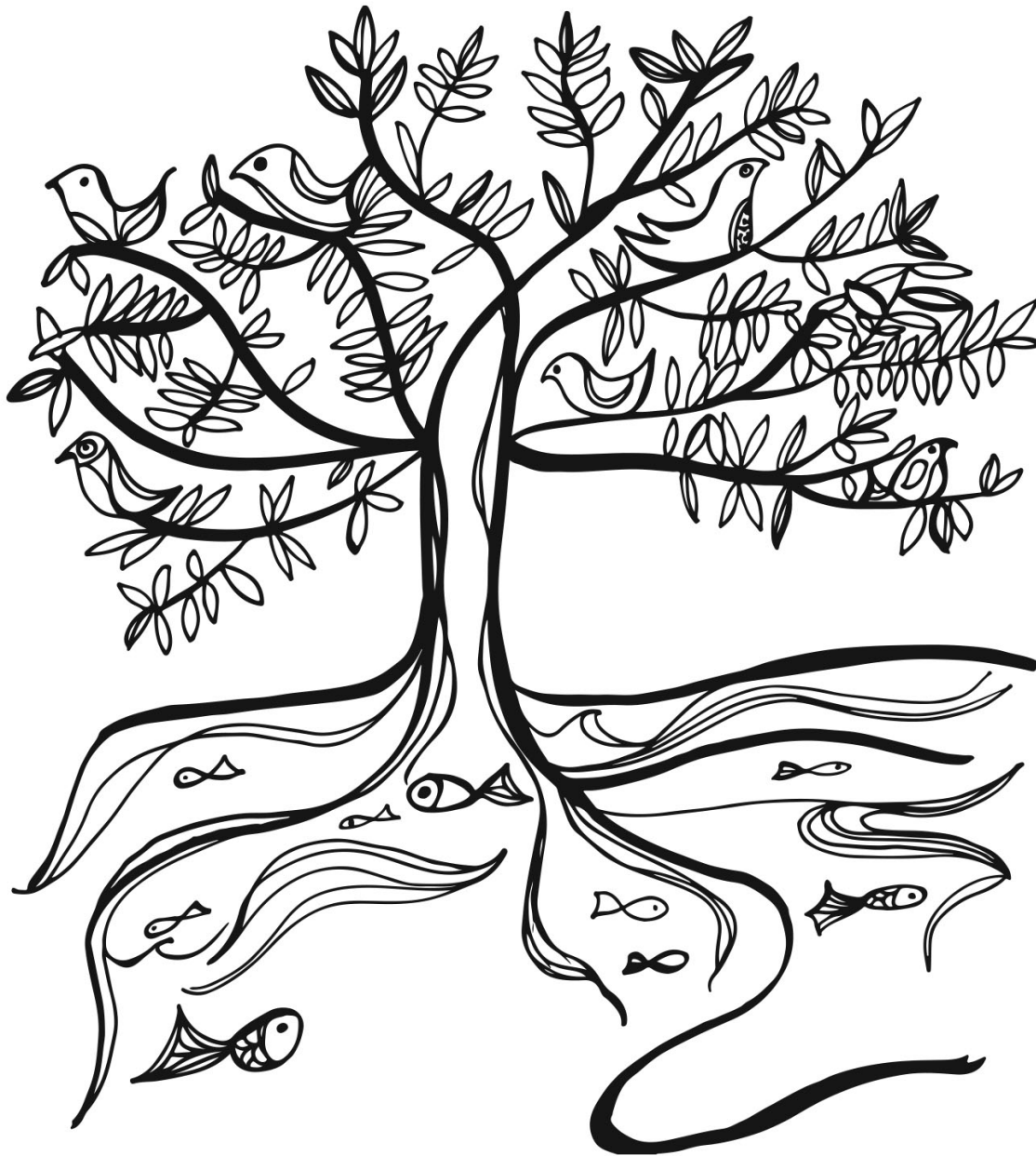


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Luther Memorial Church



1 JUNE 2025
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:30 am

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WELCOME!

This is the day that the Lord has made. Together, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

~ Here are a few notes to help you participate in worship today: Almost everything you need is in this bulletin, including hymns. You are invited to participate with the words in **bold type**. You are invited to stand as you are able where indicated. Hymns are included in this bulletin, however if you need larger print, hymns may be found in the back of the red hymnal using the number indicated (#). Please join in singing all the music! Today especially we raise our voices in praise!

~ **You don't need to disconnect here!** You don't need to turn off your phone, but please place it in silent mode. Feel free to take pictures—of our building, of worship, but ask permission for any people-pictures. We ask that you not use flash during this worship service. Post your favorite quote from the sermon or verse from a hymn...just be sure to check in and let your friends know where you are!

~ We welcome all of God's children **no matter your age**. Wiggles, dancing, and singing welcome! Together we raise a joyful noise. If you would like a children's bulletin, a soft toy, or a book, they're near the ramp door (out the doors next to the pulpit on the long Welcome Table).

~ **Restrooms** may be found out either door at the front of the Sanctuary. There is an accessible ramp through the doors near the pulpit. At the top of the ramp(s), follow signs to the restrooms. A fully accessible restroom is available through the parlor.

PRELUDE – "Herr Jesu Christ, Dich Zu Uns Wend"

J. G. Walther

Please rise in body or spirit and face the font at the Crossing.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 363

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal;
 who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
 Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
 Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of the Risen Christ, the love of our ever-living God,
 and the fellowship of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

VERSE 1: TREBLE VOICES
VERSE 3&4: TREBLE VOICES

VERSE 2: LOWER VOICES
VERSE 5: LOWER VOICES

Refrain

The musical notation for the refrain is written on a single staff in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and common time (C). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4-E4-D4 (beamed eighth notes), C4 (half), D4-E4-F#4 (beamed eighth notes), G4-A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), and D5 (half).

Final Refrain



Text: Dignus est Agnus, tr. John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010

Let us pray.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: II Kings 2:1-15

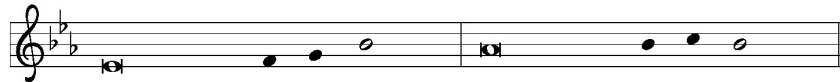
² Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” ⁴ Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave

you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰ He responded, “You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³ He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah? Where is he?” He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over. ¹⁵ When the company of prophets who were at Jericho saw him at a distance, they declared, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” They came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 2 (*Sung responsively.*)



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- ¹Why are the nations ¹in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter ¹empty threats?
- ²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes ¹plot together,
against the LORD and against the ¹LORD’s anointed?**
- ³“Let us break their ¹yoke,” they say;
“let us cast off their ¹bonds from us.”
- ⁴**God whose throne is in heav- ¹en is laughing;
the LORD holds them ¹in derision.**
- ⁵Then in wrath God ¹speaks to them,
and in rage fills ¹them with terror.
- ⁶**“As for me, I have anoint- ¹ed my king
upon Zion, my ¹holy mountain.”**
- ⁷Let me announce the decree ