

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



24 APRIL 2022  
The Second Sunday of Easter

*In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

## LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Three • 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** – "Come, You Faithful Raise the Strain"

Michael Burkhardt, Jan Bender

### 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

**TEMPLE TALK** – The Gideons

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

☐ In the waters of baptism,  
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
and we are a new creation.  
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*



**C** We thank you, God, for your river of life,  
 flowing freely from your throne:  
 through the earth,  
 through the city,  
 through every living thing.

**L** You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;  
 You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.  
 Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
 and our sin is drowned forever.  
 You open the gate of righteousness  
 and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.  
 You nourish us and enclose us in safety.  
 You call us forth and send us out.  
 In lush and barren places, you are with us.  
 You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water  
 and awaken your church once more.

**C** Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
 Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

**L** To you, our Beginning and our End,  
 our Shepherd and Lamb,  
 be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,  
 now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*The author of this hymn text, John of Damascus, is one of the great poets of the Greek church. The poem, written for the Second Sunday of Easter, traditionally refers to the passage through the Red Sea, as seen in verse 1. The melody is by a 16<sup>th</sup> century priest of the Bohemian Brethren, who once traveled to Wittenberg to discuss the views of the Brethren with Martin Luther.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**ELW 363**

**Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:  
 who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;





loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;  
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing  
 Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

## GREETING

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength, And
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain Has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. ... *refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing and glo - ry are his. ... *refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: ... *to verse 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men. ... *refrain*  
 gun his reign, Al - le - lu - ia! ... *final refrain*

### Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Dignus est Agnus, tr. John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
 Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

℣ Let us pray.

☩ **O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of 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.”**

*Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.*

### FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.” <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

℣ The word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: 118:14-29 (8:15 am Service) (Spoken responsively by whole verse)

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>**Hosanna! O LORD, save us!**

**We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**



<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>**The LORD is God and has given us light.**

**Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup>**Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.**

**PSALM: 118:14-29** (10:30 am Service)

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



This is the Lord's do-ing and it is mar-ve-lous in our eyes.

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>There is a sound of exultation and victory  
in the tents of the righteous:

<sup>16</sup>“The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!  
The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord. **R**

<sup>18</sup>The Lord has punished me sorely,  
but he did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the Lord;  
he who is righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup>I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation. **R**

<sup>22</sup>The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>On this day the Lord has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>Hosanna! Lord, hosanna!  
Lord, send us now success. **R**

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

<sup>27</sup>God is the Lord; he has shined upon us;  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
His mercy endures forever. **R**

*The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.*

**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8**

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”*

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ►

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Michael Snider

*Please stand as you are able.*

*This hymn text is the work of a distinguished British scholar and theologian of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The composer, about whom little else is known, named the tune after a famous bridge over Dunlap’s Creek, located in Brownsville PA, 30 miles south of Pittsburgh.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**WOV 675**

**We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight**



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.  
 Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816



## NICENE CREED

**A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

**A** Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need,  
and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of  
your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us  
to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit  
channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Uphold your children who cry out to you, especially those in Ukraine. Wherever people are overcome by  
the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer. ▶

**A** Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise, especially our pastors, lay leaders, cantor and choirs. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. God, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

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

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. We remember also the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church who have died and gather with the Lord. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

**L** The peace of the Lord is with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

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

**ANTHEM – "Doubting Thomas" (10:30 am Service)**

Mark Schweizer

*O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of Heaven, the glorious King,  
Over death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!*

*When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!*

*“My pierced side, O Thomas, see; My hands, my feet, I show to thee;  
Not faithless but believing be.” Alleluia!*

*No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
“Thou art my Lord and God,” he cried. Alleluia!*

*How blessed are they who have not seen, And yet whose faith has constant been;  
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Living God,  
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together  
in your peaceable reign,  
and you welcome us all at your table.  
Reach out to us through this meal,  
and show us your wounded and risen body,  
that we may be nourished and believe  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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.

- ☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

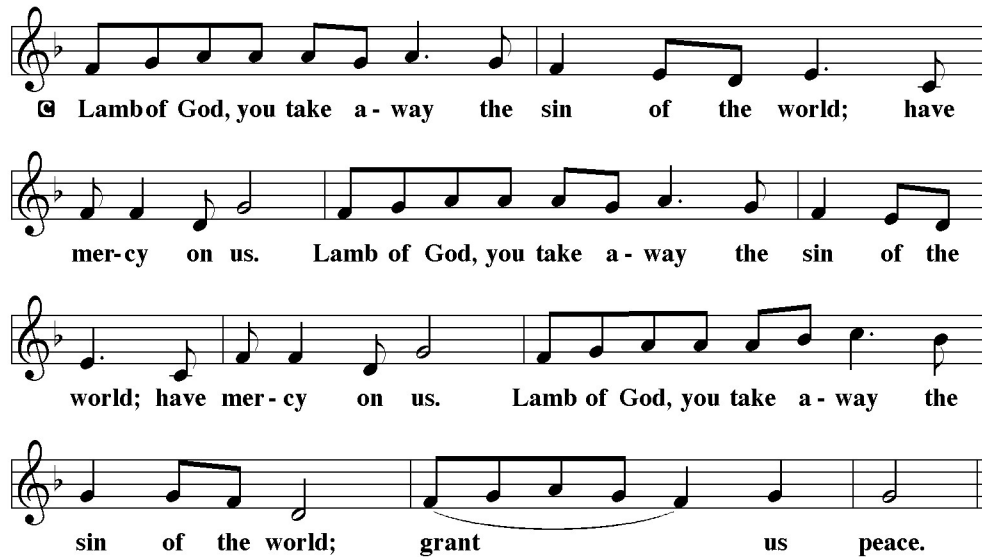
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen. *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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- D** The risen Christ dwells with us here.  
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.
- 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.*

## SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

*O Jesus, our great high priest, be present with us as you were present with your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread. Lutheran Book of Worship*

## COMMUNION

*Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.*

*Please come forward by the center aisle and maintain appropriate physical distancing. Receive the bread from the lay distributor then proceed to the assisting minister who will be holding a tray of cups with wine, and also cups with grape juice.*

*Take a cup and then return to your seat.*

*Gluten-free wafers are on the stand in front of the baptismal font.*

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

*The author of this text was a published poet and the daughter of an English cleric  
who composed and championed English church music.*

*The tune was written by an English organist who served at King's College, Cambridge for 53 years.*

**HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION (10:30 am Service)**

**ELW 820**

**O Savior, Precious Savior**



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;  
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,  
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;  
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:  
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:  
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.  
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.  
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.  
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.  
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879  
Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

*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 give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**C** Amen.

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

**BLESSING**

- L** God, the Author of life,  
Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
‡ bless you now and forever.
- C** Amen!

*This hymn text is from the hand of the great 17<sup>th</sup> century German hymn writer Paul Gerhardt. As it appears today, however, it has been translated and altered considerably by many hands. The melody, written for Gerhard’s text, is the work of German composer and hymn publisher Johann Crüger.*

**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW 378**

**Awake, My Heart, with Gladness**



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, see what to - day is done;  
5 Christ brings me to the por - tal that leads to bliss un - told,



now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes forth the glo - rious sun.  
where-on this rhyme im - mor - tal is found in script of gold:



My Sav - ior there was laid where our bed must be made  
“Who there my cross has shared finds here a crown pre - pared;



when, as on wings in flight, we soar to realms of light.  
who there with me has died shall here be glo - ri - fied.”

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. John Kelly, 1833–1890, alt.  
Music: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

**DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE**

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A** Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE – “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”**  
“Ukrainian National Anthem”

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— SERVING TODAY —

*PREACHING* – Michael Snider

*GREETERS* – Vicky Blasco, Jane & Brian Moran (8:15 am)  
Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels, Jeanne Gaber, Stan Rose (10:30 am)

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

Pat Bellingham (10:30 am)

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

Stan Rose (10:30 am)

*LECTOR* – Ann Flick (10:30 am)



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of departed members of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America by The Women of ELCA of Luther Memorial Church.

**Rose on the altar** is in celebration of the birth of Autumn Brielle Meyn born on Saturday, April 16, 2022. Congratulations to her parents, Allison Meyn and husband, Erik Henry, and to grandparents, Cathy and Skip Meyn.

**Our love and sympathy** is with the family and friends of Jean Joyce who died Thursday, April 14. Her funeral service will be held at Luther Memorial Church on Wednesday, April 27 at 11:00am with Pastor Moran officiating.

**This Morning**

**At our service of worship** this morning, we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion through the distribution of the elements blessed at a previous celebration. Our Lay Distributors of Holy Communion were selected by the congregational council, received instruction, and were appointed by Bishop Michael Lozano. They serve this congregation during times of pastoral vacancy so that we may continue to receive communion as Christ's body here at Luther Memorial Church.

**Christian Education**

**Children's Church classes** are held Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. Our final Children's Church will be held Sunday, May 22. We'll see everyone back this fall. Our class schedule is as follows:

Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month (May 1)

Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (May 8)

LYO – third Sunday of the month (May 15)

**Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (April 24)**

**Luther Memorial Church's 10<sup>th</sup> grade students** will prepare for their confirmation and gather for classes beginning today through Sunday, May 22 from 11:30am – 1:00pm. These youth will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday during the 10:30am service, on June 5, 2022.

**Worship**

**ReCharge** contemporary worship service will be held Sunday, May 1. Enjoy a wonderful evening beginning at 4:00pm with dinner, games and fellowship. Our worship service is held at 5:00pm on the fifth floor, Upper Room. Our monthly outreach projects, "Love Your Neighbor Giving Opportunities", continues with a collection of dog or cat items to care for our pets. You are welcome to donate pet food, treats, bedding, litter, etc.

**Opportunities for Fellowship**

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. Lift your spirits, add some beautiful spring colors to your projects and join us on April 26. 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.

