

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



19 SEPTEMBER 2021
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 8:15 & 10:30

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Luther Memorial is Christ's church that brings its ministry to northwest Pennsylvania within the context of its Lutheran heritage.

As a church that ministers to the community, it seeks to be an inclusive congregation providing a welcoming environment for all to worship, learn, and enhance both personal spiritual growth and fellowship.

GATHERING – “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”

PRELUDE – Aria on “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”
“It is Well with My Soul” (10:30 am Service)

arr. John A. Behnke
arr. John Ness Beck

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 – CROP Walk

Eric Hedlund

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☩ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

☩ **Amen.**

☩ Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.



P God our comforter:
C like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
 We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
 We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
 We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
 Free us from our sin, gracious God.
 Listen when we call out to you for help.
 Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
 Amen.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
 By the gift of grace in \mp Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
 Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
C Amen.

*These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance.
 The text is effectively set to an anonymous American tune.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 588

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
 Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

KYRIE *Luke 17:13*

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*

P Let us pray,

C **O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

INSTALLATION OF LAY DISTRIBUTORS OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

*Today’s reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced
God’s word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution.
Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”



²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 54 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.
²**Hear my prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words of my mouth.
³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.
⁴**Behold, God is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithful-ness, destroy them.
⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.
⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced
by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money.
The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P The Gospel of the Lord

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Michael Snider

Please stand as you are able.

Text for this hymn is the work of one of Sweden's best-loved hymn writers, who wrote over 650 hymns.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 781

Children of the Heavenly Father

Truggare kan ingen vara



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kån - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune
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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 Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, 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 and leaders to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.



A God of consolation, we give you thanks for our sisters and brothers who have died, especially Kevin J. Sadowski, Marty Brown, Wilda Sundberg and Steve Narusewicz, trusting the promise of life forever with you. Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

Please be seated.

VOLUNTARY – Simple Gifts – Shaker Song

arr. Rulon Christiansen

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

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

A God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION PRAYER

D Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.
When our congregation gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion,
we heard again the story of God’s mighty acts and
of the love shown us in the death and resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
With thanksgiving we remembered that
“in the night in which he was betrayed,
he took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took, the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

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



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

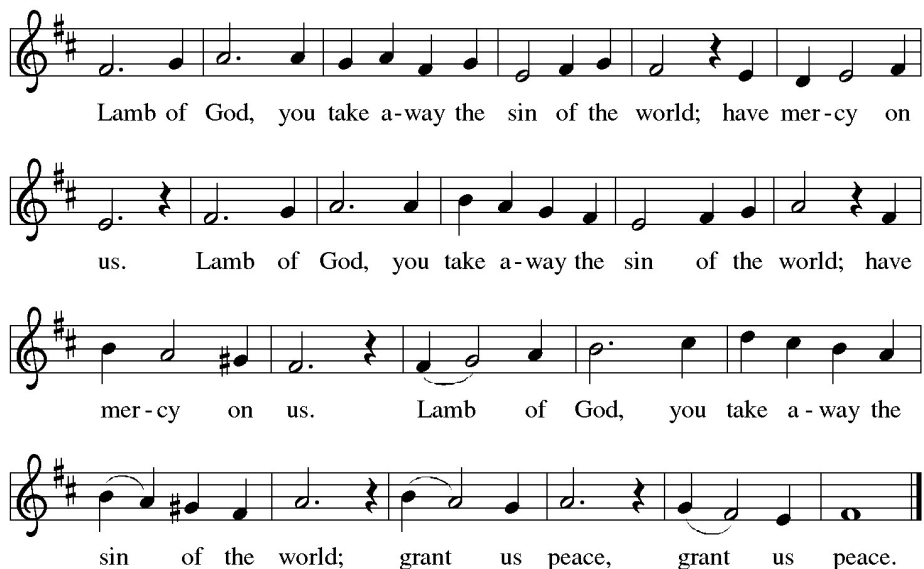
☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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

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

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

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ All who hunger and thirst, come
the table is ready.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.
(10:30 am Service)

The congregation is seated.

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

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

Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.

Prefilled cups with white grape juice for those who prefer it are located in the tray on the stand in front of the baptismal font.

Gluten-free wafers are also on the stand in the dish on top of the tray.

Receive the bread and wine and return to your place by the side aisle.

