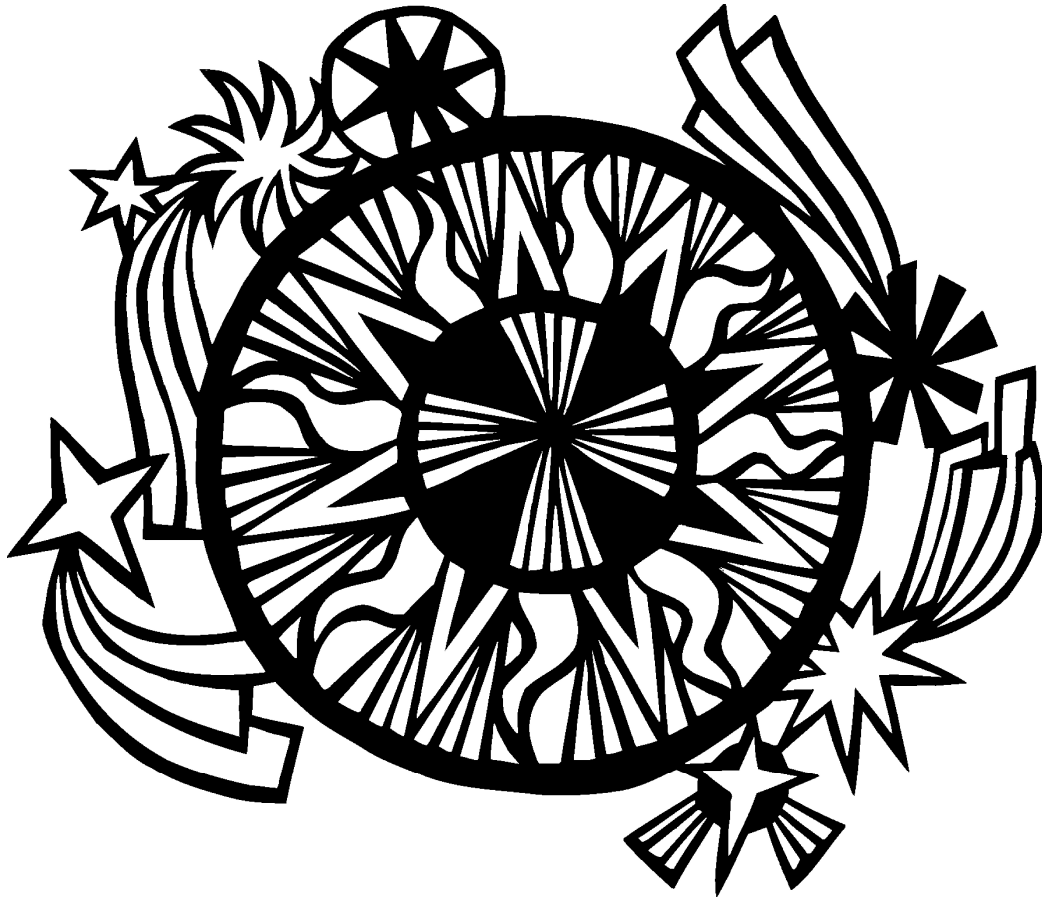


*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



2 JANUARY 2022  
**The Second Sunday of Christmas**

*Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 8:15 & 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** – "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Charles Callahan, Charles Ore, Wilbur Held

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *1 John 1:8-9*

*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 sends the word with angels,  
who is made flesh among all peoples,  
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

☒ **Amen.**

☒ In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



**L** Holy God,  
**C** we confess our sin before you.  
 We replace compassion with competition.  
 We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.  
 We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.  
 We have not put on love in harmony with you.  
 Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.  
 Swaddle our hearts with your peace,  
 that all we do, in word or deed,  
 may reflect your love born among us.  
**Amen.**

**L** I bring you good news of great joy for all people:  
 God has come among us  
 in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.  
 † In Christ your sins are forgiven  
 and you are clothed in peace.

