

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



19 JUNE 2022
The Second Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

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 – Partita on "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Raymond H. Haan

Partita on "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Jeffrey Blersch

I. Invocation

II. Hymn

III. Reflection

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lutheran Book of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☩ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
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.

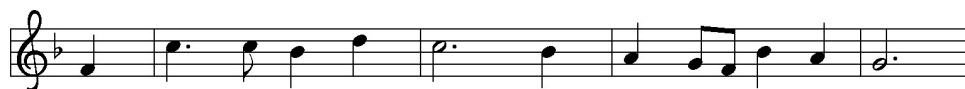
P Hear the good news!
 God does not deal with us according to our sins
 but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
 In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
 You are free to love as God loves.
C Amen.

This hymn was jointly written to celebrate the ordination of a teaching elder in the Presbyterian church. Text is the work of a Seminary professor who holds dual ordination in the Presbyterian and Episcopal denominations. The music was written by a seminary colleague who has served congregations as organist and choir director, and has been an active presenter of workshops and lectures.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 651

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

7 Oh, praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945
 Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936
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GREETING

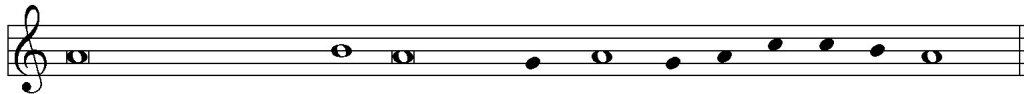
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.



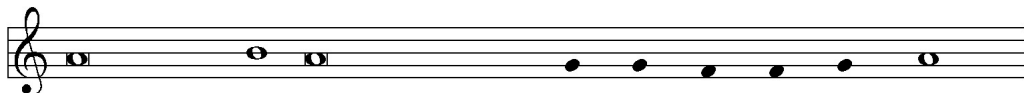
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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 O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

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

The prophet announces God’s impatience. The people’s self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel’s exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, “Here I am, here I am,”
to a nation that did not call on my name.
²I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;
³a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;
⁴who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine’s flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
⁵who say, “Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.
⁶See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
⁷their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together,
says the LORD;
because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.
⁸Thus says the LORD:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, “Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,”
so I will do for my servants’ sake,
and not destroy them all.
⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:19-28 (*sung responsively*)



¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not | far away;
O my help, hasten | to my aid.
²⁰**Deliver me | from the sword,**
my life from the power | of the dog.
²¹Save me from the | lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.
²²**I will declare your name | to my people;**
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.
²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.
²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;**
neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.
²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.
²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!
²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.
²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,**
who rules o- | ver the nations.

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers.
Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation
that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.
²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now
that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God
through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no
longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one
in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Moran

Please stand as you are able.

Text for this hymn is the work of a Lutheran pastor who is also a composer and hymn-writer and whose hymns appear in 67 hymnals used by 36 denominations in eight countries.

The tune, a shape-note hymn with a repeated rhythm, has been successful since its publication.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;





praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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Please be seated.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

- P** God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.
- R** I present Kennedy Elise Durán for baptism.
- P** Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?
- R** We do.
- P** As you bring Kennedy to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that Kennedy may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.
- P** Do you promise to help Kennedy grow in the Christian faith and life?
- R** I do.
- P** Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Kennedy in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?
- R** I do.
- P** People of God, do you promise to support Kennedy and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
- C** We do. ▶

Please stand as you are able.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. ►

P Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

P Kennedy Elise Durán, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Kennedy with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Kennedy, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

WELCOME

A Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

A Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

A United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with evangelists who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that do not destroy the earth. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially racism. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.



