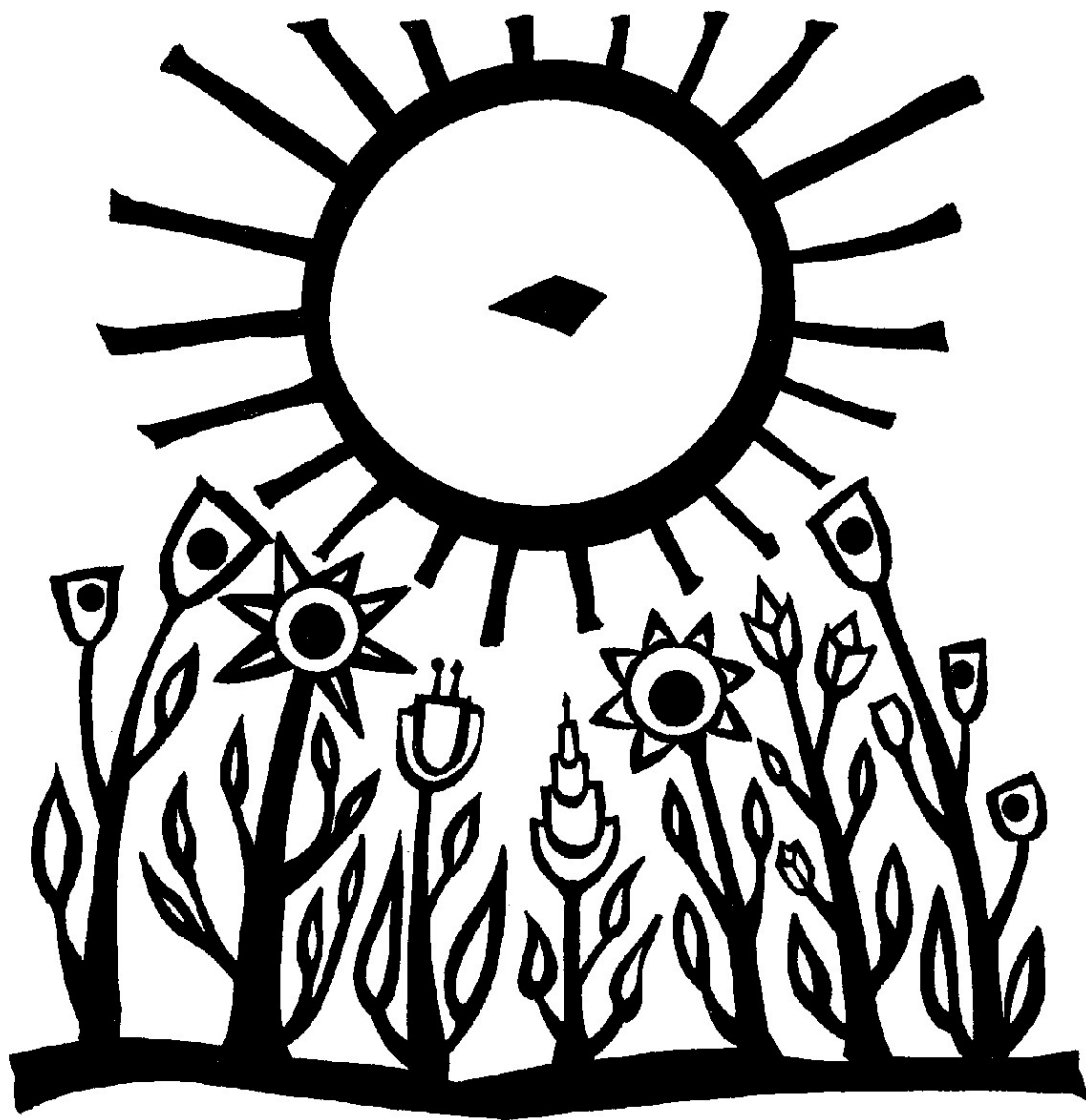


*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



28 JULY 2024  
The Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
10:30 am

## LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

TOGETHER WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

+ 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 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 worshipping 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).

**28 JULY 2024**

**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 10:30**

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

**PRELUDE** – Variations on "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" *Holy Manna*

Dale Wood, Raymond Haan

*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.*

- P** Please pray with me. Jesus, you spread out your arms to welcome the world. And then you tell us to feed them.
- C** But we struggle with your command.  
We find the seed of doubt growing in our hearts:  
What is our compassion among so much pain?  
What is our small kindness in a system of injustice?  
What is one act of reconciliation in a divided society?  
How can so little food feed so many hungry mouths?
- P** We have simply forgotten: when you ask us to feed the world, you always provide the bread.
- C** Even when we have tasted  
the bread you multiply;  
even when we gather your leftovers,  
we still find ourselves between your wondrous power  
and our sinful reality.
- P** So we ask for your forgiveness.
- C** When you call for our faith,  
forgive our unbelief.  
As you prepare our heavenly dwelling,  
forgive our earthly worries.  
When you offer us armfuls of food that satisfies,  
forgive our appetite for unhealthy fare.  
When your gospel challenges us,  
forgive our irritable complaints.
- P** People of God, Jesus knows you are hungry for forgiveness. So Jesus has set our table with bread from heaven; and a feast to heal the soul. You are forgiven. God leavens you with eternal goodness. + Jesus gives you forgiveness enough to share. And the Holy Spirit fills your life with the flavor of transformation. You are forgiven.
- C** God, give us this bread always. Amen.

## ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 461

### All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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## GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,...be with you all.
- ☑ And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo-ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and

Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

Bread of Life, you nourish our whole selves. You give abundantly. You are present among us. You have embodied the grace of God for us by your life, death, and resurrection. Help us to embody your life-giving grace for others, that all the world may be fed.

☞ Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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

### READING: II Kings 4:42-44

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing food from the first fruits to ☩ Elisha,☪ the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So Elisha repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord: They shall eat and have some left. ” <sup>44</sup>He set it before them; they ate and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

☪ The Word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 145:10-18 (*Spoken responsively.*)

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup> **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup> that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup> **The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup> You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup> **You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.**

<sup>18</sup> You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

*Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jewish people, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said this to test Philip, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a child here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that Jesus had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." <sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. <sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Here I am; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

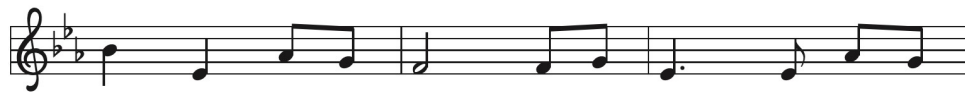
Pastor Jay

*Please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God in song.*

## Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



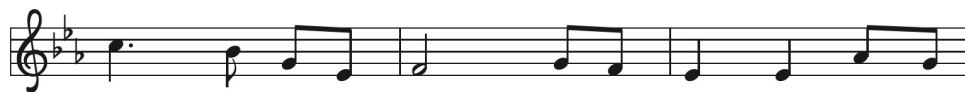
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



*Refrain*  
 By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**A** Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith into which we are baptized.

**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

*You may kneel, sit, or stand as is your custom.*

**A** One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.  
*A brief silence.*

**A** God of generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space, and fill it with the power of the Spirit for loving service. In your mercy,

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

**A** God of field and forest, streams and seas, you are the fullness of all things. As grains of wheat grow upon the earth and fish swim in the waters, sustain your creation. Protect harvests and give every person food in due season. In your mercy,

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

**A** God beyond borders, you rule all in all. Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers, shield those who live, work, or serve in harm's way, and bring an end to war and conflict. In your mercy,

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

**A** God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember any who are sick or suffering, families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, and our beloved for whom death is near. In your mercy,

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

**A** God of grace, you root us and ground us in love. As you inspired our ancestors in this place in their ministry, sustain us also in new endeavors, that your glory may be made known, and your lovingkindness shared anew. In your mercy,

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

**A** God of all, your love in Christ surpasses all knowledge. We give thanks for the departed who have come to know the fullness of your grace, especially Bill Kent. Join our voices with theirs and all the saints in singing your praises. In your mercy,

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

**A** Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord is with you.  
**C** And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

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

## THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED



An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church. Additionally, you may visit <https://bit.ly/LMCDonate> or scan the QR Code and scroll to the bottom of the page to give electronically.

## HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – "Golden Breaks the Dawn" *Le p'ing*

arr. Anna Krentz Organ

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY

### Thank You, Lord

ACS 1092

A musical score for two voices and handbells. The top staff is for the first voice (Soprano), and the bottom staff is for the second voice (Alto). The handbell part is written in the middle. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'Le p'ing'. The lyrics are: 1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, 2 Been so good, been so good, been so Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord. Lord. good, I just want to thank you, Lord. Lord.

1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,  
2 Been so good, been so good, been so

Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.  
good, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Text: Traditional  
Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray:  
**C** The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.  
You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.  
Take us and the gifts we have gathered; use us to satisfy a hungry world.  
In Jesus name we pray.  
Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are written below each staff, aligned with the notes.

