

WELCOME TO
**LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & ACADEMY**

WELCOME!

+ Everything you need to follow along in worship is included in this bulletin. You are invited to stand and sit—as you are able—as indicated herein.

+ If you have a need to **children**'s bulletins, coloring pages, crayons, or other supplies they are available on the Welcome Table. You can proceed out the door next to the pulpit and find the Welcome Table near the door.

- Children are always welcome in worship and together we make a joyful noise! However, if you have need, a staffed nursery is available down the stairs across from the Welcome Table.

+ An all-gender and accessible **restroom** is available out the door next to the pulpit, up the ramp, and to the right. Follow signs for "Handicap Bathroom." Other restrooms are available down the hallway next to Faith Chapel across from the parlor.

+ You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshipping around you and turn your phones and devices to silent. Feel free to take pictures of our beautiful sanctuary or post about the sermon. However, we ask that you ask permission before taking any people pictures.

+ We welcome all to worship and to the Table trusting that it is the Holy Spirit that draws us all together. If you would like information about joining the congregation or receiving the Sacraments of the Church, be sure to talk to Pastor Jay after worship (you can usually find him next to the pulpit after the service).

1 MARCH 2026
The Second Sunday *in* Lent
10:30 am

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE – "Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us"

J. G. Walther

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection. The assembly kneels or sits.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers:
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord + Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

KYRIE

In All Our Grief



1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.
2 Help us to put a - side the an - gry word,
3 You did not e - ven spare your on - ly Son.
4 God, when we suf - fer all that we can bear,



O God, you know all that we think or do,
the clenched fist, the wish and will to hurt.
He lived our griefs and bore all e - vil done,
then let us know that you in truth are near



you know the pain we put each oth - er through.
 Teach us the way in which love best is served.
 but through his cross, re - demp - tion has been won.
 and will not leave us lost in all our fear.

Refrain



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, grant us peace.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
 Music: FREDERICKTOWN, Charles R. Anders, b. 1929
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Silence is kept while all join their silent prayers. The Presiding Minister prays on behalf of all:

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray. Oh, that today we would hear God’s voice. May we hear your voice today, Lord, as Karen reads to us the scriptures. Let not our hearts be hardened, but open to us your Word of Life.

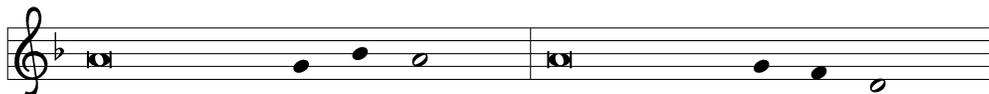
Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

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.” ^{4a}So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

PSALM: Psalm 121

The psalm is sung responsively according to the tone.



¹ I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
 from where is my | help to come?

² **My help comes | from the Lord,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

³The Lord will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**

will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;

⁵the Lord watches | over you;
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.**

⁷The Lord will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

⁸**The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³For the 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



In our call to be a bless-ing, may we be a blessing true;
may we live and die con - fess - ing Christ as Lord of all we
do, Christ as Lord of all we do.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: THOMAS, Marty Haugen

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jewish people. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the dominion of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to Jesus, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the dominion of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be

born from above.’⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”⁹ Nicodemus said to Jesus, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony.”¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son-of-Man.¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son-of-Man be lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.¹⁶ For God so loved the world that God gave the Son, the only begotten one, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.¹⁷ Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

After a brief silence for reflection, as the music sounds, please stand to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW323

God Loved the World

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith into which we are baptized:

**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.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray, siblings, pray for the Church of Jesus Christ in this and every place. For Yehiel and Kristen, our bishops; Jean, our dean; Jay, our pastor; and all who serve the Church.

silence for personal prayer for the Church

Let us pray for God's good creation, for our stewardship of God's gifts to us, for those who need shelter from the weather.

silence for personal prayer for creation

Let us pray for the nations of the world, for their leaders, for peace and those who seek it.

silence for personal prayer for the nations

Let us pray for those who are sick and suffering, for those who share God's gifts of science and medicine, for those who will die today.

silence for personal prayer for the sick and suffering

Let us pray for all those things that weigh on our hearts.

silence for personal prayer

Let us pray in thanksgiving for the promises of baptism, for those who have claimed their baptismal promises, especially George, John, Charles, Perpetua, Felicitas, and Richard, and to be held together with them until we are joined into Christ.

silence for personal prayer in thanksgiving for the saints and the gifts of baptism.

Into your wounded hands of love, O God, we place all our prayers trusting in the mercy and grace of the Crucified-Risen One, Jesus.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share greetings and gestures of peace with those around you. We gather around the Table. Please leave seats for those who may need them. Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING



An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church.

MUSICAL OFFERING – "Lord Jesus Think on Me"

J. Althouse

OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW 334

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bod - y of our Lord.

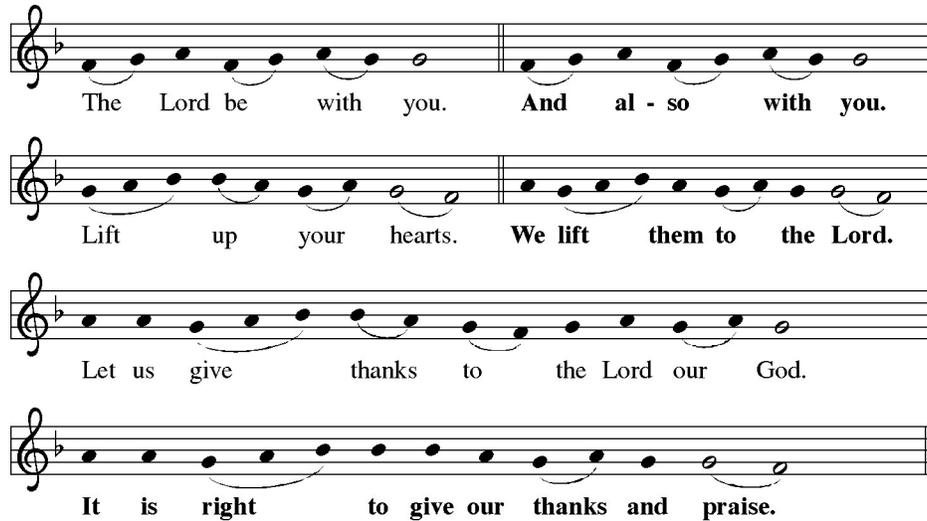
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
SURSUM CORDA

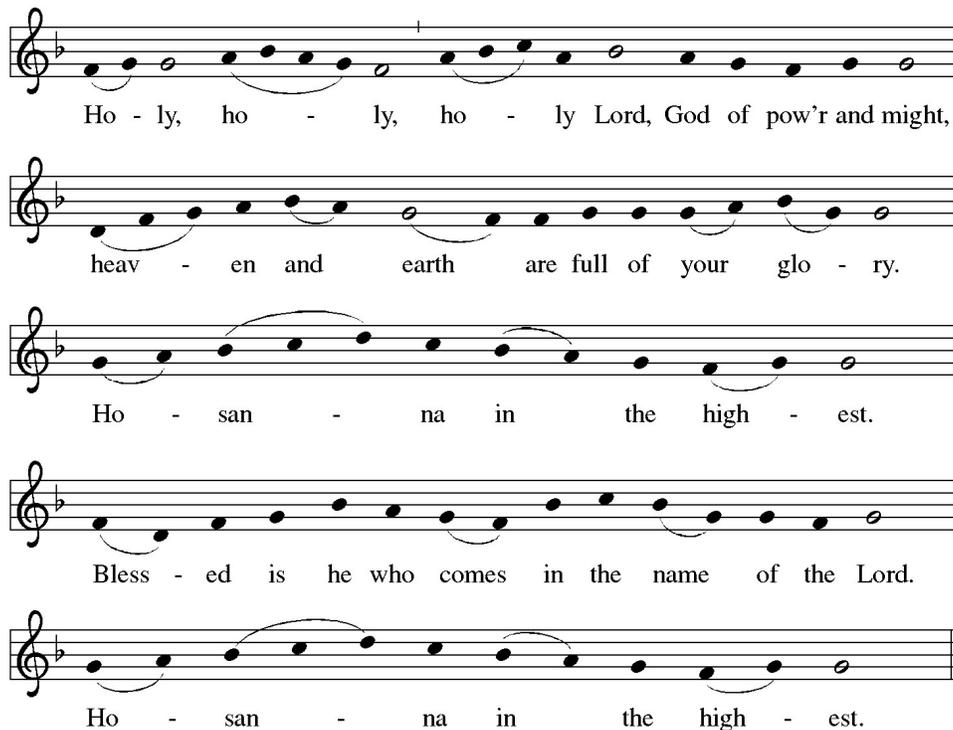


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

♩ It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

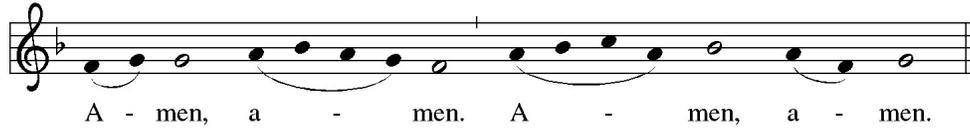


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

VERBA

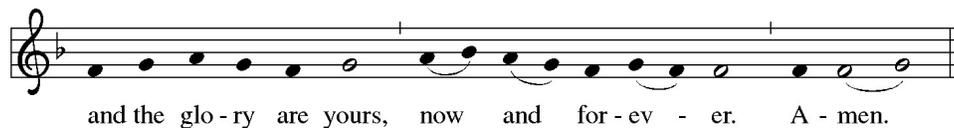
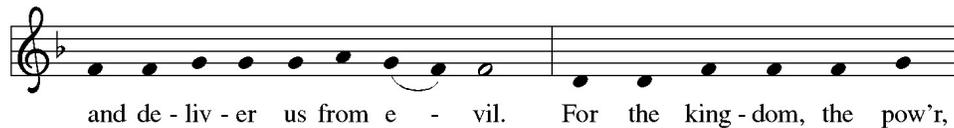
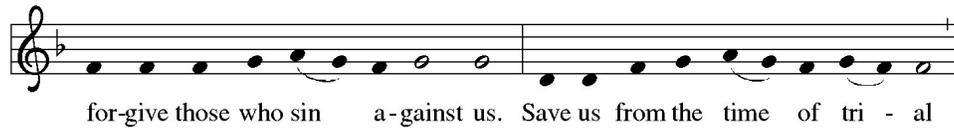
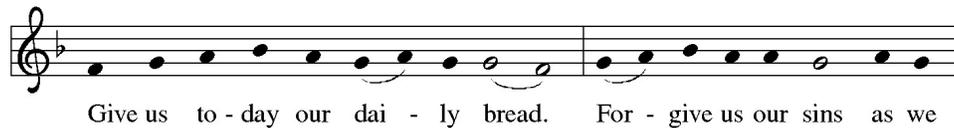
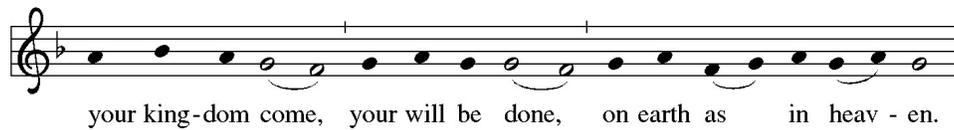
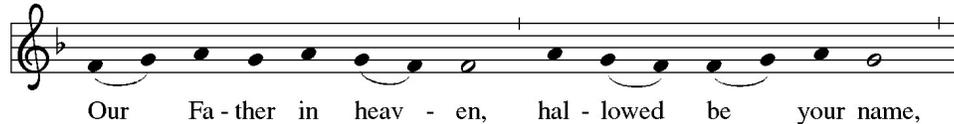
*♩ In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

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.



PATER NOSTER

♪ Lord, remember us in your sovereignty and teach us to pray:



INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold the One who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

For those communing at home: take, eat, drink: the Body and Blood of Christ for you.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and Christ is, himself, present whenever we feast together. **You** are welcome to the feast! 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.*

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

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. A - men.

ELW 338

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;
 the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up-on the way,
 And from my con-trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon-tide heat and bur - dens of the day,
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869
 Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

What Can Wash Away My Sin? *Nothing but the Blood*

1 What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 2 For my par-don this I see: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 3 Noth - ing can for sin a - tone: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 4 This is all my hope and peace: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

What can make me whole a - gain? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 For my cleans - ing this my plea: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 Naught of good that I have done: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 This is all my righ - teous - ness: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Refrain

Oh, pre - cious is the flow that makes me bright as snow;

no oth - er fount I know: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
 Music: PLAINFIELD, Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

ELW 334

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the
 riv - er, you the sea.

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TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

...give you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace. Return to the Lord. Believe the Good News.

Amen.

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Luther Memorial Church and Academy are located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people. These lands were ceded by the people of the Six Nations on October 22, 1784 in a treaty ratified by the United States Government in 1785 and never ratified by the people of the Six Nations. We gather in this place indebted to these peoples for their forced generosity. While some peoples were successful in resisting assimilation and genocide, and still live on dwindled homelands now, many were absorbed into other peoples, exiled, or annihilated by the United States government for their land. For those who remain and for the land on which we gather, we give thanks to the Creator and to those who have been custodians of this part of Turtle Island since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



— **SERVING TODAY** —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Chloe Meucci

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Tom Klomp

LECTOR – Karen Braendel

USHERS – Jane Kinzig & Dave Kinzig, Carl Moore

ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

VIDEO STREAMING – Gina Snider

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Youth and Family Ministry

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of cherished loved ones by the Hubbard family.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Richard Come who died Monday, February 23. A funeral service was held February 28 with Pastor Jay officiating.



I will bless the Lord | at all times;

but in the springtime, I will bless | one hour earlier.

A reminder that **Daylight Savings Time** begins on Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to make sure all your manually-controlled clocks are set! Don't want to miss worship!

Worship Matters!

There are number of places throughout the liturgy where the **Announcements** may be placed. While not technically a part of worship together, given that the Sunday Assembly is the principal time when the congregation gathers, it is appropriate to make clear certain activities and needs within the community. Usually, we share announcements in the Sending portion of the liturgy as a reminder that many of the activities, events, and needs that are in our activities are ways that we continue what is begun in worship. When God blesses us and sends us out, God sends us out to participate in many of the activities we announce. Announcements may be before the Prelude as a way of welcome before worship begins. While people settle in to being in worship, it may be an opportunity to receive information about the congregation. Another often found place in the liturgy for the announcements is where we share them this Lent: just before the Offering. When we share the announcements here, we are reminded that our giving is not just financial but from our whole lives; that we are called to give of our whole selves in service to God. And so, when we share the announcements here, we are reminded that many of the activities and events and needs in our announcements are ways for us to further give of ourselves as a part of the Offering. We have placed the Announcements here during the season of Lent for two reasons: the first is that in this season when we are reminded that sacrificial giving and works of love are part of our Lenten devotion, it is a further reminder of this every Sunday; the second is that as we simplify the Sending rite from the Table—emphasizing that this is the meal that sustains us on our Lenten pilgrimage—the announcements may pose a distraction from the liturgy itself.

Faith Formation for All Ages

Sunday School for our PreK-Grade 5 will gather at 9:30am on March 8. LYO will also meet at 9:30am.

Brown Bag Bible (B³) gathers on Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. You bring a lunch, Pastor Jay brings something to talk about. This year we are using *Crossroads: Reading the Bible in Divisive Times* by Josh Scott. B³ is on hiatus through the season of Lent.

Bible After Dark (BAD) meets on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row (1317 State St) for a time of conversation and fellowship. We are using Josh Scott's book *Parables: Putting Jesus' Stories in Their Place*. If you would like to order your book from the church office, the cost is \$14. You may also order your own. **YOU** are invited to join us on Tuesday, March 3 for our discussion on The Wedding Party.

Confirmation students, 7th grade through 9th grade, will meet Sunday, March 8 following the 10:30am worship service. Classes are offered throughout the year on the 2nd Sunday (in odd months: **November 9 & January 11, 2025, March 8, May 10, 2026**). In order to successfully complete confirmation classes, each confirmand must attend all four. However, the *same four* will be offered every year in slightly different orders to allow for flexibility in attending all four. There will also be a worship leadership and a biblical literacy component that will need to be completed along with the usual service hours. Finally, ConfirCamp is strongly recommended for *at least* one year between the end of 7th and beginning of 10th grade. Confirmation will still be held in the autumn of 10th grade to each confirmand.

Luther Memorial Concert and Cultural Series

“Collections”, the Music of Michael Dobrich, a promising young composer, will be offered Saturday, March 28 at 7:00pm. Founded in 2016, the Contemporary Integrational Orchestra Project provides the enriching experience of playing to people of all ages, skill levels and backgrounds. Enjoy this 30 piece orchestra and this special presentation. A reception will follow. There is no admission; a free will offering will be taken.

Between the Motion and the Music, is a documentary that will be offered Sunday, March 29 at 4:00pm by Fred Rueckert, a Rochester Institute of Technology student. The presentation shows the Massey Memorial Organ's 1992-1993 reconstruction. Begun in late 1992 and completed in June 1993 the organ was reconstructed by the Fischer Pipe Organ Company of Erie. In 2003 a 32" Bombarde stop was added to the instrument by the Fischer Pipe Organ Company. This specialized organ stop was donated to Chautauqua Institution by Mr. Rueckert in memory of his grandparents and his college project.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Second Sunday Soirée will gather in the parlor Sunday, March 8 at 9:15am for refreshments and a chance to visit. Please contact the church office if you would like to host this time of fellowship.

LIA, Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, March 10 from 5:30-7:00pm for dinner and planning of our upcoming service projects and some very creative ideas. All youth in grades 5-12 and their families meet the second Tuesday of each month; join us.

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Enjoy a relaxing morning with friends at the Magic Fingers Grace Group as you knit your cares away sprinkled with some laughter. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, March 10 and 24, from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Lutherlyn summer camp registration began February 1. Various camps are available throughout the summer for families and youth of all ages.

Lenten Season

Visit our Prayer Room on Sundays, March 15 and March 22 for a time of prayer and brief meditation during the Lenten season. The Prayer Room is located in the youth room on the fifth floor and is self-guided with activities available for anyone wishing to take part. We invite you stop in from 9:00-10:15am and 11:30am-12:00 noon. Please see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski with any questions.

Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm in Lent we are gathering on the fifth floor for Prayer Around the Cross under the theme of “For God So Loved the World”. This brief service (about 30 minutes) is an opportunity for scripture, song, and silence; for prayer and the lighting of candles; and for contemplation of the saving deed of Jesus on the cross “for God so loved the *world*.” The format and much of the music for this service comes from Holden Village—the same source as our popular Holden Evening Prayer.

Lenten Luncheons are offered on Wednesdays in Lent; February 25-March 25 at 12:30pm in fellowship hall. Enjoy a home-cooked meal for only \$10. Hamloaf will be served at the Lenten luncheon on March 4. If you would like to help in any way please contact Betty Pletz at 898-1053 or the church office.

Hamloaf orders will be accepted through Friday, March 13. Specialty sausage flavors and Philly cheesesteak bratwurst are also delicious choices. Orders will be delivered fresh from Gahr’s Hamloaf in Franklin, PA and available for pick on Palm Sunday, March 29. Order forms are at the welcome table and the church and school offices.

