

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



11 JUNE 2023
The Second Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.

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.”

PRELUDE – “Morning Has Broken”

arr. Jeffrey Blersch, Charles Callahan, John Behnke

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

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

☐ In the name of God who is Mighty, + Merciful, and Mysterious.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ►

P Most Merciful God,
C 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 not love you with our whole heart,
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 For the sake of you Son, Jesus Christ,
 have mercy one us.
 Forgive us.
 Renew us.
 And lead us.
 That we may delight in your will
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Holy Name.
 Amen.

P 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 declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

*This hymn text was written to fit the unusual meter of the tune, as no other matching hymn text existed.
 The author, a musician, poet and writer best-known for this hymn,
 received numerous prizes for her nursery rhymes and singing games for children.
 With its lovely Gaelic tune, the hymn was first published in London in 1931.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

Morning Has Broken

ELW 556



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



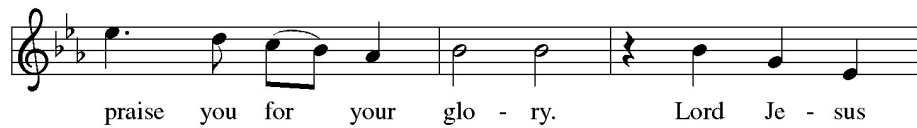
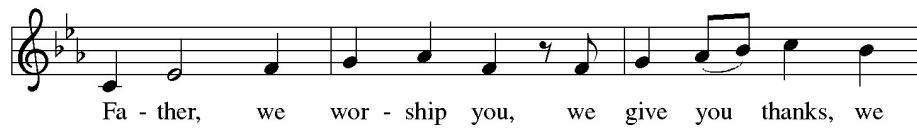
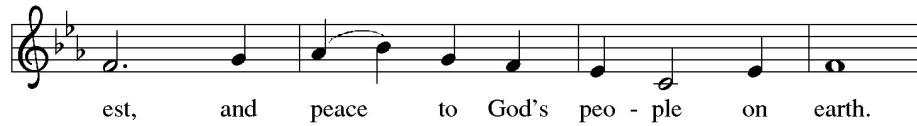
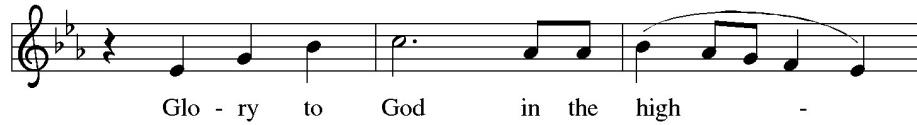
Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.
 Glo-ry to God in the high-
 est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

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

God’s call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation. As they journey, they inaugurate sacrificial worship at every stopping point.

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-9

¹The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So Abram built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there Abram built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 33:1-12

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



Hap - py is the na - tion whose God is the LORD!

- ¹ Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
praise is fitting for the upright.
- ² Praise the Lord with the lyre;
make music for God with a ten-stringed harp.
- ³ Sing for the Lord a new song;
play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.
- ⁴ For your word, O Lord, is right,
and faithful are all your works. **R**
- ⁵ You love righteousness and justice;
your steadfast love fills the whole earth.
- ⁶ By your word were the heavens made,
by the breath of your mouth all the hosts of heaven.
- ⁷ You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and store up the depths of the sea.
- ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe. **R**
- ⁹ For God spoke, and it came to pass;
God commanded, and it stood fast.
- ¹⁰ The LORD brings the will of the nations to nothing
and thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- ¹¹ Your will, O LORD, stands fast forever,
and the designs of your heart from age to age.
- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage! **R**

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all Abraham's descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom Abraham believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, Abraham believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made Abraham waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what God had promised. ►

²²Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus demonstrates God’s mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable.
Even the dead receive new life.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax collection station, and Jesus said to him, “Follow me.” And Matthew got up and followed him. ¹⁰And as Jesus sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.” ¹⁸While Jesus was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader Γ of the synagogue Υ came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread through all of that district.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance

The tune is a newer composition for the older hymn text composed by one of the preeminent organists and composers of the 20th century.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 587

