

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



24 JULY 2022

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 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 – "Lord of Light"

arr. Michael Burkhardt, David Lasky, Charles Callahan

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P Merciful God,

C we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.
Amen.

P Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves.

C Amen.

Text for this hymn was written during World War I by a Congregational minister in Wales who was also a lifelong student of hymnology. The tune was composed during World War II, near Bristol, England, by a wartime religious broadcaster for the BBC.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 688

Lord of Light



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:



Refrain
Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

GREETING

L 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



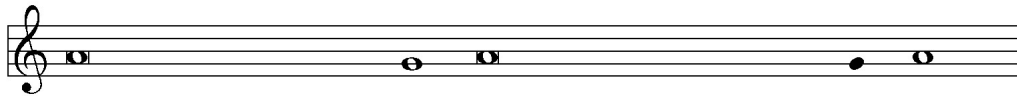
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



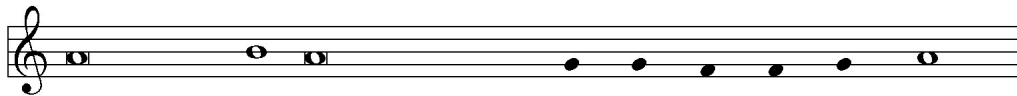
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

In today’s reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God’s justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham’s nephew, Lot.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”

²⁶And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.

²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.”

³⁰Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 138 (*Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.*)

Your _____ love en - dures_ for - ev - er;
do not a - ban - don the works of your hands.

¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;



³for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.

⁴When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me. **R**

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁶They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁷The Lord be high, he cares for the lowly,
He perceives the haughty from afar.

⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁹The Lord will make good his purpose for me;
O Lord, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. **R**

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



℣ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign,
God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community.
Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.*

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'

⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

℣ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Michael Snider

Please stand as you are able.



Originally written in the 19th century for use in a Sunday School, this hymn text was included in a number of subsequent publications. The 17th century tune, somewhat different metrically in its original publication, was the setting for a hymn for St Matthias' day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 745

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright



- 1 Lord, teach us how to pray a - right, with rev - 'rence and with fear.
- 2 We per - ish if we cease from prayer; oh, grant us pow'r to pray.
- 3 Give deep hu - mil - i - ty; the sense of god - ly sor - row give;
- 4 Faith in the on - ly sac - ri - fice that can for sin a - tone;
- 5 Give these, and then your will be done; thus strength-ened with all might,



Though dust and ash - es in your sight, we may, we must draw near.
And when to meet you we pre - pare, Lord, meet us on our way.
a strong de - sire, with con - fi - dence, to hear your voice and live;
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes on Christ, on Christ a - lone.
we, through your Spir - it and your Son, shall pray, and pray a - right.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
Music: SONG 67, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

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** Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.
A brief silence.
- A** Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.** ►

A Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You guide us in all times of our lives. In this time of pastoral transition at Luther Memorial Church, strengthen all congregational members, leaders, and the Call Committee to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints, especially Bill Kent, Jim Brown and Jean Hedderick, who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C Amen.

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

You are invited to greet those around you in your pew with a word or a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

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

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

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

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

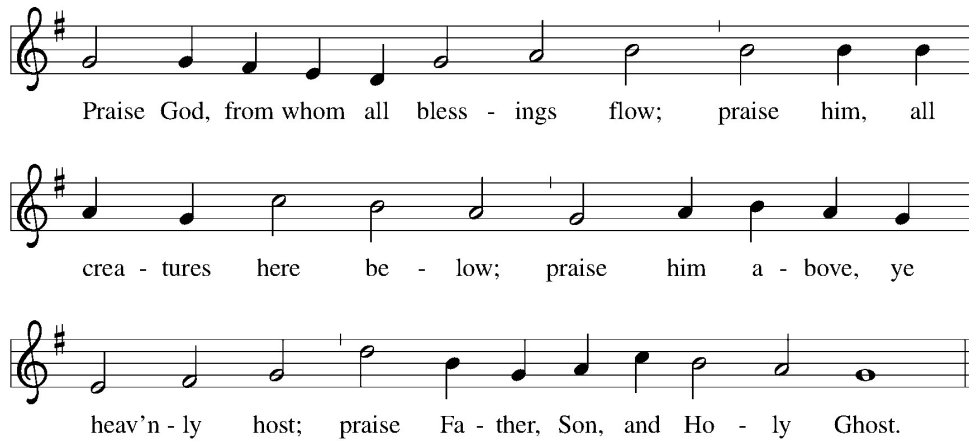
Luke 21: 3-4

ANTHEM – “Call to Remembrance”

Richard Farrant

*Call to remembrance, O Lord,
Thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness which hath been ever of old.
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:
But according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.*

Please stand as you are able.



