

WELCOME TO
**LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & ACADEMY**



26 JULY 2026
The 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

225 West Tenth Street • Erie, PA 16501 • 814-454-0106

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Luther Memorial Church and Academy are located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people—Peoples of the Six Nations and Keepers of the Western Door. These lands were ceded by the people of the Six Nations on October 22, 1784 in a treaty ratified by the United States Government in 1785 and never ratified by the people of the Six Nations. We gather in this place indebted to these peoples for their forced generosity. While some peoples were successful in resisting assimilation and genocide, and still live on dwindled homelands now, many were absorbed into other peoples, exiled, or annihilated by the United States government for their land. For those who remain and for the land on which we gather, we give thanks to the Creator and to those who have been custodians of this part of Turtle Island since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

+ Everything you need to follow along in worship is included in this bulletin. You are invited to stand and sit—as you are able—as indicated herein.

+ If you have a need to **children's** bulletins, coloring pages, crayons, or other supplies they are available on the Welcome Table. You can proceed out the door next to the pulpit and find the Welcome Table near the door.

- Children are always welcome in worship and together we make a joyful noise! However, if you have need, a staffed nursery is available down the stairs across from the Welcome Table.

+ An all-gender and accessible **restroom** is available out the door next to the pulpit, up the ramp, and to the right. Follow signs for “Handicap Bathroom.” Other restrooms are available down the hallway next to Faith Chapel across from the parlor.

+ You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshiping around you and turn your phones and devices to silent. Feel free to take pictures of our beautiful sanctuary or post about the sermon. However, we ask that you ask permission before taking any people pictures.

+ We welcome all to worship and to the Table trusting that it is the Holy Spirit that draws us all together. If you would like information about joining the congregation or receiving the Sacraments of the Church, be sure to talk to Pastor Jay after worship (you can usually find him next to the pulpit after the service).

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PRELUDE

Please rise in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin...Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us,
renew us,
and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN**ELW 838****Beautiful Savior**

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the of flow'rs and of bloom - ing
 bright the of spar - kling stars on
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

OPENING SENTENCE

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God.

And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray: Bless Diane O Lord, as she reads to us the scriptures. As rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return until the earth is watered, let your word not return empty, but accomplish your purpose and succeed in that for which it was sent; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: I Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.”

⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

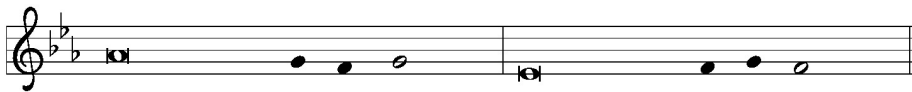
⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

The psalm is sung in unison according to the Tone 5:



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129 Your de- | crees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.
130 When your word is opened | it gives light;
it gives understanding | to the simple.
131 I open my | mouth and pant
because I long for | your commandments.
132 Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,
as you always do to those who | love your name.
133 Order my footsteps | in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.
134 Rescue me from those | who oppress me,
and I will keep | your commandments.
135 Let your face shine up- | on your servant
and teach | me your statutes.
136 My eyes shed | streams of tears,
because people do not | keep your teaching.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.²⁷And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. ²⁹For those whom God foreknew God also predestined to be conformed to the image of the Son of God, in order that the Son might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom God predestined God also called, and those whom

God called God also justified, and those whom God justified God also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²The one who did not withhold the very Son of God, who was given up for all of us, how will that God not give us along with the Son everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than victorious through the one who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

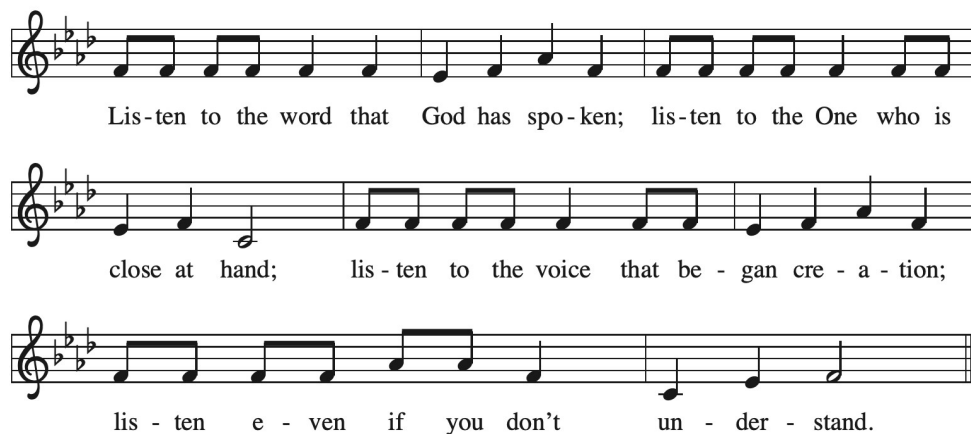
Thanks be to God!

