

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



2 October 2022  
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 am

*A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

## LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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**2 OCTOBER 2022**

## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Three • 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** – "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"  
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

arr. Gilbert Martin, Dale Wood  
arr. David Harris, Mark Sedio

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HANDBELL VOLUNTARY** – "Morning Has Broken"

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☩ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

☩ **Amen.**

☩ Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



**P** God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**C** we confess that sin still has a hold on us.  
 We have harmed your good creation.  
 We have failed to do justice,  
 love kindness,  
 and walk humbly with you.  
 Turn us in a new direction.  
 Show us the path that leads to life.  
 Be our refuge and strength on the journey,  
 through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
 Amen.

**P** Beloved of God:  
 your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole.  
 God points the way to new life in Christ,  
 who meets us on the road.  
 Journey now in God's abiding love  
 through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*This hymn text was written to fit the unusual meter of the tune, as no other matching hymn text existed.  
 The author, a musician, poet and writer best-known for this hymn,  
 received numerous prizes for her nursery rhymes and singing games for children.  
 With its lovely Gaelic tune, the hymn was first published in London in 1931.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 556

### Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,

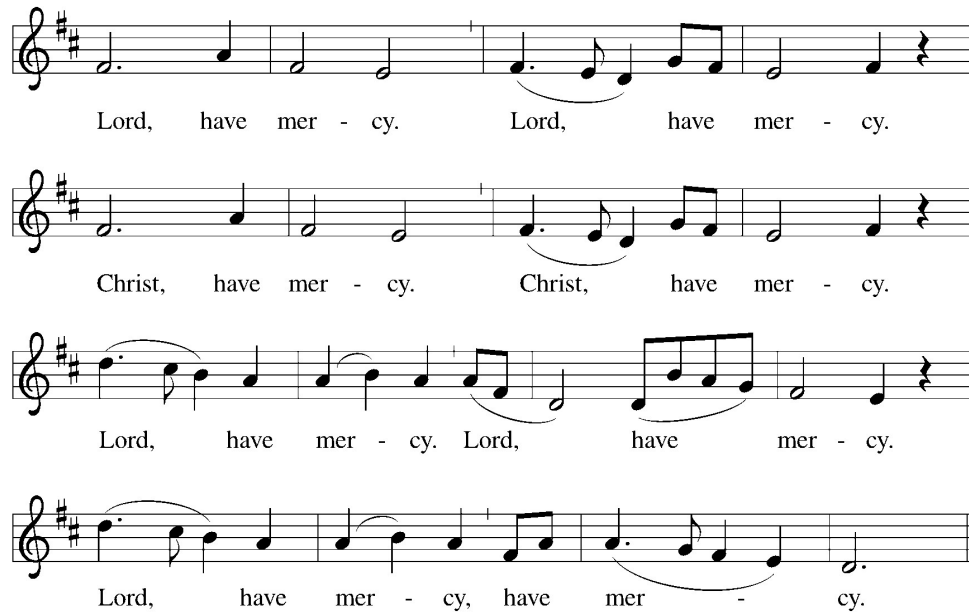


Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

## GREETING

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

## KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray.
- ☑ **Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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

*Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament:  
How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent?  
God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.*

## FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?  
Or cry to you “Violence!”  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.



The wicked surround the righteous—  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said:  
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 37:1-10** (*Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.*)



<sup>1</sup>Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup>For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.

<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the Lord and do good;  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

<sup>4</sup>Take delight in the Lord,  
who shall give you your heart's desire. **R**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,  
and he will bring it to pass.

<sup>6</sup>He will make your righteousness as clear as the light  
and your just dealing as the noonday.

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the Lord  
and wait patiently for him.

<sup>8</sup>Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

<sup>9</sup>Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

<sup>10</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. **R**

*This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement.  
In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God.  
He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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



*The word of the Lord endures forever.  
That word is the good news that was announced to you.  
(1 Peter 1:25)*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith  
and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants  
whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.*

## **GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ►

<sup>7</sup>“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Lundwall

*Please stand as you are able.*

*We sing a hymn of faith today, reflecting the lessons and the sermon we have heard. The music is the work of Lowell Mason, a towering figure in American church music. The text was written by Ray C. Palmer, who had a distinguished career as a Congregational minister and a prolific author.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

**ELW 759**



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887  
 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872



## 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, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

**A** As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ, especially Pastor Karen Lundwall, Pastor Brian Moran and Michael Snider. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace,

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

**A** For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster, especially those affected by the storms in Florida: relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,

