

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



15 JANUARY 2023
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
10:30 am

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

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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 – "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

J. S. Bach, G. F. Telemann, Wilhelm Rudnick

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P Holy One, source of our renewal,
 C we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
 and cannot free ourselves.
 We have not practiced your righteousness.
 Our hearts have turned away from you.
 For the sake of the world you so love,
 forgive us,
 that we may be reconciled to one another
 for the glory of your holy name.
 Amen.

P Thus says our God:
 "The former things have come to pass
 and new things I now declare."
 God's mercy makes us new.
 We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

Text and tune for this hymn, considered a monument of German hymnody, were written by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608), a Lutheran pastor and renowned preacher in 16th century Germany.

ENTRANCE HYMN

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -





ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

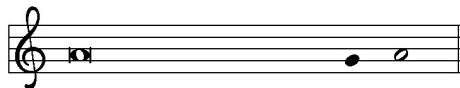
6 What joy to know, when life is past,
 the Lord we love is first and last,
 the end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 transport us to that happy place
 beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus!
 Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning
 for the day of your returning.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai
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GREETING

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

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.





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



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant’s ultimate assignment is to bring news of God’s victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother’s womb God named me. ²The Lord made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of God’s hand I was hid; the Lord made me a polished arrow; in God’s quiver I was hid away. ³And the Lord said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” ⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God.” ⁵And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be a servant, to bring Jacob back to God, and that Israel might be gathered to the Lord, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— ⁶the Lord says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” ⁷Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, the Holy One of Israel, to one deeply despised, ►

abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Monarchs shall see and stand up; chieftains, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 40:1-12

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



¹I waited patiently upon the Lord;

he stooped to me and heard my cry.

²He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay,

he set my feet upon a high cliff, and made my footing sure.

³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;

many shall see and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord!

They do not resort to evil spirits, or turn to false gods. **R**

⁵Great things are they that you have done O Lord my God!

How great your wonders and your plans for us!

There is none who can be compared with you!

⁶Oh that I could make them known and tell them!

But they are more than I can count.

⁷In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure;

you have given me ears to hear you;

⁸burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

And so I said, “Behold I come.” **R**

⁹In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:

‘I love to do your will O my God; your law is deep in my heart.’

¹⁰I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;

behold I did not restrain my lips; and that O Lord you know.

¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

¹²You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;

let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever. **R**

Though God’s church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in Christ, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that ►

you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸God will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of the Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord.

☒ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain: (*Sung once by the choir, repeated by the congregation and repeated after the verse.*)



*In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.
(John 1:4)*

☒ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony
as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

²⁹John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is the one of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One of God." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹Jesus said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where Jesus was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹Andrew first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²Andrew brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay Mitchell

Please stand as you are able.

The text of this hymn is the work of one of the most prolific writers of English hymnody, and has enjoyed widespread popularity. The melody, written in the late 16th century is by an accomplished church musician in Saxony.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 311

Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.
 pre - cious in your sight.
 hill to val - ley flow.
 king - dom with out end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
 Music: FREUTEUCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602

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, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 On the third day he rose again.



**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world's waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting local waterways, especially Presque Isle, and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. 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 In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith, especially Ralph Shaner, Jr. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

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

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

“Jesus said, truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”

Luke 21: 3-4

ANTHEM – "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

James W. Johnson / J. Rosamund Johnson

*Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.*

*Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

*Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?*

*We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.*

*Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.*

Please stand as you are able.

This hymn combines a text by one of the most eminent Lutheran hymn writers with music by one of the most eminent Lutheran composers. The text was written by the author as an entrance hymn or introit, as "a list of awesome and exciting things that one should expect in worship."

The tune was written for the text in 1969.

