

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church



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WELCOME!

This is the day that the Lord has made. Together, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

~ Here are a few notes to help you participate in worship today: Almost everything you need is in this bulletin, including hymns. You are invited to participate with the words in **bold type**. You are invited to stand as you are able where indicated. Hymns are included in this bulletin, however if you need larger print, hymns may be found in the back of the red hymnal using the number indicated (#). Please join in singing all the music! Today especially we raise our voices in praise!

~ **You don't need to disconnect here!** You don't need to turn off your phone, but please place it in silent mode. Feel free to take pictures—of our building, of worship, but ask permission for any people-pictures. We ask that you not use flash during this worship service. Post your favorite quote from the sermon or verse from a hymn...just be sure to check in and let your friends know where you are!

~ We welcome all of God's children **no matter your age**. Wiggles, dancing, and singing welcome! Together we raise a joyful noise. If you would like a children's bulletin, a soft toy, or a book, they're near the ramp door (out the doors next to the pulpit on the long Welcome Table).

~ **Restrooms** may be found out either door at the front of the Sanctuary. There is an accessible ramp through the doors near the pulpit. At the top of the ramp(s), follow signs to the restrooms. A fully accessible restroom is available through the parlor.

PRELUDE – "The Day of Resurrection!"

F. D. Ashdown

*Please rise in body or spirit and face the font at the Crossing.***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

ONE: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.**GATHERING HYMN****ELW 369****Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is in the Soprano part, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support. The lyrics are as follows:

1	Christ the Lord is	ris'n to - day;	Al - le - lu - ia!
2	For the sheep the	Lamb has bled,	Al - le - lu - ia!
3	Christ, the vic - tim	un - de - filed,	Al - le - lu - ia!
4	Chris - tians, on this	ho - ly day,	Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of the Risen Christ, the love of our ever-living God,
and the fellowship of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.


And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE


Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*




2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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.

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

WORD

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

FIRST READING: II Kings 7:1-16

¹ But Elisha said, "Hear the word of the Lord: Thus says the Lord: Tomorrow about this time a measure of choice meal shall be sold for a shekel and two measures of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria." ² Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned said to the man of God, "Even if the Lord were to make windows in the sky, could such a thing happen?" But he said, "You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat from it." ³ Now there were four men with a defiling skin disease outside the city gate who said to one another, "Why should we sit here until we die? ⁴ If we say, 'Let us enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there, but if we sit here, we shall also die. Therefore, let us desert to the Aramean camp; if they spare our lives, we shall live, and if they kill us, we shall but die." ⁵ So they arose at twilight to go to the Aramean camp, but when they came to the edge of the Aramean camp there was no one there at all. ⁶ For the Lord had caused the Aramean army to hear the sound of chariots and of horses, the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, "The king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Egypt to fight against us." ⁷ So they fled away in the twilight and abandoned their tents, their horses, and their donkeys, leaving the camp just as it was, and fled for their lives. ⁸ When these diseased men had come to the edge of the camp, they went into a tent, ate and drank, carried off silver, gold, and clothing, and went and hid them. Then they came back, entered another tent, carried off things from it and went and hid them. ⁹ Then they said to one another, "What we are doing is wrong. This is a day of good news; if we are silent and wait until the morning light, we will be found guilty; therefore let us go and tell the king's household." ¹⁰ So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city and told them, "We went to the Aramean camp, but there was no one to be seen or heard there, nothing but the horses tied, the donkeys tied, and the tents as they were." ¹¹ Then the gatekeepers called out and proclaimed it to the king's household. ¹² The king got up in the night and said to his servants, "I will tell you what the Arameans have prepared against us. They know that we are starving, so they left the camp to hide themselves in the open country, thinking, 'When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive and get into the city.'" ¹³ One of his servants said, "Let some men take five of the remaining horses, since those left here will suffer the fate of the whole multitude of Israel that have perished already; let us send and find out." ¹⁴ So they took two mounted men, and the king sent them after the Aramean army, saying, "Go and find out." ¹⁵ So they went after them as far as the Jordan; the whole way was littered with garments and equipment that the Arameans had thrown away in their haste. So the messengers returned and told the king. ¹⁶ Then the people went out and plundered the camp of the Arameans. So a measure of choice meal was sold for a shekel and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 2 (Sung responsively.)