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

**A** For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace,

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

**A** For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick and those who mourn. God of grace,

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

**A** For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace,

**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 of grace,

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

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*





**A** In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died, especially Ruth and James Timpe, Miriam and Wilfred Boyd, Catherine Timpe DiFuccia and Bill Schaal. Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** And also with you.  
*You are invited to greet those around you in your pew with a word or a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated.*

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

**THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED**

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

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

*Luke 21: 3-4*

**ANTHEM – “O Lord, Increase My Faith”**

Orlando Gibbons

*O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith;  
Endue me with wisdom, charity and patience in all my adversity.  
Sweet Jesu, say Amen.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY**

ELW 465

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were

gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from

all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

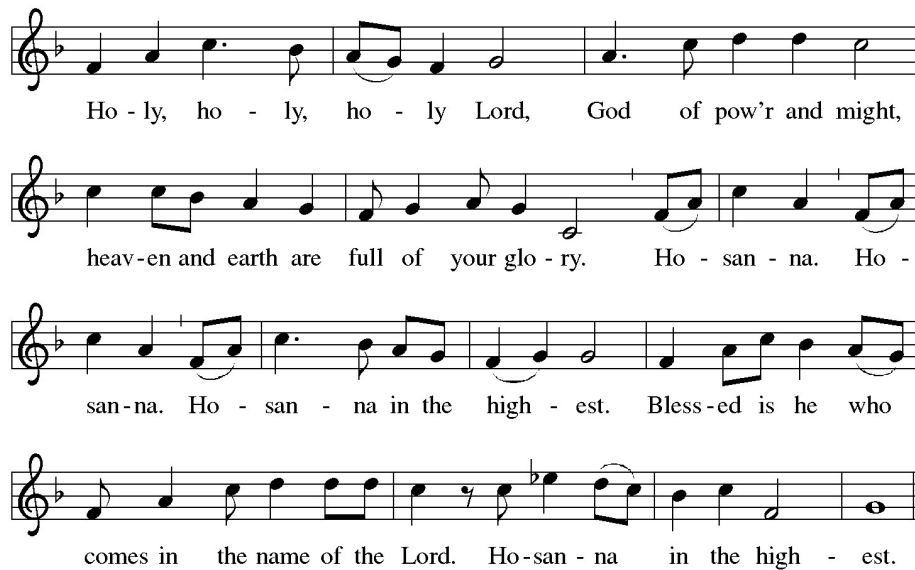
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
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

**P** Holy God,  
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
in the harmonious world of your creation,  
the plants and animals,  
the seas and stars  
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,  
you sent your Son to heal our ills  
and to form us again into one.



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, therefore,  
his acts of healing,  
his body given up,  
and his victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

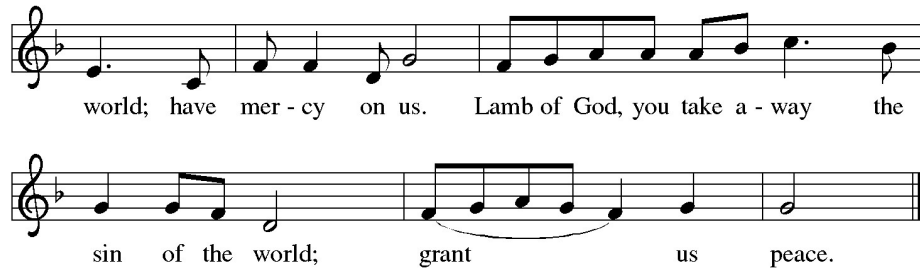
**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**

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

**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**and the power, and the glory,**  
**forever and ever. Amen. *Matthew 6:9***

## AGNUS DEI





## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☞ Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.

☞ **Amen.**

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

*The congregation is seated.*

## SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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

## COMMUNION

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

*Please come forward by the center aisle and maintain appropriate physical distancing.*

*Receive the bread from the pastor 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.*



*This lauda spirituale, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19<sup>th</sup> century but received little notice until the tune was included in The English Hymnal (1906).*

## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 804

### Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine  
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn  
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,  
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,  
no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890  
Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
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*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

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

**C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

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

**BLESSING**

- P** God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
- C** Amen.