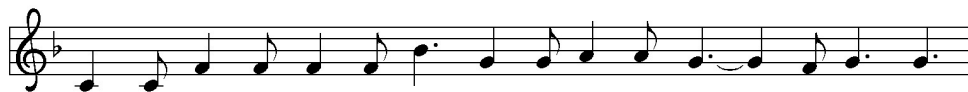
OFFERTORY

ELW 460

Now the Silence



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
 Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Liberating God,
 you break the bonds of injustice
 and let the oppressed go free.
 Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
 for all your works of merciful power,
 and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
 You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

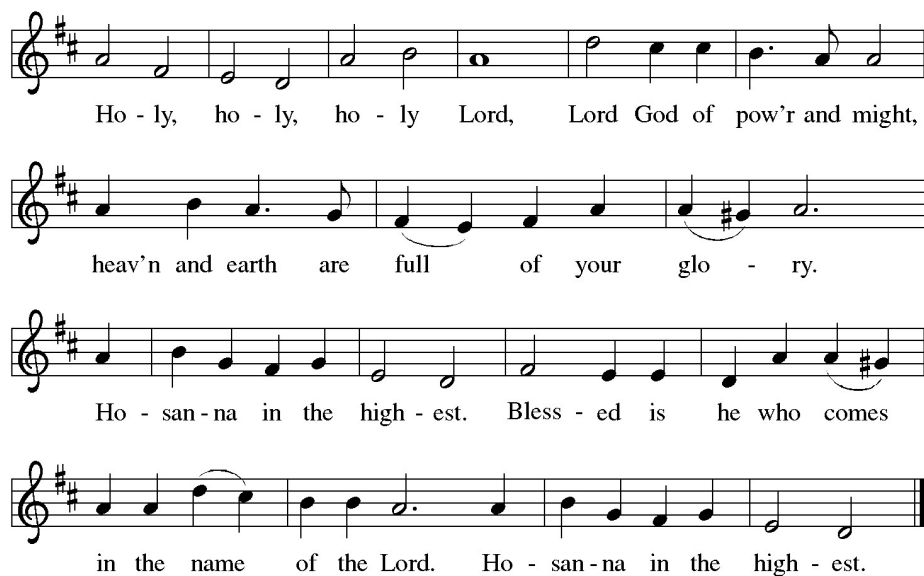
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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

- ☐ God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
 but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets
 to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
 our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
 to preach good news to the afflicted,
 to break bread with the outcast and despised,
 and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.



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

C Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

- P** Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C Amen.

- P** Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C Amen.

- P** Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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.**

AGNUS DEI



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

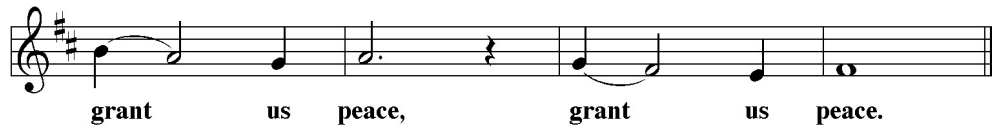


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;





INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and taste the joy of God!

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.

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

Prefilled cups with white grape juice for those who prefer it are located in the tray on the stand in front of the baptismal font.

Gluten-free wafers are also on the stand in the dish on top of the tray.

Receive the bread and wine and return to your place by the side aisle.

If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.

The text was inspired by a sentence from a work by Albert Schweitzer, and was written by a priest of the Church of England who has over 250 hymns to his name.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 737

He Comes to Us as One Unknown



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -
 2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -
 3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and
 4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and
 5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in
 part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -
 foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the
 birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a
 dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.
 cross the sky of night with-in the heart, of night with-in the heart.
 tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
 sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.
 not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
 Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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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** Holy One,
 we thank you for the healing
 that springs forth abundantly from this table.
 Renew our strength to do justice,
 love kindness,
 and journey humbly with you.
- C** Amen.

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

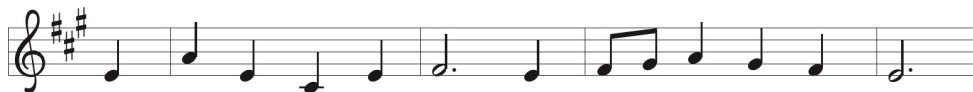
BLESSING

- P** The God who faithfully brings forth justice
 and breaks the oppressor’s rod
 † bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
 today and always.
- C** Amen.