### Prayer Requests

The Prayer Partners group of Luther Memorial Church, consisting of 13 members, has been faithfully praying for many people for several years. The prayer list consistently has 100+ names on it and this is becoming cumbersome for the bulletin. We understand that it is difficult at times to remove a name from the list, resulting in some names being on the list for as long as 5 years. We don't want to remove their names, unless you inform us. So starting in May we will be splitting the list to a **LONG TERM** list (people who have been on for more than 1 year) and a **SHORT TERM** list (1 year or less). If someone on the short term list needs to be on indefinitely, i.e. for cancer treatment, please let Linda Graffius or Norma (in the church office) know.

- The short term list will be in the bulletin each Sunday;
- The long term list will be available at the welcome table on Sunday mornings;
- If you would like the long term list emailed, please contact Norma;
- The long term list will also be printed in the newsletter quarterly;
- Our military men and women will be listed on the long term list.

We will no longer be emailing or calling for updates as this has become difficult to do with so many people on our list. **If we do not receive any updates on either the short or long term list, the name will be removed after six (6) months.** Therefore, if you have someone on the list and a change needs to be made, **you** need to contact Linda or Norma by email or phone during our work hours.

We will continue to have the Private List option available. The names on this list are only available to the prayer group and Norma. The Grief list will continue to be in the bulletin each week.

We will closely monitor this for several months to determine if it is working. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Linda or Norma. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

### Supporting our Youth

**Delicious fundraisers** keep popping up to help offset the church cost of Confirmation Camp for our youth. We invite you to stop by the youth table in the parlor area and see what's new. Dips from Gourmet Creations and Cookie Cards from Ye Ole Sweet Shoppe are still available.

### Support for Ukraine

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

- Lutheran Disaster Response at [www.ldr.org](http://www.ldr.org) or call 800-638-3522
- Lutheran World Relief at [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service at [www.lirs.org](http://www.lirs.org)

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

### Luther Memorial Church Policy

**Masking at Luther Memorial Church** is now optional. Masking recommendations will be revisited monthly and changes made if community numbers increase. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

### In Case of Emergency

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



## CALENDAR

### MONDAY, APRIL 25

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26**            8:45am            LMA Buddies  
   10:00am            Magic Fingers Grace Group

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**            11:00am            Jean Joyce Funeral

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28**            6:00pm            Handbell Rehearsal  
   6:30pm            Girl Scout Leader Meeting  
   7:00pm            Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, APRIL 29

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**            11:00am            Bridal Shower

### SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Pastor Moran** will preach at the 8:15 service in Faith Chapel and 10:30am worship service in the main church. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel; go to YouTube, in the search bar type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA”. Subscribe to the channel.

**The recorded service** at 10:30am is also available on Luther Memorial Church’s website at [www.luthermemorialonline.org](http://www.luthermemorialonline.org) by clicking on the tabs of “Resources & Online Worship” and “Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study”.

**Children’s Church** for Grades Pre-K – Kdg. will meet at 9:30am.

**Confirmation class** will gather at 11:30am.

**ReCharge contemporary service** will be held from 4:00 – 6:00pm.

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Ministers	8:15am	Roberta Lobaugh
	10:30am	C. Noelle Partusch
Altar Guild	8:15am	Jane Moran
	10:30am	Dave Griswold

- PRAYER LIST -

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Our Members:**

Sarah Prylinski	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Brent Young
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Lois Fobes	Bill Grande
Elaine Kern	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Joyce Zwilling	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Arden Fetcko	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Mark Lechner
Rosanne & Roy Strausbaugh	Dave Mumford	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Nancy Downey
Julie, AJ, baby Gigi Chandler			

**Friends and Family:**

Cecily & Addison DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	Bobbi MacInnes
Amy Daugherty	Kristen	Larry E.	Kirsten Braley
Bob	Amy Valentine	Jesse McFadden	Abby
John & Naomi Howard	Ed Hokaj	Josie W.	Ray Polasky
Marianella	Linda Grimm	Gayle Rumbaugh	Kevin
Eli Martinez Montero	Edna Pett	Bea Becknell	Shaffer family
Steve & Leah W.	William Lemmon	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingraham	Bob Guenther
Rev. Ralph Storm	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Steven & Ally Soltesz	Paul Spierling	Frank S.	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Scott Respecki
Jim Berger	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
Mike & Paula Lombardozi family	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Nancy Baker	Julie	Marilyn Schultz
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Amy
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	N. S.	Donnie Schley
Amy & Nate	Jeff F.	Sue Kuhn	Amanda Toms
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Paula and Chet Bixby	Pete Battersby	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Judy Skoog	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Missy & Jeff	Kathy Kisak	Sophia	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Patrick L	Paula Bauda
Brendon Sauers & Carol Stinson	Bonnie Ford	Sidney	Loraine Pond
Allison & Erick	Bryan & Bev	Judy Oosterkamp	Marianella
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Meghan Kessler	Jennifer Bluey	Rob K.
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Linda F.	

**Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

**Grief:**

Barb Holcomb family & friends	Carol Hopkins family	Richard Lechner family
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