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
 Music: OLD HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** God of abundance:
 you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
 As we feast on your goodness,
 strengthen us to labor in your field,
 and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
 in the name of Jesus.
- 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. ►

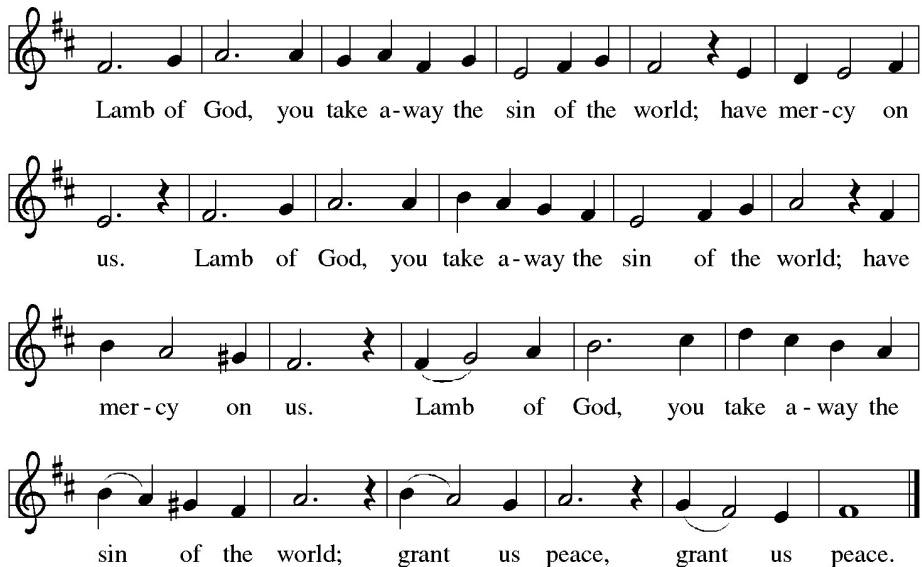
☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☑ **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

☐ In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

☑ **Amen.**

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

The congregation is seated.

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION

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

Please come forward by the center aisle and maintain appropriate physical distancing. Receive the bread from the lay distributor then proceed to the assisting minister who will be holding a tray of cups with wine, and also cups with grape juice.

Take a cup and then return to your seat.

Gluten-free wafers are on the stand in front of the baptismal font.

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

The first verse of this hymn dates from before the Reformation.

Verses 2-4 come from the pen of Martin Luther, who regarded the hymn highly.

The tune is the work of Luther's friend, who also worked with him on the German Mass.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 743

Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

1 Now to the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
2 O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;
3 Tran - scen - dent com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light,

for true faith, most need - ed on our way:
set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow,
help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed,
that we Je - sus Christ may know a - right,

Guide us and de - fend us when life is end - ing
that with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er,
that we may not fal - ter, nor cour - age fail us,
cling - ing to our Sav - ior, whose blood has bought us,

and our jour - ney home - ward is tend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!
ev - 'ry strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
when the foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!
who to our true home - land has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: Medieval German *Leise*, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–4; tr. composite
Music: NUN BITTEN WIR, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524
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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

- ☐ Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.
☑ Amen.

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

BLESSING

- ☐ The God of peace,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.
☑ Amen!

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in both stanzas.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 742

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

A Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

arr. Charles W. Ore

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Michael Snider

GREETERS – Mary Daniels, Skip Meyn

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Lois Smith

LAY DISTRIBUTOR – Linda Graffius

LECTOR – Ann Flick

USHERS – Mary Daniels, Jane & Dave Kinzig, Betty Pletz

ALTAR GUILD – Loretta Deeds



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

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

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Jim Brown who died Friday, July 15. A funeral service was held Tuesday, July 19. Please keep his wife, Shirley, in your prayers.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Jean Hedderick who died Saturday, July 16. Pastor Moran officiated at her funeral service held Wednesday, July 20.

Welcome to our Visitors!

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

Worship

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.

Erie Lutheran Parish beach service will be held Sunday, August 14 at 9:00am at Presque Isle, Cookhouse Pavilion. A continental breakfast will be served following worship. Please list your name and number attending on the sign-up sheet located at the welcome table. Be sure to bring a blanket or lawn chair. Reservations are due by Monday, August 1.