A You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick. Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

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

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We give thanks for the faithful departed whose lives proclaimed all you had done for them, especially Dr. Robert Lasher. At the last, unite us with them as we make our home in you. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

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 – “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

John Eggert

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

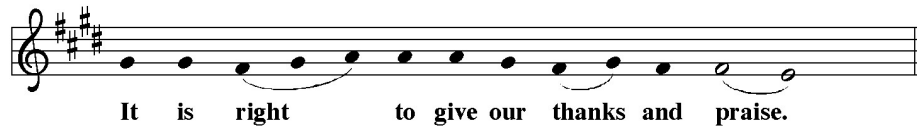
A God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

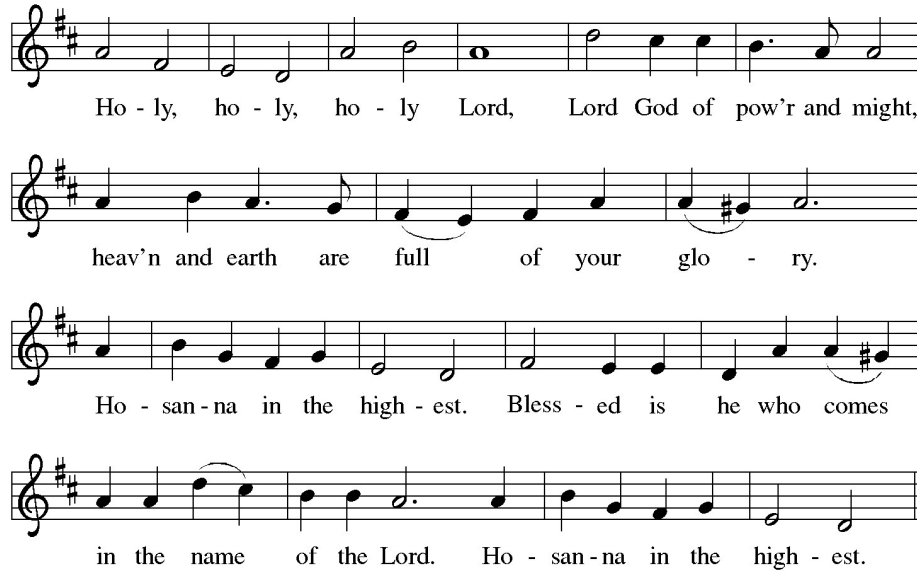
GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

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 indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, living, and loving God,
 we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
 for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
 and for sending your Son as our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
 who, living among us, healed the sick,
 fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death,
 gave his life for others.

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-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death into life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

☑ Amen.

☐ 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.

This hymn text and its author are ranked among the first hymns of the English language. The tune, first written as a solo, was later published in a collection of hymns by the composer.

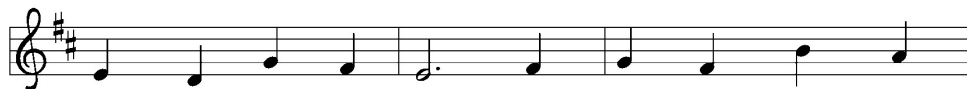
HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 620

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es





heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.
Music: St. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

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!

This hymn text, by one of the great hymn-writers of the ages, originally had eighteen stanzas. The tune is from a tune written for a different text but by 1850 appeared as we see it. The composer studied and taught music all his life, composing hymns, motets, school songs, and instrumental music.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 886

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE – Partita on "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"
IV. Dance**

Jeffrey Blersch

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor Brian Moran
GREETERS – Carlo Cimino, Blake & Jacob O'Brien
ACOLYTES – Evelynn & Mari Graffius
ASSISTING MINISTER – Lois Smith
FIRST READING – Ellie Wertz
SECOND READING – Jeana Williams
ALTAR GUILD – Dave Griswold



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. Robert Lasher by his loving family.

Kennedy Elise Durán will be welcomed into the fellowship of Luther Memorial through the sacrament of Holy Baptism during 10:30 service this morning. Born November 30, 2021, Kennedy is the daughter of Angie and Andres Durán and sister of Caiden Snider, Adam and Evan Durán.

Participating in our 10:30 worship service this morning are many of our youth who will attend confirmation camp at Lutherlyn this week. Twelve youth will depart for Lutherlyn today and return on Friday, June 24. They will meet others from various congregations and begin new friendships. Thank you to Beth Keller for assisting at camp this week as our youth continue their journey towards confirmation.

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

Usher training for all those interested in helping as an usher during our 10:30 worship services will be held this morning at 9:45 in the parlor. We welcome you to take part in our worship by assisting as an usher. We look forward to seeing you this morning.