## PROPER PREFACE

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

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

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

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major. The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are written below each staff, aligned with the notes.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** God of all, mighty and merciful, the fullness of creation is your crowning glory. We thank you and praise you for you have satisfied the hunger of your people in every age: from the beginning you drew up food from the earth and humankind from the soil, filling our nostrils full of your Breath. You ate the fatted calf with Abraham and Sarah, and answered their deep longing for a child; you sustained your chosen people with manna as you led them toward the promised land; you sent prophets to answer the cry for bread and for justice; and in the fullness of time, you sent your own Son, Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven;

*Who, in the night in which he was handed over,  
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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory to share with us the great and promised feast.
- ☐ Pour out upon us + the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and stir in us a hunger for justice and thirst for compassion. Open wide your hand and satisfy our deep desire—feed us with the Bread that is you. All honor and glory to you, almighty God, now and forever.
- ☑ Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
    **hallowed be thy name,**  
    **thy kingdom come,**  
    **thy will be done,**  
        **on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us our trespasses,**  
    **as we forgive those who trespass against us;**  
**and lead us not into temptation,**  
    **but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
    **and the power, and the glory,**  
    **forever and ever. Amen.**

## 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

**P** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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

*The congregation is seated.*

## THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!*

*We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

*Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.*

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

*White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.*

*Baked bread is being used. For those who so desire, gluten-free wafers are available;  
please let the pastor know.*

*Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.*

*As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.*

*All are invited to the Meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine,  
please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

## HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 484

### You Satisfy the Hungry Heart *Gift of Finest Wheat*



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell;
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

# Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.  
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

## TABLE BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ...and bring you to everlasting life.  
**C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** Let us pray:  
 Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.  
**C** Amen.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

- P** ...now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## Built on a Rock

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
 grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
 many may come to hear your Word,  
 who here this promise is bringing:  
 "I know my own, my own know me;  
 you, not the world, my face shall see;  
 my peace I leave with you. Amen."

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. You are the Body of Christ

**G** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** – "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" *Holy Manna*

arr. Wilbur Held

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PRESIDING MINISTER* – Pastor Jay Mitchell

*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer

*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Vance Meucci

*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Chloe Meucci

*LECTOR* – Karen Braendel-Kemp

*ALTAR GUILD* – Martha & Tom Klomp

*USHERS* – Cathy Beck, Pat Gilbert, Carl Moore, Betty Pletz

*VIDEO STREAMING* – Gina Snider



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

**Columbarium flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in lasting and loving memory of my husband, Bill, by Janet Kent.

### Today's Events

**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.

### Where Is Pastor Jay?

**Pastor Jay** is happy to meet with you anytime, just let him know! However, if you would like to just “drop in” on him, this week you can find him at the The Tippy Bean (25<sup>th</sup> and Peach) on Monday from 2:00-3:00pm. Any other time, just give him a call or send him an email!

### Worship Matters

**Welcome to the “Month of Bread.”** For the next five weeks, our Gospel lesson will be taken from the sixth chapter of John. Beginning this week with the feeding of the multitude, Jesus will then go on to give his *Bread of Life Discourse*. We will hear aspects of bread, of feeding and sustenance, of grain and food, of flesh and blood through the end of August. This may seem strange, particularly since we *are* in the year of Mark. Why are we hearing from John for so long? Well there’s no simple answer to why this discourse has been inserted in the year of Mark except perhaps because Mark is such a short gospel (the shortest at only 16 verses, many of which we have already heard since the beginning of Advent) so we needed John to “bulk up” the readings. Whatever the reason, we should note that John 6 is the closest the gospel of John has to the Lord’s Supper. Indeed, in John’s version of the Passion it is not the food (bread and wine) that are key to remembering Jesus among us (“do this in remembrance of me.”) but rather the washing of feet and servant-like love. Here, though, John takes not just a few verses but one of the longest chapters in the gospel of John to flesh out (pun intended) the idea of Jesus as the food for life. As part of our celebration in these weeks, we will share baked bread from around the world during Communion. For those who are unable to receive such bread, please ask Pastor Jay for a wafer. As we share in “staple food and festive drink,” let us again receive Jesus the Bread of Life as food for our journey.



## Worship

**Our prelude** begins at 10:25 each week and flows into the 10:30am worship time. We hope that this will draw us together and into our time of worship. Please remember to be mindful of those around you and those worshipping at home by keeping conversations and visiting to the lobbies once the prelude has begun. Thank you.

**A reminder** that our livestream runs from the beginning of the prelude through the end of the postlude. To maintain a worshipful space for those joining from home, please remember to leave the chancel area (the area around the altar) clear until after the postlude.

## Adult Faith Formation

**Adult Forum** will be held this morning from 9:30-10:15. During the Sundays in July we have been exploring the worship resources of the ELCA—specifically *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and *All Creation Sings*. This morning's gathering will conclude our 4 week series.

**The 2024-2025 Schedule** of Adult Faith Formation options is available on the Welcome Table outside of both the chapel and sanctuary. Inside you will find the schedule of topics for: Adult Forum, Bible Study, Bible after Dark, and Book Group. Check it out! Any questions, contact Pastor Jay.

