providing a prorated match to each gift made to a nonprofit.

**Your Receipt:** You will receive an email receipt of your gift; please retain it for tax purposes. Unless you choose to remain anonymous, your donor information will be sent to the appropriate organizations.

**When the Nonprofits receive your donation:** Non-profits will receive their checks at the Erie Gives Check Presentation Day which will be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022.



## Erie Gives Check Contribution Form

Please make checks payable to The Erie Community Foundation and kindly deliver to the Foundation (459 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16507) with this completed form no later than August 8, 2022

Donor Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please list how you wish to be identified in print: \_\_\_\_\_

*Example: John & Jane Doe | John Doe | Anonymous*

Does your employer match donations?  Yes  No Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note, the employee is responsible for completing the employer's company match paperwork.*

	Erie Gives Nonprofit Name <small>All nonprofits below must currently be listed on the Erie Gives website.</small>	Gift Amount <small>\$25 minimum</small>
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