Luther Memorial beach service will be held Sunday, August 28 at 10:30am. A tureen luncheon will be served at 11:30am. We will meet at Presque Isle, Runner's Club Pavilion at Beach 1. Please bring a dish to share, your place setting and lawn chairs or blanket. Join us for some games and fun during the afternoon and enjoy the beautiful scenery of Presque Isle.

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

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. We will not meet on July 26 due to carpet cleaning during the week throughout the building. We'll see your smiling faces on August 9 and August 23 with all your yarn and knitting or crochet needles. If you'd like to stop by to chat and visit, we'd love to see you. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes and let us know if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Tidying Up

All floors and carpets throughout our building will be cleaned and waxed during this week, July 25-July 29. If access to the church and/or school is needed we are asking that you contact the church office prior to stopping down. Some areas of the building will be blocked off from time to time during the week. Thank you.

Volunteers are needed to help clean our main church and hall area on Saturday, August 13. We will begin at 9:00am; lunch will be provided. Please contact Norma in our church office to let us know you will be coming so lunch can be planned accordingly. Thank you.

Health Information

All are welcome to attend a conversation with a panel of palliative medicine and hospice care providers for the community. Come and learn about these two important health care opportunities for all people and those who love and care for them. There is no cost for this event held Tuesday, August 2, at 7:00pm at the Jefferson Educational Society, 3207 State Street, Erie, PA. For more information, call 814-459-8000 or visit www.JESerie.org.

Luther Memorial Church Policy

Masking at Luther Memorial Church is now optional. However, with the significant rise of covid cases in Erie County, we encourage you to wear a mask during worship. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

In Case of Emergency

In case of an emergency please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162 or Linda Graffius at 440-5458. Thank you.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 25	Floors Waxed / Carpets Cleaned
TUESDAY, JULY 26	Floors Waxed / Carpets Cleaned
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27	Newsletter Mailing Floors Waxed / Carpets Cleaned
THURSDAY, JULY 28	Floors Waxed / Carpets Cleaned 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
FRIDAY, JULY 29	Floors Waxed / Carpets Cleaned 10:00am Balance Class
SATURDAY, JULY 30	

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022 THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor Karen Lundwall will preach at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and 10:30am worship service 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 at 10:30am 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”.

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Ministers	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Liz Stroup
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeters	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Betty Pletz

— BULLETIN PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Arden Fetcko	Mark Howell	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Jan MacInnes
Bill Grande	Dave Parsh	Wendy Kern	Mark Howell
Elizabeth & Scott Cowan	Pat Bellingham	Don Tatar	
Friends and Family:			
Amy Daugherty	Bob R.	Amy Valentine	Linda F.
Eli Martinez Montero	Allison & Erik	N. S.	Kevin
Bishop Michael Lozano	Nancy Baker	Judy Skoog	Kathy Kisak
Meghan Kessler	Bonnie Ford	William Lemmon	Marie Checkley
Sophia	Sidney	Bob Guenther	Tammy Fuller
Brendon Sauers & Carol Stinson	Lesley	Amy & Nate	Donnie Schley
Melissa Geiser	Michelle Miller	Robbie Grainger	Amy Clark
Jessica & Damian Ream	Carol Suesser	Jane Esper	Tom McGrail
Kaleena H.			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

Erie Gives Day 2022



YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP A NON-PROFIT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022 8:00AM – 8:00PM
12 HOURS OF GIVING

Day and Time: Checks will be accepted on Monday, August 8. The online event takes place on August 9. 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 or call the Erie Community Foundation at 454-0843.

Credit Cards: Only Visa, MasterCard and Discover will be accepted. The credit card processor charges a nominal fee per transaction. The Erie Community Foundation does not receive any fees. (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 will be available for download beginning June 20, 2022. A Check Donation Form can be mailed to you by contacting the Foundation and requesting this;
- Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) no later than Monday, August 8, 2022.

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.

When the Nonprofits receive your donation: Non-profits will receive their checks at the Erie Gives Check Presentation Day which will be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022.



Erie Gives Check Contribution Form

Please make checks payable to The Erie Community Foundation and kindly deliver to the Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) with this completed form no later than August 8, 2022

Donor Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check Number: _____ Contribution total: \$ _____

Please list how you wish to be identified in print: _____

Example: John & Jane Doe | John Doe | Anonymous

Does your employer match donations? Yes No Company Name: _____

Please note, the employee is responsible for completing the employer's company match paperwork.

	Erie Gives Nonprofit Name <small>All nonprofits below must currently be listed on the Erie Gives website.</small>	Gift Amount <small>\$25 minimum</small>
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