LMA News

Lutheran Schools Week is March 1-7 and we are getting ready to celebrate being BRAVE this year! We will gather on Monday, March 2 at 1:00pm for our Lutheran Schools Week Eucharist. We hope our whole community here at Luther can join together to celebrate this great ministry in Erie. We will be welcoming Pastor Ryan Fitch, Associate Director and Pastor of Lutherlyn for worship.

There will also be an opportunity to vote in the annual souPPPPPer Bowl to see who earns the Golden Ladle.

Save the Date! The 50th Anniversary Celebration of Luther Memorial Academy will be held Saturday, May 2, 2026. Please join us for all the festivities at LMA from 5:00 – 7:30pm. The evening will include a greeting, a self-guided tour of the school, a cocktail reception (one complimentary beverage provided with admission purchase), hors d’oeuvres, and a basket raffle (tickets sold separately at event). Admission is \$20/person and may be made at the church or school office or online at www.luthermemorialacademy.org.

Items to Note

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.

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Jay either at the church (814-454-0106 x. 227) or, if not, on his personal phone (267-549-9858). If you are unable to reach him and need a response quickly, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. Thank you.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Dorothy Youngman	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Pat Gilbert
Diane Parsons	Judy Karney	Jeanne Gaber	Loretta Deeds
Donna Sedelmyer	Betsy Brumagin		
Friends and Family:			
Mary Beth & Nancy, Kelly	Gail Lesuer	Linda F.	Jeff Monroe
Diane Come	Gwen Smith	Andrew Wachter	Sullivan
Henderson family	Sandy M.	Shirley	Judy
Kevin Soles & family	Jenny	Carol Johnson	Valerie
Adam & Connie Ogle	Katja & family	Peter Maker	Carol McFalls
Archer Bardwell; age 3	Carl Larese	Peggy S	Sharon Swick
Brooks Davis	Kris		
Grief:			
Richard Come family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	

Readings and Commemorations This Week

March 1 – George Herbert, hymnwriter, 1633 – *An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.*

March 2 – John Wesley, 1791; Charles Wesley, 1788; renewers of the church – Psalm 128; Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 3:1-6 -- *These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.*

March 3 – Psalm 128; Isaiah 65:17-25; Romans 4:6-13

March 4 – Psalm 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53-8:11

March 5 – Psalm 95; Exodus 16:1-8; Colossians 1:15-23

March 6 – Psalm 95; Exodus 16:9-21; Ephesians 2:11-22

March 7 – Perpetua, Felicitas, and companions, martyrs at Carthage, 202 – Psalm 95; Exodus 16:27-35; John 4:1-6 - *Vibia Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, a pregnant enslaved woman, were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.*



CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 2	1:00pm	Lutheran Schools Week Worship Service
	2:30pm	LMA Play Practice
	3:30pm	Prayer Group
TUESDAY, MARCH 3	12:00pm	Deborah Circle
	3:00pm	WELCA
	6:30pm	BAD (Bible After Dark)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4	12:00pm	Lenten Worship
	12:30pm	Lenten Luncheon
	1:00pm	Study Series
	5:00pm	Scouting Event
	6:00pm	Lenten Worship
THURSDAY, MARCH 5	11:00am	Grade 8 Etiquette Luncheon
	1:00pm	Grief Group
	2:30pm	LMA Play Practice
	5:30pm	Handbells Rehearsal
	6:45pm	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, MARCH 6		LMA Closed
SATURDAY, MARCH 7	10:00am	Quilting

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026 THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Second Sunday Soirée will gather at 9:15am.

Sunday School and LYO will be held at 9:30am.

Confirmation class for grades 7-9 will meet at 11:30am.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Stan Rose
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Linda Graffius
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Cathy Beck
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Christy Adams
Counters	10:30am	Skip MacInnes, Stan Rose
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Carl Moore