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

COMMUNION John 1:29

Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. The composer of the tune is uncertain, but it was published in New York in 1850.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 686

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

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

☐ Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

☐ Let us pray

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven,
you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood
may abide in him and he in us,
that we may be filled with the power of his endless life,
now and forever.

☑ Amen.

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

BLESSING

☐ People of God,
you are Christ’s body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
bless you now and forever.

☑ Amen.

The author of this hymn text is unknown. The translation is largely the work of celebrated hymnist and translator Catherine Winkworth. The melody comes from a 17th century German hymn, with several revisions made during the 18th century.

SENDING HYMN

All Depends on Our Possessing

ELW 589

1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's free grace and
2 God, who hith - er - to has fed me and to man - y

con - stant bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine.

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

☐ Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

☑ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – Festive Postlude

David Lowe

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

PREACHING – Michael Snider

ASSISTING MINISTERS – Rob Benacci (8:15 am)

Lois Smith (10:30 am)

LECTOR – Christy Adams (10:30 am)

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Stan Rose (8:15 am)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Ann Flick, Linda Graffius, Stan Rose (10:30 am)



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Kevin J. Sadowski by Mark Lechner.

Lectern flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my brother's, Marty Brown, birthday on September 17 and in memory of our parrot, Titan, by Kathy and Bob Weisman.

Lectern flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my cousin, Margaret Fetterolf by Shannon McAdoo and family. Margaret was missing for 45 years and her recent identification has given closer to the family.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Wilda Sundberg who died Thursday, September 9, 2021. Pastor Karen Lundwall officiated at Wilda's funeral service on Friday, September 17, 2021.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Steve Narusewicz who died Friday, September 10, 2021. Pastor Karen Parsh officiated at Steve's funeral service on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

Baskets are located at the doors for bulletins to be placed in following our 8:15 worship service. If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please place it in the basket. Thank you.

Thank you to Jamie Emerson for serving as our organist this morning.

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.

Opportunities for Worship and Prayer

Sunday Morning Worship – In-person worship at 8:15am and 10:30am. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel. To watch the service on YouTube, go to YouTube, in the search bar type in "Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA". Subscribe to the channel. Our worship services are also available on our Luther Memorial Church website. If you have any problems or questions, please reach out to Norma Buerk in our church office.

Today's Events

Children's Church Kick-off takes place this morning at 9:30 in our fellowship hall. All children and their families are invited to join us for donuts (individually wrapped) and juice as we come together to prepare for another wonderful year of ministry with our children and youth. Classes for Children's Church will begin on Sunday, October 3 at 9:30am. Our classes will be held as follows:

Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month

Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month

LYO – third Sunday of the month

Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month

Blood pressures will be offered following the 10:30 service this morning. Please stop in the library; it's good for your health.

Homemade chicken noodle soup, also good for you, will be on sale for \$6/quart following services this morning. Proceeds benefit our youth.

Worship

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.

The Apostles' Creed was written in Latin in the 8th century. The original apostles did not write it, but it was taken to represent the authentic apostolic tradition. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* uses ecumenical texts developed by an international consultation of many church bodies. The use of these worship texts is a visible sign of the unity we share with all Christians around the world. Most of the changes made from the version of the Apostles' Creed used in the green Lutheran Book of Worship were made to better reflect the original Latin.

"He descended into hell" has been modified to "He descended to the dead." The Latin word for *hell* has little or nothing to do with a place of eternal punishment. *To the dead* emphasizes the reality of Jesus' death and his entering into the depth of the human condition.

At Luther Memorial Church we are thankful that we are able to provide at home communion. Understanding that the bread and wine is a sustaining gift from Jesus that is blessed and received in community, we now have available bread and wine in individual packets that, after being blessed on Sunday morning during our worship, will be available for those worshipping from home to pick up at the church during the week. The intention is that you take home enough bread and wine for each member of your family for the month. During our worship service, those worshipping from home would set before them the consecrated bread and wine, and then receive the bread and wine during worship. To make arrangements to pick up the bread and wine from the church please contact Linda Graffius by email at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org, Norma Buerk by email at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