## Opportunities for Fellowship

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

**OWLS** will get in touch with our artistic side at the Neighborhood Art House on Wednesday, August 14 with a painting lesson led by an instructor. The cost of \$10 will cover a canvas and supplies. Join us from 10:00am-12:00 noon and get creative. RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, August 9.

## Luther Memorial Academy

**Mark your calendars** for our first annual **Block Party!** We will gather on Saturday, September 7 on the greenspace to celebrate all LMA has to offer! Activities and games for all ages. Raffle and food and drink available! Come on out and support this gem of a school in the Gem City!

## Items to Note

**In case of a pastoral emergency**, please contact Pastor Jay either at the church (814-454-0106 x. 227) or, if not, on his personal phone (267-549-9858). If you are unable to reach him and need a response quickly, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. Thank you.

## **— PRAYER LIST —**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Marilyn Rositer	Cathy Beck & Jim
Diane & Bob Giannelli	Winnie Lyons	Ron King	Virginia Long
Matt, Jessica Kinzig & family	Pat Gilbert		
Friends and Family:			
Kate Collins & family	Lily	Marlo	Amy Roschy
Jessica Bulos Grubb	Sherry Johnson	Heather Keaster	Curtis Krick
Nikki & Ayden Moyer & family	Stephanie Volland	Barbara Beatty	Jonah Allgeier
Susan Brooks	Tony B.	Betty M.	Betty Peters
Connie Haibach & family	Katja Mestrom	Bernadette Mulder	Jean Coburn
Jamal Lemmons	Jim Roberts	Cherly Runstedler	Jerry
Andy Zimmerman	Norma Lynch	Steve Sensor	
Grief:			
Partusch family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins		

## CALENDAR

**MONDAY, JULY 29**

**TUESDAY, JULY 30**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**

Newsletter Mailing

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024 THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Worship services** at 8:15am in Faith Chapel and 10:30am in the main church.

**Youth** will offer a presentation in the parlor at 11:30am of their National Youth Gathering experience in New Orleans.

<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Ellen DiPlacido
	10:30am	Emma Chaffee
Communion Assistant ( <i>1 needed</i> )	10:30am	
Lector	10:30am	Jonathan Ulrich
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	( <i>1 needed</i> )
Video Streaming	10:30am	Gina Snider
Counters	10:30am	Emma Chaffee, Jeff Swanson
Ushers ( <i>4 needed</i> )	10:30am	Sue Cappelletty, Mary Mumford

### **Readings and Commemorations This Week**

**July 28 – Johann Sebastian Bach, 1750; Heinrich Schütz, 1672; George Frederck Handel, 1759; musicians** – II Chronicles 20:20-21; Psalm 106:1-5; Ephesians 5:15-20; Luke 19:37-40 -- *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.*

**July 29 – Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany** – Psalm 36:5-10; Romans 12:9-13; Luke 10:38-42 -- *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.*

**July 30** – Psalm 111; Exodus 24:1-11; Romans 15:22-33

**July 31** – Psalm 111; Isaiah 25:6-10a; Mark 6:35-44

**August 1** – Psalm 78:23-29; Exodus 12:33-42; I Corinthians 11:17-22

**August 2** – Psalm 78: 23-29; Exodus 12:43-13:2; I Corinthians 11:27-34

**August 3** – Psalm 78:23-29; Exodus 13:3-10; Matthew 16:5-12



## ERIE GIVES DAY 2024

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP A NON-PROFIT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 8:00AM – 8:00PM  
12 HOURS OF GIVING

**Day and Time:** The online event takes place on August 13. You have 12 hours to make your donation between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm.

**Participating Nonprofits:** Your organization must be a 501(c)(3), serve Erie County and either be a member of [The Nonprofit Partnership](#) or have an Agency Endowment with the Erie Community Foundation to participate in Erie Gives. **Luther Memorial Church, Luther Memorial Academy and Bethany Outreach Center appreciate your support.**

**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](http://www.eriegives.org) or call the Erie Community Foundation at 454-0843.

**Credit Cards:** Only Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover will be accepted. The credit card processor charges a nominal fee per transaction. 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 and is included with this morning's bulletin. A Check Donation Form can be mailed to you by contacting the Foundation or our church office;
- Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16507) no later than Friday, August 9, 2024.

**Prorated Match:** The Erie Community Foundation and our sponsors will enhance each donor's gift by providing a prorated match to each gift made to a nonprofit.

**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.

# ERIE GIVES CHECK CONTRIBUTION FORM

GIVE TO YOUR FAVORITE ERIE GIVES NONPROFIT(S) BY CHECK AND 100% OF YOUR DONATION(S) WILL BE GIVEN TO THE CAUSE(S).

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE ERIE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND EITHER MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE FOUNDATION OFFICES AT 459 WEST 6TH STREET, ERIE, PA 16507 BY FRIDAY, **AUGUST 9, 2024.**



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*We will send you a digital receipt for your records.*

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