

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



20 FEBRUARY 2022  
The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

*Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

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

### LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

### PRELUDE – LM Concert Series Mini-Concert

Linda Melaragno – Violinist

"Allegro"

J. H. Fiocco

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Charles H. Gabriel; arr. Glenda Macomber

"Whispering Hope"

Alice Hawthorne

*(Molly Gaber, soprano)*

*Soft as the voice of an angel, breathing a lesson unheard;  
Hope, with a gentle persuasion, whispers her comforting word.  
Wait till the darkness is over, wait till the tempest is done.  
Hope for the sunshine tomorrow after the shower is gone.*

*Refrain:*

*Whispering Hope, oh, how welcome thy voice,  
Making my heart in its sorrow rejoice.*

*If, in the dusk of the twilight, dim be the region afar,  
Will not the deepening darkness brighten the glimmering star?  
Then, when the night is upon us, why should the heart sink away?  
When the dark midnight is over, watch for the breaking of day.*

### 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 marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**L** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who creates us,  
redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

**C** Amen.

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**L** Most merciful God,

**C** we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

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

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

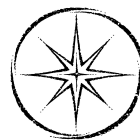
**L** Rejoice in this good news:

In ☩ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C** Amen.



*The text of this hymn comes from several paraphrases of Francis of Assisi's  
"Canticle of the sun and hymn of creation," (1225).*

*The most familiar paraphrase is "All Creatures of Our God and King,"  
written in England for children around 1900. Also used is a more literal translation  
from early 20<sup>th</sup> century New York. The tune may have originated in 16<sup>th</sup> century Strassburg,  
later shaped by Catholics in Cologne, still later published in The English Hymnal in 1906,  
and in the twentieth century spreading to wide ecumenical use. Lutheran musicologist  
Paul Westermeyer notes, "The musical being of our church transcends its divisions."*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 835

### All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and  
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor  
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite  
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
Text © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

## GREETING

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

**C** And also with you.

## KYRIE

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.



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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

**C O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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

*Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.*

### FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40** (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

- <sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup>**For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**
- <sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- <sup>4</sup>**Take delight in the LORD,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**
- <sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
and see what God will do.
- <sup>6</sup>**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
- <sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.  
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- <sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**
- <sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.
- <sup>10</sup>**In a little while the wicked shall be no more;  
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**
- <sup>11</sup>But the lowly shall possess the land;  
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- <sup>39</sup>**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD;  
you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**
- <sup>40</sup>You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them;  
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

*In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting."  
Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately  
about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.*

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

*Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.  
Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.*

### GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

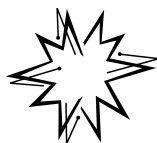
**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Moran

*Please stand as you are able.*



*This hymn was jointly written to celebrate the ordination of a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church. Text is the work of a Seminary professor who holds dual ordination in the Presbyterian and Episcopal denominations. The music was written by a seminary colleague who has served congregations as organist and choir director, and has been an active presenter of workshops and lectures.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 651

### Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear  
2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds  
3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,  
5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

7 Oh, praise the living Christ  
with faith's bright songful voice!  
Announce the gospel to the world  
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945  
Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936  
Text and music from *New Hymns for the Lectionary*, © 1984 Oxford University Press, Inc.

## 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.



## INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL (10:30 am Service)

### THE PRAYERS

**A** The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

**A** You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that long for forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

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

**C** hear our prayer.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom, especially Matilda and Herman Kleiber, Betty Halttunen, Bud Graffius, and Mildred Nodes. As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C** Amen.

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

*Please be seated.*

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

**VOLUNTARY – “Larghetto”**

G. F. Händel, arr. Jenö Hubay

*(Linda Melaragno, violin)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Blessed are you, O God,  
Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings  
and guide us on our journey.  
Lead us to your table,  
nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love  
to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.

**C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of power and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** Blessed are you, O holy God:  
you are the Life and Light of all.  
By your powerful word you created all things.  
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.  
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.  
He is your Light, shining in our darkness  
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.



Remembering, therefore,  
his preaching and healing,  
his dying and rising,  
and his promise to come again,  
we await that day when all the universe  
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,  
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,  
we may be light for the world,  
revealing the brilliance of your Son.

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

**C Amen.**

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

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

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

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

## AGNUS DEI



**C** 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** Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

**C** Amen.

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

*The congregation is seated.*

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

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

*Receive the bread from the pastor then proceed to the assisting minister who will be holding a tray of cups with wine, and also cups with grape juice.*

*Take a cup and then return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*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.*

## COMMUNION

*Text for this hymn was written for a church Institute in 1960 by a woman very active and accomplished in national church affairs. The tune, very popular and much-used, first appeared with a Czech text based on Psalm 1.*

## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 716

### Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all  
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,  
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less  
4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er  
5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I  
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -  
act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I  
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim  
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.  
 sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.  
 do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.  
 be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.  
 be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, b. 1916, alt.  
 Music: BEATUS VIR, Samotulsky, Kancional, 1561

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

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

**C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** We give you thanks, gracious God,  
 for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
 Send us to bring good news  
 and to proclaim your favor to all,  
 strengthened with the richness of your grace  
 in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

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

## BLESSING

**P** God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
 who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,  
 ☩ bless your going out and your coming in,  
 today and forever.

**C** Amen.

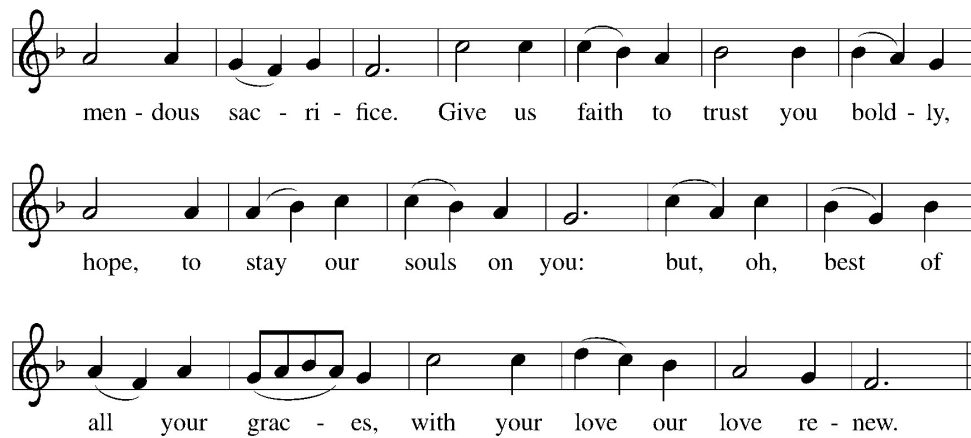
*Its text the work of an English poet, church worker and hymn writer, this hymn is sung to a celebrated Welsh tune whose name means good cheer and which gives us a foretaste of endless song.*

## SENDING HYMN

**ELW 707**

### Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood  
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- ☐ Go with Christ into a weary world.  
Share the good news.
- ☒ Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE – "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Don Hustad

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PREACHING* – Pastor Brian Moran

*GREETERS* – Vicky Blasco, Mark Howell (8:15 am)

Jeanne Gaber, Sally & Phil McAfee (10:30 am)

*ASSISTING MINISTERS* – Rob Benacci (8:15 am)

Lois Smith (10:30 am)

*LECTOR* – Jonathan Ulrich (10:30 am)

*VIOLINIST* – Linda Melaragno

*SOPRANO* – Molly Gaber



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my parents, Matilda and Herman Kleiber who were married 88 years ago on February 11, 1934, by Lois Smith.

**Front altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my mother, Betty Halttunen, by Janet Kent.

**Front altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Millard ‘Bud’ Graffius celebrating his birthday in heaven on February 24, by Linda and family.

**Our love and sympathy** is with the family and friends of Mildred Nodes, twin sister of Dorothy Youngman, who died January 29, 2022.