The congregation may rise in body or spirit to greet the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACS 974

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken



Text: Anonymous, Canada

Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The dominion of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in a field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³Jesus told them another parable: "The dominion of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." Then, after explaining the Parable of the Wheat of the Field, Jesus taught his disciples with these parables: ⁴⁴"The dominion of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵Again, the dominion of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷Again, the dominion of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹Have you understood

all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And Jesus said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the dominion of heaven is like a householder who brings out of the household treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

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 1047

What Is the World Like

1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,

Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.

roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979
 Music: NEW WORLD, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952
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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our wisdom and our song, we pray for Yehiel and Kristen, our bishops; Jean, our dean; Jay, our pastor, and all bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty; in particular, hear our prayers for those whose names and needs we cry out now: _____. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. Guide us by the witness of your saints: Johann Sebastian, Heinrich, Georg Frederick, Mary, Martha, Lazarus, Olaf God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN**ACS 970****We Come Now to Your Table, Lord**

 The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below each staff.

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.

You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:

and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

Text: Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop
 Music: LIVING BREAD, St. Vincent traditional, adapt.; arr. Patrick Prescod, 1932–2013
 Text and music © Caribbean Conference of Churches

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. We offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus,

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...join their unending hymn:



San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional
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Blessed are you, Sovereign of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Beloved, that all believers should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Savior with a living faith, who comes to us in this holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*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.*

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

Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven: Taste and know that God is good to all.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is 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. Receive the bread in your open palm. Proceeding to either communion assistant, hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. Non-alcoholized grape juice is in the pre-filled cups. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the bowls. 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. If you need communion brought to you, please let a neighbor know to inform the Pastor.*

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

right - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

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

add - ed un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
mouth of God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Karen Lafferty, b. 1948

Music: LAFFERTY, Karen Lafferty, b. 1948

We Come to the Hungry Feast

1 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
 Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus,

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ASSISTING MINISTER – Stan Rose

COMMUNION ASSISTANT –

LECTOR – Diane Banks

USHERS – Linda Graffius, Carl Moore

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

VIDEO STREAMING – Sarah Prylinski



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our children and grandchildren by Martha and Tom Klomp.

Welcome to the Fuller Biking Adventure group this morning. They have stayed with us this weekend as they bike from Seaside, Oregon to Portland, Maine. On their 10 week adventure they stop and work on homes along the way and raise funds for their mission, the Fuller Center for Housing, a Christian, non-profit organization that builds and repairs homes with partners in the USA and around the world.

Today's Events

Adult Forum will meet this morning; *Revolution and Reformation: Lutherans at the Time of Independence*. For your convenience, the same class will be offered tomorrow, Monday, July 27 at 2:00pm meeting on the 5th floor. We are exploring some important Lutherans and how Lutheranism had an impact during the struggle for independence.

Sunday Sundaes! Join us in the courtyard following the 10:30 service this morning for an ice cream sundae. We have enjoyed this yummy treat each Sunday in July to celebrate summer.

Music Ministry

Crazy Train, A Musical Tribute to Ozzy Osbourne, featuring original compositions by EJ Paucar will be presented by the Contemporary Integrational Orchestra Project at Luther Memorial on Saturday, August 8 at 7:00pm. A reception will follow.

Luther Memorial on Vacation!

Going on vacation? Know you'll be away for a while this summer? Please take a "**Luther Memorial on Vacation**" sign with you—and send us a picture from wherever you find yourself! We are collecting pictures for our bulletin board and for social media (optional) to show all the places Luther Memorial is traveling this summer! It's a great reminder that wherever we are, we are Church together. *If possible, please return the sign when you return to church after your vacation so others may use them and we can be good economic and ecological stewards.*

Worship

Everyone is invited to the Erie Lutheran Conference Beach Service Sunday, August 9 at 10:00am at the Cookhouse Pavilion in Presque Isle State Park. We will gather for worship, fellowship, and food. If able, please bring a dish to share that does not require heating or refrigeration, such as breakfast rolls, fruit, or coffeecake. Lamb of God will provide juice boxes, and Mount Calvary will provide coffee and table settings. We are grateful for the opportunity to worship together in God's creation and enjoy fellowship in Christ. We hope to see you there!

Faith Formation

Bible After Dark (BAD) meets on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row (1317 State St.) for a time of conversation and fellowship. ***YOU*** are invited to join us on Tuesday, August 4. We are exploring *Belonging*, a study of the Woman at the Well by Karoline Lewis.

Brown Bag Bible (B³) gathers on Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. You bring a lunch, Pastor Jay brings something to talk about. B³ will meet each Thursday throughout the summer continuing with a study on the book of Revelation.