**C** Amen.

*Text and tune for this hymn were written by a teacher, organist and choirmaster serving under a Pastor who was a friend of Martin Luther and had once lived in the Luther household.  
 J. S. Bach used the tune in two cantatas and several other works.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**ELW 287**

**Let All Together Praise Our God**



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore the  
 2 From God's right hand the Son de - scends, is born an  
 3 O ten - der Child, you veil in flesh the splen - dor  
 4 Your moth - er feeds you ten - der - ly, sings you a



high - est throne; to - day God o - pens heav'n a - gain and  
 in - fant small, and lies in pov - er - ty, his bed a  
 of your might; a ser - vant's garb now wraps the one who  
 lul - la - by, while an - gels, hail - ing Da - vid's heir, your



sends the on - ly Son, and sends the on - ly Son.  
 man - ger in a stall, a man - ger in a stall.  
 clothed the sky with light, who clothed the sky with light.  
 glo - ry mag - ni - fy, your glo - ry mag - ni - fy.

5 A wonderful exchange you make:  
 you take our flesh and blood,  
 and in return give us to share  
 the shining realm of God,  
 the shining realm of God.

6 Unlock the door again today  
 that leads to paradise;  
 the angel bars the way no more.  
 To God let praises rise,  
 to God let praises rise!

**GREETING** 2 Corinthians 13:14

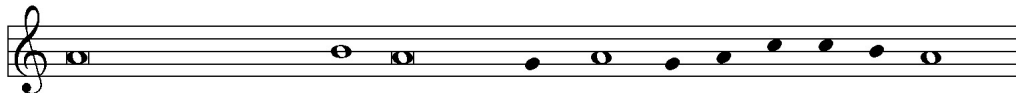
**L** From the one who is and who was and who will come,  
and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection,  
grace and peace be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

**KYRIE** Luke 17:13



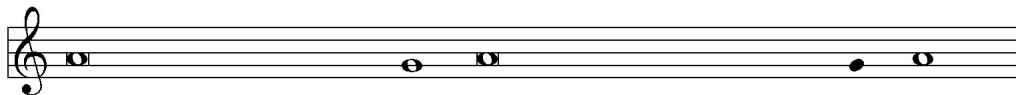
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



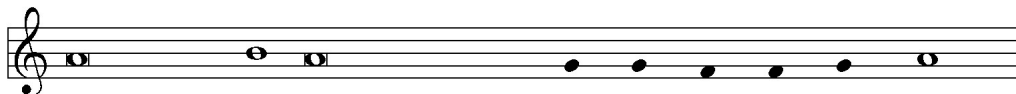
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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** Ruth 2:4

**L** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through 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.”**

*God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile.*

*In Zion Israel will rejoice over God’s gift of food and livestock.*

*Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.*

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

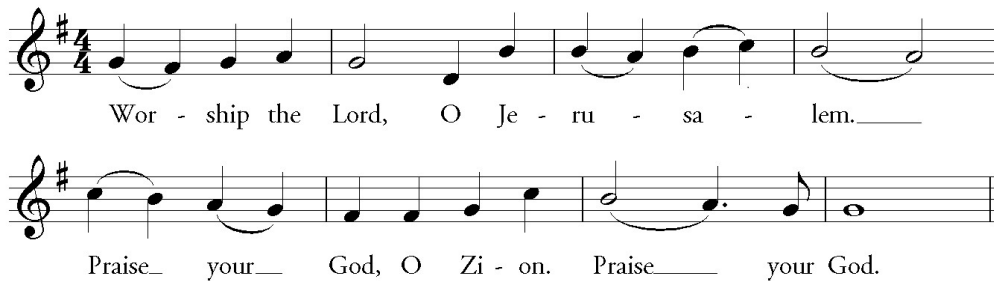
**PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20** (sung in alternation) (8:15 am Service)



<sup>12</sup>Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;  
praise your | God, O Zion,  
<sup>13</sup>**who has strengthened the bars | of your gates  
and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.**  
<sup>14</sup>God has established peace | on your borders  
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.  
<sup>15</sup>**God sends out a command | to the earth,  
a word that runs | very swiftly.**  
<sup>16</sup>God gives | snow like wool,  
scattering | frost like ashes.  
<sup>17</sup>**God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.  
Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?**  
<sup>18</sup>The LORD sends forth the | word and melts them;  
the wind blows, and the | waters flow.  
<sup>19</sup>**God declares the | word to Jacob,  
statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.**  
<sup>20</sup>The LORD has not done so to any | other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah!

**PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20** (10:30 am Service)

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



<sup>12</sup>Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion,  
<sup>13</sup>for he has strengthened the bars of your gates  
he has blessed your children within you.  
<sup>14</sup>He has established peace on your borders  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.  
<sup>15</sup>He sends out his command to the earth,  
and his word runs very swiftly. **R**  
<sup>16</sup>He gives snow like wool,  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.  
<sup>17</sup>He scatters his hail like bread crumbs.  
Who can stand against his cold?  
<sup>18</sup>He sends forth his word and melts them;  
He blows with his wind and the waters flow.  
<sup>19</sup>He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.  
<sup>20</sup>He has not done so to any other nation;  
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah! **R**

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made know as heaven and earth are united in Christ.  
Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

☐ 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. John, the first chapter.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

*John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created.  
This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.*

**GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18**

[<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.



<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

- 📖 The Gospel of the Lord.
- 🎵 Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Michael Snider

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Seldom has the wonder of the Incarnation been expressed so beautifully as in this text, created in the era when the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were being codified and mindful of similar theological affirmations. It is set here to a plainchant melody from the late Middle Ages.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 295**

**Of the Father's Love Begotten**



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -  
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry





ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more!      A - men.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413; tr. composite  
 Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

## 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 *1 Timothy 2:1*

- A** Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
- A brief silence.*
- A** You make yourself known in the gift of language in diverse forms. Draw our attention to those who communicate through sign, braille, and technology. Make your church a place where all methods of communication are celebrated. Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.**
- A** Creating God, the sun greets us anew each morning. Thank you for waking us up today to witness and share your abundance. Awaken us always to your wisdom and deepen our care for your natural world. Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.**
- A** Emmanuel, in your name we are assured that you are with us. Train nations and peoples to honor and respect one another, especially those whose names and identities have been mistreated, neglected, or oppressed. Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.**      ►

**A** You adopt us as your beloved ones. Accompany parents and children navigating the adoption process, especially those in the foster system. Sustain those struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss. Tenderly embrace all in need. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** You journey with us through change. Guide those assuming new roles in this congregation or making transitions in their families, workplaces, or communities. As the seasons and the calendar change, equip us for unexpected challenges. 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** We give you thanks for all who modeled lives of loving service, especially Ron Johnson and Fred Bohn. Lead us in your grace until, with all your saints, we enter the fullness of your glory. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**L** Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

**L** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you. *Romans 16:16*

*Please be seated.*

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

**VOLUNTARY – "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (8:15 am Service)**

Margrethe Hokanson

**ANTHEM – "In the Bleak Midwinter" (10:30 am Service)**

Harold E. Darke

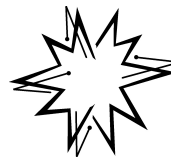
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### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.

As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C** Amen.



## DISTRIBUTION PRAYER

- ☐ Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

When our congregation gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With thanksgiving we remembered that  
“in the night in which he was betrayed,  
he 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 in 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 in remembrance of me.”

We were given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now we bring to you this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ.

- ☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☑ **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***

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



## 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, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- D** In Christ's manger, at Christ's table,  
come, see what God makes known for you.
- C** Amen.
- D** Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.  
(10:30 am Service)

*The congregation is seated.*

*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.*

*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.*

## COMMUNION John 1:29

*This hymn comes from the pen of a 20<sup>th</sup> century Scotsman who after many years as a student was ordained a Roman Catholic priest. He also became a leading contemporary hymn writer.  
The melody is the work of a 17<sup>th</sup> century church musician.*

## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 510

### Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from  
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth  
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the  
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.  
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.  
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, sj, b. 1919  
Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673  
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*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

**D** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,  
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.  
As we have shared this feast of love,  
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**C** Amen.

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

**BLESSING** Numbers 6:24-26

**L** The God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

**C** Amen.

*The son of a schoolmaster, Isaac Watts began writing verses at the age of 7.  
At the age of 16 he went to London to study in the Academy of the Rev. Thomas Rowe.  
In 1702 he became pastor of the Independent Church in London. His collected works embrace  
sermons, treatises, poems and hymns. His published hymns number more than 800.*

**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW 267**

**Joy to the World**



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the  
ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -  
room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

**DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE** Luke 7:50

**A** Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

**C** Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE – "Let All Together Praise Our God"**

J. S. Bach, Healey Willan

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

*PREACHING* – Michael Snider

*ASSISTING MINISTERS* – Rob Benacci (8:15 am)

C. Noelle Partusch (10:30 am)

*LAY DISTRIBUTOR* – Jan MacInnes (8:15 am)

*LECTOR* – Jane Moran (10:30 am)

*COMMUNION ASSISTANTS* – Ann Flick (*Lay Distributor*), Dave Griswold, Linda Young (10:30 am)



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, Ron Johnson, by Judy.