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- ¹Why are the nations | in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?
- ²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot together,
against the LORD and against the | LORD's anointed?**
- ³“Let us break their | yoke,” they say;
“let us cast off their | bonds from us.”
- ⁴**God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;
the LORD holds them | in derision.**
- ⁵Then in wrath God | speaks to them,
and in rage fills | them with terror.
- ⁶“**As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king
upon Zion, my | holy mountain.**”
- ⁷Let me announce the decree | of the LORD,
who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.
- ⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for | your possession.**
- ⁹You shall crush them with an | iron rod
and shatter them like a | piece of pottery.”
- ¹⁰**And now, you | kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers | of the earth.**
- ¹¹Submit to the | LORD with fear,
and with trembling | bow in worship;
- ¹²**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God!**

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

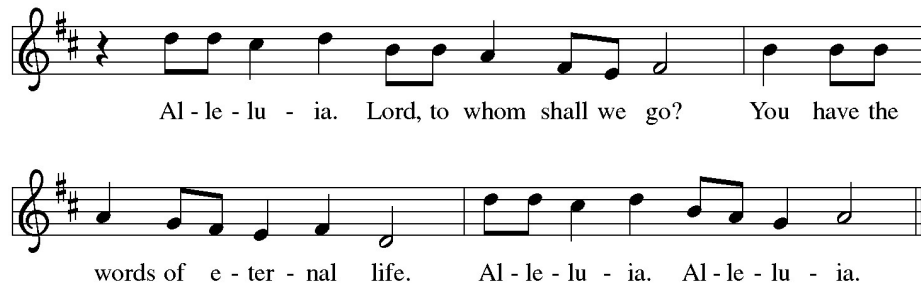
⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before God's throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the rulers of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a dominion, priests serving his God and Father, to Jesus Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel. You are invited to turn to face the Gospel as the Word is brought into our midst.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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." ²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may continue 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 at the invitation of the Preacher.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

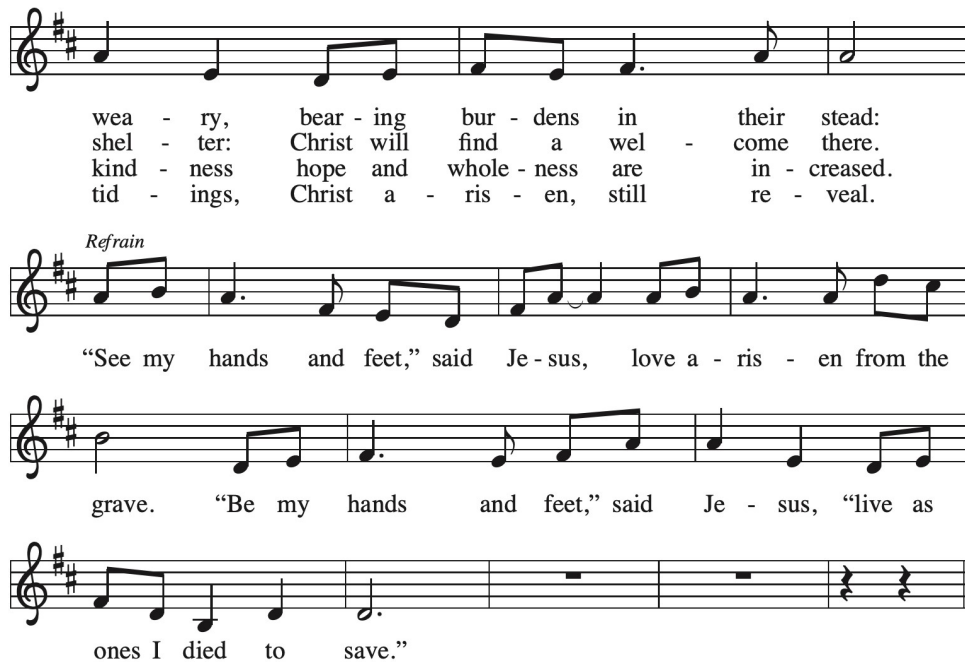
After a brief silence for reflection, as the music sounds, please stand to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 939

Touch That Soothes and Heals *See My Hands and Feet*





wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain

“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the
grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as
ones I died to save.”