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



- 1 There's a wide-ness
- 2 There is wel-come
- 3 For the love of
- 4 'Tis not all we



in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows
in his blood. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands
ful - ly kind. But we make this love too nar - row
through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;



are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place
of new worlds as great as this; there is room for
by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -
let us take you at your word, and our lives will



where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
be thanks-giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
Music: ST. HELENA, Calvin Hampton, 1938–1984
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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 God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray, O God, for the church. Unite us with any on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray, O God, for creation. Tend forests and fields and safeguard all cattle, birds, and wild animals. Preserve lakes, rivers, and oceans and send rains to water the earth. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray, O God, for the nations. Awaken in our leaders compassion for people who have too often felt forgotten or neglected, and inspire policy solutions that promote equity and inclusion. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray, O God, for all who are in need. Accompany anyone enduring chronic illness, any who suffer in secret, and those grieving a loved one's death. Send healing for all who plead for relief from sickness or pain. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray, O God, for the eradication of racial hatred. On this week when we commemorate the Emanuel Nine, we implore you to cast out the demons of white supremacy that make us believe lies about ourselves and our neighbors. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We give thanks, O God, for Barnabas and all the saints, especially Henry Gilbert, Bill Schaal, and Betty & Martin Halttunen. Renew our faith that you can do what you have promised and raise us, with all our beloved dead, to new life. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

- ☐ The peace of the Lord is with you.
- ☑ 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

VOLUNTARY – “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

arr. Dale Wood

Please stand as you are able.

*Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales,
this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148
and the traditional canticle Benedicite, omnia opera Domini (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).*

OFFERTORY

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad-ows have van-ished and dark-ness is ban-ished, as
till all things now liv-ing u-nite in thanks-giv-ing: "To
for-ward we trav-el from light in-to light.
God in the high-est, ho-san-na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

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.

PREFACE

P Lord Emmanuel, the with-us God, we thank and praise you because you called Abraham out of the dust of Haran and made him—with Sarah and Hagar—the forebear of many nations. You blessed him and blessed those who blessed him, and called his nation one in whom all people would find a blessing. You reckoned his faith as righteousness. In Jesus you fulfilled that blessing and, in his dying and rising, opened out that covenant to your whole creation. And so we celebrate the wonders of your grace, with all the host of heaven, singing your unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the





name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- ☐ God of ever-presence, Abraham built an altar in the desert because you had appeared to him. Appear to us now as we gather around this holy table in your name. As your Son pitched his tent in our midst, so through your Holy Spirit make him present to us and make us holy through him, that we might behold your glory.
- ☐ Sanctify by that same Spirit this bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them saying,

*“Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this for the remembrance of me.”*

- ☐ In the same way after supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

*“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

- ☐ Great is the mystery of faith.

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

- ☐ Infectious God, in touching the hem of your Son’s garment a woman was restored to wholeness and community. In this sacrament give us grace to touch the hem of your garment and so find life and truth and peace. Heal all who find themselves excluded by prejudice, discrimination, or bigotry. Restore to your company any who have withdrawn through shame or fear or regret. Lift up those who are invisible because of cruelty or imprisonment or suppression. Visit your children who are close to death or dismayed by grief. Gather to yourself a reign of sinner and sage, exiled and exalted, that the body, mind, and spirit of your groaning creation may leap for joy and sing in your heart forever, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit.