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

Vacation Bible School for the whole family will be held Monday, June 27 – Thursday, June 30 from 6:00-7:30pm at Luther Memorial. At Cave Quest we will learn that Jesus is the one who lights our way and gives us hope for each new day. Discover what it means to hold God's mighty power in everyday life and join us for a great VBS. Weather permitting we will gather in the green space near 10th Street. In case of rain we will meet in fellowship hall. Registration forms are available at the welcome tables and in the church office.

Music Ministry

The Luther Memorial choirs typically take a summer break after Holy Trinity Sunday. We thank the members of the choir and handbell choir for their dedication and service throughout this past season. Please let them know that their weekly musical offerings are appreciated.

Choir:

Jonathan Gaber
Rose-Marie Rose

Molly Gaber
Matt Royek

Mary Laver
Kathy Sahlmann

Skip Meyn
Pat Young

Handbells:

Pat Bellingham
Lynnette Gustafson
Kathy Sahlmann

Pat Boyd
Mary Laver
Matt Royek

Les Fobes
Barb Moore

Jeanne Gaber
Kara Partusch

Some of the bell ringers will continue rehearsing this summer. If you would like to try your hand at ringing, this would be an ideal opportunity to do so. We will meet Thursdays at 6:00pm in the large 5th floor air conditioned room. Please contact Walt Gaber (WaltGaber@gmail.com, 814.602.2755) in advance if you wish to participate so that we can plan accordingly.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. Celebrate summer, enjoy your mornings, knit, crochet and laugh with us on June 28. 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.

OWLS are looking forward to getting together at Honey Baked Ham, 7200 Peach Street, on Tuesday, June 21 from 11:30am – 1:00pm. We've missed you all so join us. Please see Linda Graffius this morning or contact the church office if you would like to attend.

Outreach Opportunity

Bethany Outreach Center could use some extra help on Wednesdays. We are in-process of creating a team of 3-9 volunteers to handle the jobs described below. Then we will create a schedule for which team members will serve each week, based upon their availability.

The 3 weekly jobs for which we need volunteers are described below:

1. Food Pickup, Delivery, and Food Distribution Setup (7:45-9:30am)
2. Clothes Closet and Food Pantry Setup (8:00-9:30am)
3. Clothes Closet and Food Pantry Takedown (10:30-11:30am)

Notes: Each of these volunteers need to be able to handle steps and lifting while carrying items such as tables, boxes or bags of food, and bins of clothes. For Job #1 your vehicle must be able to hold 2-3 medium size bins, such as a SUV or car with a large trunk.

If you are interested, please contact Eric Hedlund via email at eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org or by phone at 814-722-7732. He will provide you with a detailed description of each of the jobs and if you wish to be on the team, he will take your information and put you in the schedule for the job and date(s) you wish. As dates are filled in Eric will distribute the updated schedule to all team members via email.

Support for Ukraine

To offer support to people in Ukraine donations may be made to the following organizations:

- Lutheran Disaster Response at www.ldr.org or call 800-638-3522
- Lutheran World Relief at www.lwr.org
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service at www.lirs.org

If you would prefer to place your donation in the offering this morning, please mark it Ukraine and we will send all donations to Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you.

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, JUNE 20

TUESDAY, JUNE 21 11:30am OWLS / Honey Baked Ham

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

THURSDAY, JUNE 23 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

FRIDAY, JUNE 24 10:00am Balance Class
Return from Confirmation Camp

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

THE THIRD 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 by clicking on the tabs of "Resources & Online Worship" and "Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study".

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Ministers	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	C. Noelle Partusch
Lay Distributors	8:15am	Jan MacInnes
	10:30am	Ann Flick
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

— BULLETIN PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Arden Fetcko	Mark Howell	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Brent Young
Bill Grande	Dave Parsh	Wendy Kern	Jan MacInnes
Elizabeth & Scott Cowan	Pat Bellingham	Don Tatar	
Friends and Family:			
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
Carol Suesser	Ed Eckery	Jane Esper	Tom McGrail
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			