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: CIVILITY, Gregg DeMey, b. 1972
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NICENE CREED

Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith of the Church:

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,
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.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Let us come before the God of resurrection and new life in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way, in particular those whose names and needs we lift up now: _____. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for all who minister at your altars, Holy One, in particular Francis, Bishop of Rome. Receive him into your loving embrace and grant him rest from his labors as a shepherd among your flock. Comfort those who mourn and give strength to our Roman Catholic siblings in these days. Raise up among them a leader who is full of your compassion. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places, particularly our beloved dead Irene, Clem, Dave, John, Wayne and Jane. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share greetings and gestures of peace with those around you. Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED



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. Additionally, you may visit <https://bit.ly/LMCDonate> or scan the QR Code and scroll to the bottom of the page to give electronically.

ANTHEM – "Ah, Holy Jesus"

D. M. Dicie

Please stand in body or spirit.

OFFERING HYMN

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

Musical notation for the hymn "Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded". It consists of seven staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

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 him 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,

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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

*Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

Amen!

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

Amen.

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed for us!

Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ for you.

Please be seated.

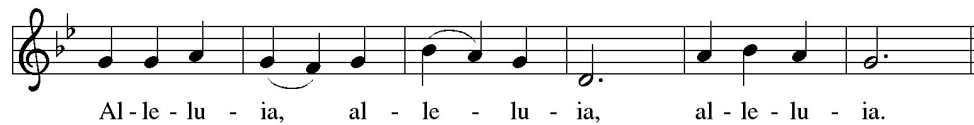
THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen 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

ELW 386

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing



2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;

Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.

9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



the faith - ful wom - en went their way
who sits and speaks un - to the three,
a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,

be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
"Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!

to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
that they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia!

6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION HYMN

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
 spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
 ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to

danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor
last-ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION *if needed*

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that the Meal we have shared here may be extended for our siblings who are not here.

We who are many are one body in Christ, sharing one bread, one cup.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen!

SENDING HYMN

ELW 390

The Risen Christ

1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet
2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,
3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand
4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand

from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,
breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide
the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,
with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,
un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,
whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;
re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,
till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE – "Christ ist erstanden"

A.W. Leupold

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Chloe Meucci

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

LECTOR – Diane Banks

USHER – Carl Moore

ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

VIDEO STREAMING – John Bartlett



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, Dave, and my son, John, by Mary Mumford.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my dad, Wayne Heidt, and my sister, Jane Heidt, by Ann and Gary Flick.

Our Love and Sympathy goes to the family and friends of Clem Warrick, Chaz Warrick's father and Pastor Jay's father-in-law.

Today's Events

A **bowling party** will be held honoring our **First Holy Communion students** this afternoon at Westway Bowling Lanes, Girard, PA from 1:00 – 3:00. Please join us for this celebration. There will be no charge for our Holy Communion class. The cost of bowling is \$4.25/game for adults; shoes are free. Pizza and beverages are available at the alley.

Visit Luther Memorial Academy's library this morning and shop at their Book Fair. The library will be open from 9:30-11:00am. Pick up some wonderful books for children and grandchildren during the summer.

This Week

Pastor Jay will be out of the office this week for bereavement. In case of pastoral emergency, please call the church office.

Cantor Bryan will be out of the office this week for Continuing Education.

Worship Matters!

This is the feast of victory for our God! Our Cantic of Praise that we share during the Easter Season and on festival of the resurrection throughout the year uses these words as its refrain. Technically known as *Worthy Is Christ*, this cantic takes verses from the various hymns of praise in the book of Revelation and weaves them together into one song. We remember—particularly in our celebrations of the resurrection—that when we gather in worship we are joining our voices with those who are part of Christ's church from all times and places, so when we sing our hymn of praise to the Lamb Who Was Slain, we are joining our voices with those who are already singing around the Throne of the Lamb. In our worship resources, we have over a dozen settings of the liturgy. Each setting has a version of this cantic. We do not have nearly enough opportunities to sing each of those settings throughout the year but this Easter we are going to share a goodly number of them. Each week of Easter we will sing a different setting of *Worthy Is Christ* reminding us further that we join our voices not just throughout time but also place and our singing is inspired by the global church of which we are a part. Alleluia! Christ the Lamb who was slain *has* begun to reign! Let us sing!

Christian Education

First Holy Communion will be offered on Sunday, May 4, 2025. In preparation for First Communion two Saturday morning sessions are being held. These 2 All-Family Workshops (April 26 and May 3) are the preparation for the big celebration! First Communion is open to all the baptized so any child and family are welcome if you're ready.

Youth

Get your car washed Sunday, May 4 following services; 9:30 and 11:30am. Just pull around to the 11th Street entrance and our youth will get rid of that winter dirt and grime. A car wash will also be held Sunday, May 18 and Sunday, June 1.