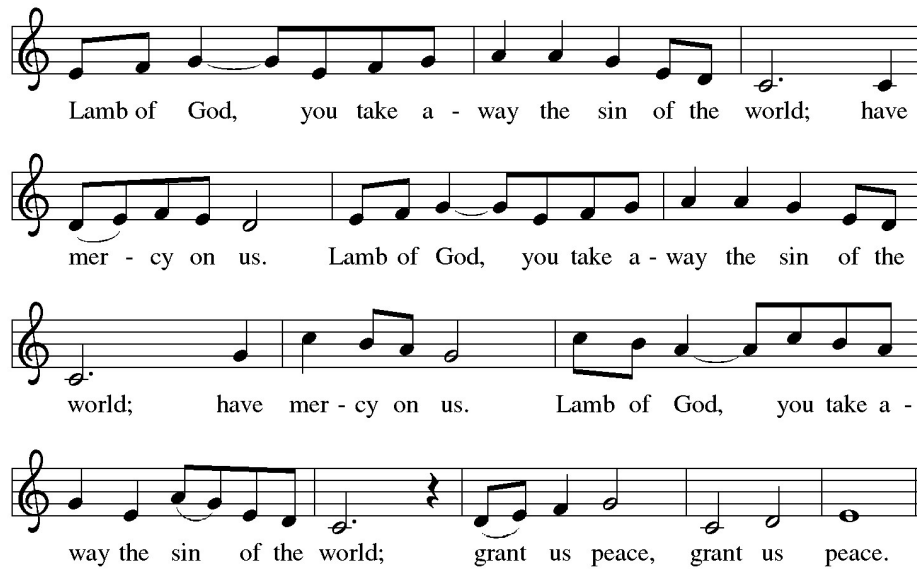
- ☑ **Amen.**

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



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

- ☐ All people are called to Christ's table.
Come, eat what is good.
- ☐ 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

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.*

We sing a hymn of faith today, reflecting the lessons and the sermon we have heard. The music is the work of Lowell Mason, a towering figure in American church music. The text was written by Ray C. Palmer, who had a distinguished career as a Congregational minister and a prolific author.

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 759

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887
 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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ELW 464

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
 3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
 Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
 for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
 Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
 Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever
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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 PRAYER

☐ We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen.

Please be seated.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

☐ The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.

☑ Amen.

Text and tune for this African-American Spiritual derive from traditional sources, and the hymn appears in over 15 hymnals.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 860

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,





Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

A Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Morning Has Broken"

arr. John Behnke

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

GREETER – Liz Stroup

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Emma Chaffee

LECTOR – Michael Snider

SOLOISTS – Barb Dennison, Barb Moore

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Pat Gilbert

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

USHERS – Pat Gilbert, Dave Griswold, Carl Moore, Betty Pletz



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Gilbert on his 85th birthday in heaven, by his wife, Pat.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Betty and Martin Halttunen by their daughter, Janet Kent.

Columbarium flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bill Schaal, whose birthday would have been on June 14, by his wife, Carol.

Today's Events

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

Outdoor worship service will be held Sunday, June 18 at Presque Isle, Rotary Pavilion, No. 9. We will gather for worship at 10:30am and enjoy a picnic lunch and games following. The Rotary Pavilion is enclosed so we will worship together rain or shine. Hotdogs, condiments, beverage and coffee will be provided. Please bring a dish to share, place setting, lawn chairs, and a favorite game for some fun after lunch.

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.

Where Is Pastor Jay?

For the week of June 11, Pastor Jay's drop-in hours will be on Tuesday from 2-3:30pm in the office. As always you can make an appointment at a different time by e-mail: JMitchell@luthermemorialonline.org OR by using: calendly.com/TheRevJCM.

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.

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School – It's a Family Affair! Our Wednesday VBS gatherings have been fun for everyone. C'mon down and join us for our last gathering on June 14. Our evenings together are from 5:30-7:00pm and begin with a potluck meal (main dish provided; please bring a dish to share), followed by a Bible message, craft, music and some energetic activities, too. VBS has always been a fun experience for our children, and it has been wonderful making it a family affair this year.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Dr. Karen Mitchell, Pastor Jay's mom, will join us on Tuesday, June 20 and offer a presentation on how the elder brain functions. Please join us for this program and a delicious lunch beginning at 11:30am. The main dish and beverage will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We hope many can attend this interesting program and conversation. Reservations are due by Friday, June 16 to Jan MacInnes or the church office. Thank you.

Set sail with the OWLS on the Victorian Princess on Wednesday, July 19. Enjoy a delicious lunch and beautiful scenery. Boarding begins at 11:30am. The cost is \$43.28 (tax and tip included) per person and due before boarding begins. Reservations and payment in cash or check are due to Jan MacInnes no later than July 14. Checks are to be made payable to Jan MacInnes. Thank you.

Kenneth Snider Memorial Car Cruise will be held Sunday, July 16 from 1:00-4:00pm in our parking lot. We invite everyone to join us for a fun filled afternoon. We will have a variety of show cars to check out along with DJ Bill Mason, Magic Steve, food truck, bake sale, 50-50 Raffle, and a Chinese Auction with over 100 baskets. Monies raised will benefit Shriners Children's Erie and Luther Memorial's youth who will be traveling to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2024. For more information, contact Gina at 814-602-7679 or Mike Snider at 814-602-7036.