Opportunities for Fellowship

L.I.A., Lutherans in Action, will meet throughout the summer from 5:30-7:00pm for planning of our upcoming service projects and some very creative ideas. L.I.A. is open to families and those looking to help with small hands on service projects. If you are not familiar with the BAND App, contact Sarah Prylinski as outings are also posted on the app. We're looking forward to see everyone this summer!

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Enjoy a relaxing morning with friends at the Magic Fingers Grace Group as you knit your cares away sprinkled with some laughter. Join us July 28 for knitting and crocheting. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am – 12:00 noon. Contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Join the OWLS for a lovely afternoon at Ferrante's Winery, 5585 N. River Road W., Geneva OH, on Wednesday, August 19. Beautiful scenery and a delicious lunch with friends makes for a perfect summer day. Lunch begins at 11:00am; travel time to Ferrante's is 1.5 hours. Reservations are due to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, by Friday, August 14. If you are interested in carpooling please let Jan know.

Items to Note

For the summer: Please note for the summer, Church office hours are 8:30am-2:00pm Monday through Thursday. The Church office is variably open half-days on Fridays, call before popping by!

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.

Greeting cards can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

— **PRAYER LIST** —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Betsy Brumagin	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	David Leemhuis
Diane Parsons	Judy Karney	Karen Zamperini	Kate Martin
Donna Sedelmyer	Mary Mumford	Betty Pletz	Brian Hubbard
Ella Graffius	Lois Smith		

Friends and Family:

Hannah Jacob	Gail Lesuer	Linda F.	Kris
Archer Bardwell; age 3	Mike	Ellie	Peggy S.
Erin N.	Peter Maker	Shirley	Brynlee
Kevin Soles & family	Jenny	Anthony Benacci	Valerie
Adam & Connie Ogle	Katja & family	Kathy Nicewander	

Grief:

Chintalapalli family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	Justin Gajewski

Readings and Commemorations This Week.

27 July – Psalm 119:121-128; I Kings 3:16-28; James 3:13-18

28 July – **Johann Sebastian Bach, 1750; Heinrich Schütz, 1672; George Frederick Handel, 1759; musicians** – Psalm 119:121-128; I Kings 4:29-34; Ephesians 6:10-18 -- *These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.*

29 July – **Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany, companions of Jesus; Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, 1030** – Psalm 119:121-129; Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33; Mark 4:30-34 -- *Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come. AND, considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.*

30 July – Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Proverbs 10:1-5; Philippians 4:10-15

31 July – Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Isaiah 51:17-23; Romans 9:6-13

1 August – Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Isaiah 44:1-5; Matthew 7:7-11

Erie Gives Day 2026

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP A NON-PROFIT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026 12:00AM – 11:59PM



Day and Time: The online event takes place on August 11. Donations can be made between the hours of 12:00am and 11:59pm.

Participating Nonprofits: **Luther Memorial Church, Luther Memorial Academy and Bethany Outreach Center appreciate your support.** Our church and school are listed as one organization on the Erie Gives website. Therefore, when giving to the Church and/or Academy please notify our church offices of your designation of giving.

Gift Amount: The minimum gift is \$25. There is no limit to the amount of money you may give. There is no limit to the number of organizations you can donate to in a transaction.

Making a Donation: Simply log on to www.eriegives.org or call the Erie Community Foundation at 814-454-0843.

Credit Cards: All major credit cards will be accepted. The Erie Community Foundation does not receive any fees. Debit cards will also be accepted. (Credit card gift cards will not be accepted.)

Checks: Donors can write a check for their Erie Gives donation.

- Checks must be made out to The Erie Community Foundation;
- All check donations must be accompanied by a Check Donation Form. The Check Donation Form is available for download at our welcome tables. A Check Donation Form can also be mailed to you by contacting the Foundation or our church office;
- Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) by Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

Bonus Bucks: Your gift amount will be multiplied by a percentage. So the bigger your gift, the bigger the multiplication.

Your Receipt: You will receive an email receipt of your gift; please retain it for tax purposes. Unless you choose to remain anonymous, your donor information will be sent to the appropriate organizations.

CHECK DONATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT THE WELCOME TABLES.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 27	12:00pm	Parsh's Pearls Book Group
	2:00pm	Adult Forum
TUESDAY, JULY 28	10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29		Newsletter Mailing
THURSDAY, JULY 30	10:00am	Diabetes Prevention Program
FRIDAY, JULY 31		
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1	10:00am	Quilting

**Floors and carpets will be cleaned during the week.
Please contact the church office if you would like to stop down. Thank you.**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026 THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Chloe Meucci
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Tom Klomp
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Karen Braendel
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Gina Snider
Counters	10:30am	Nick Lang, Stan Rose
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	