**Front altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Fred, whose birthday will be on January 3, by Marilyn.

**Today's Events**

**Christmas decorations** will be taken down and stored following the 10:30 service this morning. If you are able to stay and lend a hand it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**Offering envelopes** for 2022 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.

**Please stop in** to have your picture taken so our Pictorial Directory will be complete. Pictures will be taken during the week through January 15. We hope you will stop in. Many have not yet had their picture taken and we hope that you will stop down to the church, email or text a picture to us.

- Pictures will be taken during the week from 9:00am – 3:00pm. Please stop in our church office and Norma will meet with you to take your picture.
- We also welcome you to email or text pictures. Pictures may be texted to 814-450-7162 or emailed to [nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org).

**Worship**

**ReCharge contemporary service** will gather on Sunday, January 9 for fellowship and worship. Welcome the new year and join us at 4:00pm for dinner, conversation and games. Our worship service will be held in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor “upper” room.

**Baptism of Our Lord** is Sunday, January 9. During the 10:30am service we will recognize all those baptized in 2021. Please join us for this special occasion.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, January 30, 2022 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 16, 2022. The Annual Report will be emailed prior to January 30, and copies will be available to the congregation. Pretzel sandwiches, compliments of our youth, will be available for purchase.

**Christian Education**

**Children's Church classes** are held Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. Masks are worn and all safety protocols are followed. We hope to see many of our children join us. Our class schedule is as follows:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month (not meeting in January)
- Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (January 9)
- LYO – third Sunday of the month (January 16)
- Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (January 23)

### **Opportunities for Fellowship**

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** hopes you begin your new year with lots of yarn and join us the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am – 12:00 noon. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, January 11 as we gather with friends. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

### **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.

### **Luther Memorial Church Policy – Following the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines**

**In accordance** with the Pennsylvania mask mandate in place, it is necessary for all those worshipping at Luther Memorial Church wear a mask regardless of your vaccination status. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dear Friends of Luther Memorial,

We thank you for your generous Christmas gifts to us from the council, congregation, and Women of the ELCA. It has been a privilege for us to share ministry with you during this time of transition. Luther Memorial has remained strong because of the time and talents you have given to support the many programs and ministries we do in Jesus' name. God's blessings to you in the New Year.

*Pastor Brian Moran and Pastor Karen Lundwall*



## CALENDAR

**MONDAY, JANUARY 3**            6:00pm            Legos

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6**            6:00pm            Handbells  
   6:00pm            Legos  
   7:00pm            Choir

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 7**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**            10:00am            Julia House Meeting

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022 THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

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

<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assistant Ministers	8:15am	Jan MacInnes
	10:30am	Michael Snider
Communion Assistants	10:30am	Jennifer DiTullio, Stan Rose
Altar Guild	8:15am	Jane Moran
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp

— PRAYER LIST —

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Our Members:**

Sarah Prylinski	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Lois Fobes	Bill Grande
Tim Houston	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Joyce Zwilling	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Julie & A. J. Chandler	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Mark Lechner
Rosanne & Roy Strausbaugh	Dave Mumford	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Nancy Downey
Bev Held			

**Friends and Family:**

Cecily DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	Bobbi MacInnes
Frank Nalepa	Kristen	Larry E.	Kirsten Braley
Roger Maki	Amy Valentine	Jesse McFadden	Abby
John & Naomi Howard	Ed Hokaj	Elijah Montero	Ray Polasky
Marianella	Linda Grimm	Gayle Rumbaugh	Shelly
Kim Robertson	Edna Pett	Bea Becknell	Shaffer family
Josie W.	Jeff F.	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingraham	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Steven & Ally Soltesz	Paul Spierling	Frank S.	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. S.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Amy
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Dick Lechner
Christian	Karen Botwright	Jeff F.	Sue Kuhn
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Paula and Chet Bixby	Pete Battersby	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Missy & Jeff	Sue Agens	Sophia	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Patrick L	Paula Bauda
Marilyn Schultz	Ron Trisket	Sidney	Loraine Pond
Allison & Erick	Bryan & Bev	Judy Oosterkamp	Marianella
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Meghan Kessler	Dorothy McCarty	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Steve & Leah W.	Scott Respecki
Noni Bennett	Ashlynn Rowane	Jim Sturm	Amy & Nate
Patty & Ken Tuck			

**Grief:**

Kathy & Bob Cooksey family	Pastor Al Gesler family	Richard Thorn family
Pastor Roy Washill family		

**Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson
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