Magic Fingers Grace Group is sure to put a skip in your step when you begin the day with friends. Combine that with your favorite yarn projects, knitting and crocheting and you're sure to be smiling. Join us the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am-12:00pm; June 13 and June 27. 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.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Pasta/Soup Kitchen

We are praying for volunteers for our ministry. Holy Trinity serves Tuesday evening dinner at 5:00 and a simple, nutritious lunch at noon on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. For lunch, volunteers arrive at 10:30am to prepare the meal, then serve and clean-up, usually leaving by 1:00pm. Volunteers are especially needed for one Wednesday or Saturday a month. Substitutes will also be needed during the summer, as regular volunteers take some time for vacation.

Additionally, Holy Trinity has been awarded a grant to install a free laundromat for our friends, neighbors and the homeless to use. Installation will begin in June and July, and they are looking/praying for volunteers who would be willing to oversee the operations. Times being considered are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9:00am-3:00pm, with volunteers working 3 hour shifts 9:00am-12:00pm or 12:00-3:00pm.

If you can help, please contact Ron King at rkingerie@roadrunner.com. Pastor Karen Lundwall can give you more information.

Bethany Outreach Center

Thank You! The Bethany Outreach Center continues to serve the underprivileged in our community, and *we are so thankful for the help that the Luther Memorial congregation has been giving us* -- in all forms: money, food & clothing donations! Right now (and almost always) our Clothes Closet could use Baby clothes, Kids clothes, and Adult male clothes (as a priority). However, clothing of all types is always welcome. If you would like to donate clothes or food, please bring them in a bag or box and place them near the white cupboard in the Luther Memorial Parlor area. Someone will deliver them to Bethany each week or so, as needed.

Are you a Golfer who Enjoys a Good Scramble? Join us at the 6th Annual Harbor Ridge Open, this year in Support of the Bethany Outreach Center!

Save the Date: Sunday, July 30 Time: 10:00am

Location: Harbor Ridge Golf Course at 3730 Harbor Ridge Trail in Erie, PA 16510

Highlights of this “Fun” Fundraiser:

- 16 Teams will compete in two 9-hole “Scramble” Rounds
- 9 optional “Fun” Skill Contests, such as Hole-In-One, Closest-To-The-Pin, etc.
- ***Even if you’re not a golfer***, you can still enjoy the Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Pull-Tab Prizes/Games in the Club House during and after golf
- Hot dogs and drinks at the turn
- All Proceeds go to support the Bethany Outreach Center
- Cost is \$300 per Foursome

To sign up see the registration information at the Bethany Outreach Center website (www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org). Call, text, or email Eric Hedlund if you have any questions, at (814) 898-1233 or (814) 722-7732 or eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org.

Items to Note

Parking in the lot across from 11th Street is not permitted. Please do not park in this area as your car will be towed. Thank you.

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

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon			
Friends and Family:			
Debbie	Elayne Morphy	Kate Collins	Bernie Wiest
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie	John Semonis	Roger Smith	Branden Jones
Mark Smith	Nichole Jones	Bob Guenther	Caitlyn Kessler
John Varner	Melissa Pierce	Diane Henry	Meghan Kessler
Michael Collins & Mary	Kevin	Ginger	Bonnie Ford
Baby Archer Bardwell	Curtis Krick	Karen Chilcote	Susan Brooks
Michele Seifert	John Semonis		
Grief:			
Ann Coleman family	Thelma Fetrow family	Adam Surovick Family	
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 12 6:00pm LMA Legos

TUESDAY, JUNE 13 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group
 10:00am Study Group for Pastors
 6:00pm Church Council

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 5:30pm Vacation Bible School – It’s a Family Affair

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship with us at our beach service at 10:30am. Service will be held at the Rotary Pavilion with a picnic lunch to follow. The 8:15am service will not be held.

Confirmation students depart for Camp Lutherlyn.

	SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023	
	ASSISTING IN WORSHIP	
Assisting Minister	10:30am	Liz Stroup
Altar Guild	10:30am	Pam Masiroff
Greeter	10:30am	Linda Graffius
Counters	10:30am	Pat Bellingham, Emma Chaffee