Author of this hymn text is a minister in the United Church of Christ and a professor of worship at several seminaries. Her hymns appear in some fifteen denominational hymnals. The tune for this hymn is the work of a 19th century composer and organist.

SENDING HYMN

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

A Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE – "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Michael Burkhardt

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor Jay Mitchell

GREETERS – Ann Flick, Sally & Phil McAfee

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Liz Stroup

LECTOR – Eric Hedlund

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Stan Rose

USHERS – Ann Flick, Pat Gilbert, Lynnette Gustafson, Amy Scott

ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my father, Ralph W. Shaner, Jr., by his daughter, Sally Shaner-McAfee.

Today's Events

A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following each service this morning to vote on the call of Rev. Jay C. Mitchell as the next pastor of Luther Memorial Church. A letter was sent by mail and emailed to our congregation regarding this meeting.

Coffee hour will be offered in the parlor following the congregational meeting this morning. Stop in for some goodies and to visit.

Jigsaw puzzle swap cart will be in the parlor area this morning. Winter weather got you staying inside? Borrow a puzzle to keep your brain sharp and return when you're through. Books are also available.

Homemade soup is available for purchase this morning following the 10:30 service. Pick some up for an delicious and easy supper. Proceeds benefit our youth.

Offering envelopes for 2023 are located on the table by the ramp door. To save on postage we ask that you please pick up your envelopes. They are arranged alphabetically. Thank you.

Worship

Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 29, 2023 following the 10:30am service. The 8:15am service will not be held. Annual reports from staff members, committee heads and other key members of the congregation are appreciated to the church office by Sunday, January 15, 2023. The Annual Report will be emailed prior to January 29, and copies will be available to the congregation. Homemade soup and/or chili will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit our youth.

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

Children's Church classes for PreK – grade 6 meets the second Sunday of each month from 9:30 – 10:15am. Our youth in grades 7 - 12 will continue meeting on the third Sunday of the month at 9:30am.

Teachers and helpers are needed for our Children's Church classes. This will only be the second Sunday of each month. If you are able to help monthly or on a rotating basis it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the church office with any questions. Thank you.

Memorial Service

A **memorial service** for Bev Held will be held Saturday, January 21 at 11:00am in our main church. We welcome you to attend as we keep Bev's family in our prayers.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-12:00pm. Begin 2023 by keeping those knitting and crocheting needles busy and join us January 24. 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.

Quilt meeting will be held Saturday, March 11 from 10:00am – 2:00pm. The February meeting is cancelled.

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, JANUARY 16		Church Offices and LMA Closed
<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>		
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17	3:30pm	Prayer Group
	6:00pm	Budget Meeting
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18	8:30am	LMA Geography Bee
	6:30pm	Worship & Music Committee
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19	5:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20	6:00pm	LMA Cash Bingo
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21	10:00am	Julia House Meeting
	11:00am	Bev Held Celebration of Life Service

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023 THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Pastor Brian Moran will preach at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and the 10:30am service in the main church.

Blood pressures will be offered in the school library at 11:30am.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Pam Masiroff
Altar Guild	8:15am	Jane Moran
	10:30am	Dave Griswold
Greeters	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Counters	10:30am	Bill Lasher, Skip Meyn

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Jan & Skip MacInnes	C. Noelle Partusch	Chickie Braine	John Downey
Dave Parsh	Mark Howell	Mike Daniels	Paul Meucci
Torsten Carlson			
Friends and Family:			
Elise VanDamia	Elayne Morphy	Tammy Fuller	Linda F.
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie	Mary Correll	Judy Skoog	Sue O'Mahony
Edie Jackman	Melissa Geiser	Bob Guenther	Christine Norris
Jessica & Damian Ream	Brittani H.	Tom McGrail	Meghan Kessler
Susan Brooks	Kevin	Tom Wilson	Dawn Weborg
Brian Nicewonger	Linda F.	Nichole Jones	
Grief:			
Kaitlyn Farley family	Mark Lechner family	Bev Held family	
Pastor Ralph Storm family	Carol Luebke family		
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			