### Today's Events

**The Luther Memorial Concert Series** will present another **Sunday Morning Mini-Concert** this morning. In the new format, soloists and small ensembles present special music for the Prelude and Voluntary about once a month. **Linda Melaragno** is our performer and will present several violin solos. In subsequent months, we will hear other musicians from within our congregation. Finally, "thank you" to all who support the LM Concert Series through your donations, attendance and words of support.

**Homemade soup** made fresh this morning is available for purchase following the 10:30 service. Lunchtime deliciousness just for you.

**We give thanks** for our council members as they are installed this morning during the 10:30 service. Please keep them in your prayers so they may lead with us with wisdom and faithfulness.

John Bartlett	Les Fobes ( <i>President</i> )	Bill Lasher	Stan Rose
Pat Bellingham	David Griswold	Otto 'Skip' Meyn	Michael Snider
Emma Chaffee ( <i>Secretary</i> )	Mark Howell	Natalie Montero	Liz Stroup
Ann Flick ( <i>Assist. Treasurer</i> )	Greg Kern ( <i>Treasurer</i> )	Betty Pletz	Jeff Swanson

### Worship

**Ash Wednesday** services, with communion and imposition of ashes, will be held on March 2 at 12:00 noon and 7:00pm in the main church.

**Lenten services** will be held each Wednesday in Lent at 12:05pm in the main church. Come join us in the observance of a holy Lent and be changed by the grace of God. Lenten meals will not be offered this year, but we are hopeful they will resume next year.

March 9	"Who Will Separate Us from the Love of Christ"	Pastor Karen Lundwall
March 16	"Love Does No Wrong to a Neighbor"	Pastor Karen Parsh
March 23	"The Greatest of These is Love"	Pastor Kristen Papson
March 30	"Love Your Enemies"	Mr. Ron King
April 6	"Perfect Love Casts Out Fear"	Pastor Brian Moran

**Volunteers** are needed to welcome those attending worship on Sunday mornings for the 8:15 and 10:30am services. Please contact Norma, in the church office, if you would like to welcome our friends with a smile. Thank you.

### Christian Education

**Children's Church classes** are held Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. Masks are worn and all safety protocols are followed. We hope to see many of our children join us. Our class schedule is as follows:

Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month (March 6)  
Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (March 13)  
**LYO – third Sunday of the month (February 20)**  
Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (February 27)

**Luther Memorial Church's** 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending **Confirmation Camp at Camp Lutherlyn** from June 19 to June 24, 2022. Information will be sent to all parents and students about the details of Confirmation Camp. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

**Luther Memorial Church's 10<sup>th</sup> grade students** will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday during the 10:30am service, on Sunday, June 5, 2022.

### Opportunities for Fellowship

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. Our next Magic Fingers will be February 22. 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. During each gathering masks are worn and safe distancing protocols are followed.

### **Supporting our Youth**

**Fundraisers** are underway to help offset the church cost of Confirmation Camp for our youth. We invite you to stop by the youth table in the parlor area and browse the wide assortment of items to order; dips from Gourmet Creations, Cookie Cards from Ye Ole Sweet Shoppe, Tropical Sweet Heat sauce from Hot Diggity Pepper Company, and hamloaf for your Easter dinner.

**Blaze Pizza** for your supper will please the whole family. Stop in to Blaze Pizza, 1930 Douglas Parkway, on Monday, February 28 from 4:00-7:00pm, pick up your pizza and 20% of the proceeds will go towards our LYO. Flyers are available at our youth table in the parlor area. Two ways to order:

1. Present the flyer or show it on your phone before paying;
2. Online orders may be placed via the Blaze Pizza App or [blazepizza.com](http://blazepizza.com). Enter code 1209A in the 'Promo Code' field at checkout.

Printed or electronic flyers are required.

**It's a jigsaw puzzle competition!** Teams of two (2) will compete to complete a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle on Sunday, February 27. Doors open at 12:00 noon; the event will be held until 4:00pm. There is a limit of ten (10) teams with an entrance fee of \$25/team. All puzzles are the same and teams may keep the puzzle at the end of the competition. The winning team will receive \$50 cash prize. Please contact the church office to register; 454-0106, ext. 221 or [nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org). Masks are required.