*The author of this hymn text was a minister of the Congregational church in 19<sup>th</sup> century New England, nationally recognized for his preaching and lecturing, as well as for writing over 30 books. The composer of the tune was a similarly distinguished cleric of the Church of England who wrote the melody for a different hymn text.*

**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW 818**

**O Master, Let Me Walk with You**

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the  
paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly  
help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.  
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

**DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE**

- A** Go in peace, with Christ beside you.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE – "Toccatina in C Major"**

**Johann Pachelbel**

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

*PREACHING* – Pastor Karen Lundwall  
*GREETERS* – Pat Bellingham, Liz Stroup  
*ACOLYTE* – Gia Fracassi  
*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Dave Griswold  
*LECTOR* – Bill Lasher

*USHERS* – Natalie & John Bartlett, Mary Daniels, Linda Graffius  
*ALTAR GUILD* – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents, Ruth and James Timpe, our grandparents, Miriam and Wilfred Boyd, and our sister, Catherine Timpe DiFuccia, by their family.

**Columbarium flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my beloved husband, Bill Schaal, Sr., by his wife, Carol.

**Welcome to our Visitors!**

**We extend** a warm welcome to those who are visiting with us today. Your presence with us is a blessing! If you have any questions about our congregation or its ministries, please call the church office at 814-454-0106. We are glad to help you in any way we can. Please worship with us again soon!

**Worship**

**The Prelude** brings us together for the beginning of our worship service each Sunday morning. Our worship time together concludes when the Postlude is complete. We ask that the chancel area remain unoccupied during these times of music as live video streaming continues through the entire worship service. Thank you.

**ReCharge** contemporary service will be offered Sunday, October 9. All are invited to join us for fellowship, games and a delicious meal at 4:00pm. Our worship service will be held at 5:00pm on the fifth floor.

**Today's Events**

**Confirmation classes** for our 10<sup>th</sup> grade youth meet each Sunday at 11:30am through October 23. Our 10<sup>th</sup> grade youth will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 30. Lunch will be provided each week.

**Family Scavenger Hunt** fun begins today at 12:00 noon leaving from our church. Be a super sleuth and use the clues to find your destinations. One of the stops along the way will be a “God’s Work. Our Hands” small service project, which will also serve as an event for our confirmation students. The scavenger hunt will conclude no later than 4:00pm.

**Christian Education**

**Children’s Church** will begin gathering in October at 9:30 on Sunday mornings following the same schedule as last year. We’ll see our youngest ones next Sunday.

Pre-K – Kindergarten will meet the first Sunday of the month; today;  
Grades 1 – 3 will meet the second Sunday of the month; October 9;  
LYO Youth will meet the third Sunday of the month; October 16;  
Grades 4 – 6 will meet the fourth Sunday of the month; October 23.

**Bibles** will be presented to children in third grade on Reformation Sunday, October 30 during the 10:30am service. Please contact Norma in our church office by Monday, October 17 if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. Thank you.

## Music Ministry

**The Luther Memorial Choirs** (*handbell & vocal*) gather on Thursdays at 6:00pm for handbells and 7:00pm for choir. We continue to wear masks when we are gathered together for rehearsal and worship. Both rehearsals are held on the air-conditioned 5th floor. Handbells require a commitment of at least through Christmas as each ringer is assigned a part and continuity is important. However, if you read music and would like to fill in on short notice, we are often in need of substitutes. The vocal choir can accommodate those who would prefer a shorter time commitment. If your schedule changes throughout the seasons, consider singing with us for 6-8 weeks during the seasons of Autumn, Advent & Christmas, Lent or Easter. Please contact Cantor Walt Gaber ([WaltGaber@gmail.com](mailto:WaltGaber@gmail.com) or 814.602.2755) for more information and to express your interest in participating.

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-12:00pm. Our outdoor work is nearly complete for the year so we have some extra time to knit and crochet. Join us October 11 and 25 for to visit, chat and knit. 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.

**Oktoberfest** will be celebrated on Sunday, October 9 at 11:30am in our fellowship hall. A delicious German meal of bratwurst and sauerkraut (hotdogs for the kiddos) will be served to be shared by all. Beverages of beer, cider, coffee and water provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come and enjoy the fellowship. Reservations are appreciated to Norma in the church office by Sunday, October 2.

**Corn Hole Tournament**, to support the Luther Memorial Academy Athletic Program, will be held Saturday, October 15 from 2:00 – 5:00pm at Luther Memorial. The cost per team is \$20. Reserve your spot by contacting Natalie Bartlett at [lnaathletics01@gmail.com](mailto:lnaathletics01@gmail.com). Be the “*Boss of the Toss*” and join us for snacks, drinks, baskets and prizes.