Christian Education

Confirmation classes for 7th – 9th grade youth will be held the third Sunday of each month beginning Sunday, October 17 from 9:30-10:15am in fellowship hall. These classes will prepare our youth for their confirmation in 10th grade. **All youth** (and their families) are encouraged to join us for our first gathering on **Sunday, September 26 as we take part in the CROP Walk** and help to combat hunger. Join us at 1:30pm in the church parking lot for registration and a 2 mile walk as we learn about the history of Erie's Underground Railroad.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group is the fun, relaxing and joyous way for a Tuesday to begin. Bring any knitting, crocheting, or crafty project you'd like to work on and spend some time with us the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. We look forward to seeing you on September 28 from 10:00am- 12:00 noon. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

Oktoberfest will not be held this year due to ongoing Covid-19 concerns. We want to be together again for fellowship, but feel it is important to be cognizant of everyone's health concerns. We hope to plan an event for the holiday season.

Upcoming Events

CROP Walk is coming up on Sunday, September 26. Did you ever hear about Hamilton Waters - Harry T. Burleigh's grandfather? Plan on joining us for the CROP Walk on September 26 and we'll explore the history of Erie's Underground Railroad in our neighborhood while walking to help end hunger. Registration will be in the Luther Memorial parking lot at 1:30pm. This is a 2 mile walk, but a 1 mile walk will also be made available. If you would like to make a donation to CROP, you are welcome to use the pew envelopes and mark "CROP" on the envelope. Thank you.

Outreach

If you would like to help those affected by Hurricane Ida, you can make a contribution to Lutheran Disaster Response in several ways. To give online, go to LutheranDisasterResponse.org. To give by phone, call 800-638-3522. Checks may be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009; write "Hurricane Ida" on the memo line.

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

In accordance with the Pennsylvania mask mandate in place, it is now necessary for all those worshipping at Luther Memorial Church wear a mask regardless of your vaccination status. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. We are pleased and thankful that our members have been so cooperative during this difficult time and we thank you for your continued cooperation.



C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20	6:00pm	Legos
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21	4:00pm	Select Meeting
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22	3:00pm	School Board
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23	8:30am	LMA Chinese Auction Open (Parlor)
	6:00pm	Legos
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24	8:30am	LMA Chinese Auction Open (Parlor)
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25		

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY SUNDAY

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

The recorded service is also available on Luther Memorial Church’s website at www.luthermemorialonline.org by clicking on the tabs of “Resources & Online Worship” and “Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study”.

Chinese Auction will be open in the parlor. Proceeds benefit the Luther Memorial Academy Library.

CROP Walk registration begins at 1:30pm in our church parking lot.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Sarah Prylinski	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
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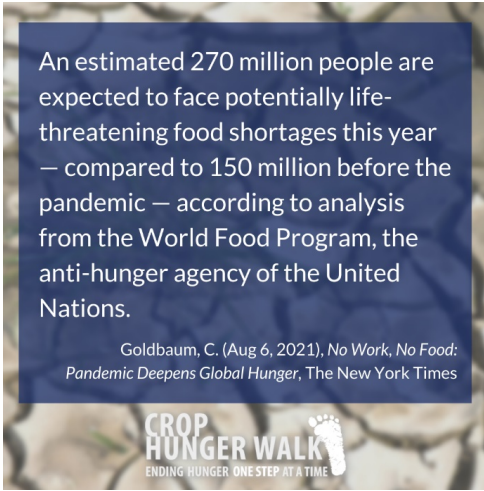
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CROP WALK HOW YOU CAN DONATE

***“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my people, you did it for me.”
Matthew 25:40***



As was done so many years ago, many of our ancestors helped those who needed an escape to freedom. Today, we can come forward to Walk and raise funds for those who are hungry.

**HOW WE CAN GIVE:
I can help in a small way, but together,
we can help in a BIG WAY.**

DONATE ONLINE: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/eriepa>. Click on “donate”. If you are donating to your church or organization, specify that first (a drop-down menu will appear as you begin to type their name. If you simply want to make a general donation to the walk, you can simply leave that selected. Enter your information and donation amount.

DONATE BY CHECK: If your church/organization is participating, you may make out the check to your congregation and they will send the total funds to Erie CROP Hunger Walk. If your church is NOT participating, you may write out your check to CWS/CROP.

If you would like to designate a church or organization, please add a note with the check. Mail your check and note to Erie County Cropwalk, and mail to: **Luther Memorial Church, 225 West Tenth Street, Erie, PA 16501.**

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”