**Lucky Leprechaun Bingo** will be held Sunday, March 13 from 12:00 noon – 4:00pm. Eight (8) games of bingo and two (2) coverall games will be played. Admission is \$25/person. Prizes will be \$50 gift cards. There will be more fun with a surprise Chinese auction, tip boards, ruffles and pull tables. Small snacks, water and pop will be available for purchase. Only 50 tickets will be sold, so get your reservations in soon. Masks are required.

### **Summer Camp**

**Registration** for summer camp at Lutherlyn has begun. There are camps available for every interest from Horse Camp to Rocketry to Arts & Music. Even the youngest can attend Small Fry Days and the entire family can enjoy Family Camp. Flyers are available at the welcome tables.

### **Community Events**

**In honor of Women's History Month** we celebrate women and girls who are creating positive change through word art in Erie. Join us for "Hear Her...She is Speaking" on Monday, March 7 at H. O. Hirt Auditorium, 160 East Front Street. The pre-celebration will begin at 6:30pm; program will be held from 7:00-8:00pm. Desserts and beverages will be donated by Cafe7-10.

### **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.

### **Luther Memorial Church Policy**

**Luther Memorial Church** requests that all those worshipping wear a mask regardless of your vaccination status. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.



## CALENDAR

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

*Presidents' Day*

School & Church Offices Closed

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

10:00am

Magic Fingers Grace Group

4:15pm

School Board (Zoom)

5:30pm

Call Committee

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

Newsletter Mailing

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

9:30am

Read Across America Day

LMA Presentation/Grades Kdg.-5th

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

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

**The recorded service** is also available on Luther Memorial Church's website at [www.luthermemorialonline.org](http://www.luthermemorialonline.org) by clicking on the tabs of "Resources & Online Worship" and "Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study".

**Children's Church** for grades 4-6 will meet at 9:30am.

**Puzzlemania** will be held from 12:00 noon – 4:00pm. We hope you join in the fun.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

Assisting Ministers

8:15am

Rob Benacci

10:30am

Liz Stroup

Altar Guild

8:15am

Cathie Dugan

10:30am

Dave Griswold

**— PRAYER LIST —**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Our Members:**

Sarah Prylinski	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Lois Fobes	Bill Grande
Barb Holcomb	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Joyce Zwilling	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Bev Held	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Mark Lechner
Rosanne & Roy Strausbaugh	Dave Mumford	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Nancy Downey
Julie, AJ, baby Gigi Chandler	Matt Kinzig	Brent Young	Dave Kinzig

**Friends and Family:**

Cecily DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	Bobbi MacInnes
Frank Nalepa	Kristen	Larry E.	Kirsten Braley
Roger Maki	Amy Valentine	Jesse McFadden	Abby
John & Naomi Howard	Ed Hokaj	Elijah Montero	Ray Polasky
Marianella	Linda Grimm	Gayle Rumbaugh	Shelly
Kim Robertson	Edna Pett	Bea Becknell	Shaffer family
Josie W.	Aahron	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingraham	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Steven & Ally Soltesz	Paul Spierling	Frank S.	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. S.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Amy
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Dick Lechner
Christian	Jeff F.	Sue Kuhn	Amanda Toms
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Paula and Chet Bixby	Pete Battersby	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Judy Skoog	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Missy & Jeff	Kathy Kisak	Sophia	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Patrick L	Paula Bauda
Marilyn Schultz	Ron Trisket	Sidney	Loraine Pond
Allison & Erick	Bryan & Bev	Judy Oosterkamp	Marianella
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Meghan Kessler	Jennifer Bluey	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Steve & Leah W.	Scott Respecki
Mike & Paula Lombardozzi family	Ashlynn Rowane	Jim Sturm	Amy & Nate
Rev. Ralph Storm	Bob		

**Grief:**

Mildred Nodes family      Rose Hill family

**Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