## Family Events

**Trunk or Treat** will be held Sunday, October 23 in our Luther Memorial Church parking lot. A howling good time for the entire family, safely held outside with all treats individually wrapped. We are hoping for a parking lot full of cars filled with treats for our trunk-or-treaters. Set up will be at 12:00 noon; the event will be held from 12:30-2:00pm. Decorate yourself and your car, and enjoy. Please RSVP to our church office by Wednesday, October 19 that you will be participating. Thank you.

**Pumpkinfest** will be held on Saturday, October 15 from 1:00-3:00pm at Abiding Hope Lutheran Church, in partnership with St. Paul's Lutheran Church and New Hope Presbyterian Church. The event will support Youth Ministry Outreach and the Kearsarge Food Bank. There will be plenty of pumpkins provided by Baytree Farms in Emlenton, and Bethesda will be sponsoring a food truck for snacks. There will be performances by the Sonlight Puppeteers and games and crafts for children. All are welcome. Abiding Hope is located at 2402 West Grandview Boulevard, near Zuck Road.

## Outreach Opportunities

**The Holy Trinity** food ministries will resume the regular schedule of Tuesday evening dinner, and Wednesday and Saturday lunches, beginning September 6.

Holy Trinity is in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve these meals each week, as well as a person(s) to act as coordinators/leaders for the different days.

The Tuesday cooking team begins preparing the food between 2:00 and 3:00pm each week depending on the menu, with dinner being served from 5:10 until 5:45pm, followed by after dinner clean-up.

The Wednesday and Saturday cooking team begins preparing the food at 10:30am each day, with lunch being served from noon until 12:30pm, followed by after lunch clean-up.

The Food Pantry distributes food bags each week beginning at 6:00pm following the Tuesday evening dinners. Food is delivered on Tuesdays from 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank, sorted, organized and prepared beginning at 4:00pm. Volunteers are needed to help sort and organize the food and assemble/distribute the food bags, along with persons to sit at a table and sign-in/register those seeking food from the Food Bank.

If you are willing to volunteer your valuable talents to any of these ministries please contact the church office at (814) 452-3518 or email: [holytrinityerie@yahoo.com](mailto:holytrinityerie@yahoo.com).



**All are invited** to Julia's Cash Bash to support Julia Hospice House on Saturday, October 15 from 6:00 – 10:00pm at the St. Francis Ushers Club, 9035 Main Street, McKean. Have some fun with the silent auction, basket raffle, cash games, and a chance to win \$1,000 or \$500. Tickets are \$20 and can be picked up in the parlor hall following the 10:30am service this morning.

**Luther Memorial Church Policy**

**Masking** at Luther Memorial Church is now optional. However, with the significant rise of covid cases in Erie County, we encourage you to wear a mask during worship. 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.

**– BULLETIN PRAYER LIST –**

<b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b>			
<b>Our Members:</b>			
Arden Fetcko	Martha Stickner	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Jan MacInnes
C. Noelle Partusch	Dave Parsh	Bob Banks	Mark Howell
Elizabeth & Scott Cowan	Pat Bellingham	Chickie Braine	Bill Grande
<b>Friends and Family:</b>			
Amy Daugherty	Bob R.	Amy Valentine	Linda F.
Eli Martinez Montero	Mary Correll	Larry Lechner	Amy Clark
Edie Jackman	Melissa Geiser	Judy Skoog	Amy & Nate
Meghan Kessler	Bonnie Ford	Sophia	Marie Checkley
Jessica & Damian Ream	Sidney	Bob Guenther	Tammy Fuller
Tom McGrail	Robbie Grainger	Marilyn Hahn	Sue O'Mahony
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie	Terry Bucheri	Nicole Frank	
<b>Our Military Service Men &amp; Women:</b>			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown

## CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 3</b>	6:00pm	LMA Legos
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4</b>	12:00pm	Deborah & Tuesday W/ELCA Circles
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5</b>	6:00pm	LMA Legos
<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6</b>	6:00pm 7:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7</b>	10:00am 6:00pm	Balance Class Family Gathering LMA Closed
<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8</b>	10:00am	Julia House Meeting

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022** **THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Michael Snider** will preach at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and the 10:30am service in the main church.

**Confirmation class** for 10<sup>th</sup> grade youth will be held at 11:30am in fellowship hall.

**Oktoberfest** celebration begins at 11:30am with a delicious German meal.

**ReCharge** beings at 4:00pm with dinner, games and fellowship. Worship is held at 5:00pm.

<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Jan MacInnes
	10:30am	Linda Swanson
Lay Distributor	8:15am	Roberta Lobaugh
	10:30am	Ann Flick
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Dave Griswold
Greeters	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	Linda Graffius, Bill Lasher