Flea Markets will be held in our parking area (rain or shine) the third Saturday of the month beginning May 17 and continue through September 20. Set-up begins at 8:00am with shopping held from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Cost of a parking space is \$10 so load your car with unwanted treasures and come on down to park and sell. Please see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski for more information.

LIA, Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, May 13 from 5:30-7:00pm as they continue completing service projects. All youth in grades 5-12 are encouraged to join in.

Faith Formation

Book Group, Paging Through with Pastor Jay, meets the second Monday of odd months at 6:00pm in the parlor. Our next gathering will be Monday, May 12 as we will begin the book *Hidden Inheritance: Family Secrets, Memory and Faith* by Heidi Neumark. Pastor Neumark will be joining us via Zoom for our gathering. The book may be purchased at local bookstores and on Amazon.

B.A.D. (*Bible After Dark*) will gather again on May 7 at Calamari's at 6:30pm and continue to meet the first Wednesday of each month. Join together with Lutherans from around Erie as we discuss the book *Context* by Josh Scott. Copies of the book may be purchased from the church office for \$12. Feel free to purchase an adult beverage as we chat.

Opportunities for Fellowship

CampBlast will be held at Camp Lutherlyn, Butler, Pa, on Saturday, May 10 from 11:00am – 4:30pm. Rain or shine, this is a day of fun for the entire family; archery, gaga ball, zipline, crafts, hiking, hay rides, kayaking, and so much more. The entire day is free. What a wonderful way to spend your day!

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Your cares will be left behind after a morning of laughter and conversation with the Magic Fingers Grace Group. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am– 12:00 noon; May 13 and May 27. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Items to Note

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:			
Marilyn Bohn & family	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Ron King
Ann Flick	Pat Gilbert	Lois Fobes	Bea Leemhuis
Mary Daniels			
Friends and Family:			
Grant, Alina, Charlie Jane McGrail	Jenn	Mary Lou	Bev
Steve Sensor	Phil F.	Andrew Wachter	Dale Dannhaus
Carol Steffey & Marissa	Janine Frank	Casey Smith	Cheryl Atkinson
Michael & Paula Lombardozzi	Teddy & Rebecca	Jessica Reams	Sullivan
Henderson family	Joey & family	Mary Beth	Sandy M.
Laura L.	Beth Sedelmyer		
Grief:			
Irene McCullough family	Roger Sturtevant family	Sharon Rositer family (McGhee)	
Clem Warrick family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Lt. Col. Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	

Readings and Commemoration This Week

April 28 – Psalm 122; Esther 7:1-10; Revelation 1:9-20

April 29 – **Catherine of Siena, Theologian, 1380** – Psalm 36:5-10; I John 1:5-2:2; Luke 12:22-24, 29-31 -- *This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.*

April 30 – Psalm 122; Esther 9:1-5, 18-23; Luke 12:4-12

May 1 – **Philip and James, Apostles** – Isaiah 30:18-21; Psalm 44:1-3, 20-26; II Corinthians 4:1-6; John 14:8-14 -- *Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.*

May 2 – **Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373** – Psalm 71:1-8; I John 5:1-5; Matthew 10:22-32 -- *Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicaea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.*

May 3 – Psalm 30; Genesis 18:1-8; Luke 14:12-14

May 4 – **Monica, mother of Augustine, 387** – Sirach 26:1-4, 16-21; Psalm 115:12-18; Luke 7:11-17 -- *Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.*

I'M JUST SAYIN' IT'S A
GOOD THING THAT JESUS
STUCK AROUND
UNTIL THEY ALL GOT THEIR
ACT TOGETHER!



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CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 28 6:00pm LMA Spring Program & Book Fair

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30	9:00am	Geography Bee
	2:30pm	Lego League

THURSDAY, MAY 1	11:00am	Roger Sturtevant Service (Private)
	5:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MAY 2

SATURDAY, MAY 3	9:00am	First Holy Communion Workshop
	10:00am	Quilting

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

First Holy Communion students receive communion at the 10:30am service; reception following.

Car Wash, held by our youth, will be at 9:30 and 11:30am in the 11th Street parking area.

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Ellen DiPlacido
	10:30am	Julie Ditz
Communion Assistants <i>(1 needed)</i>	10:30am	Linda Graffius
Lector	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	
Counters	10:30am	Rob & Ely Cooney
Ushers <i>(4 needed)</i>	10:30am	Cathy Beck, Carl Moore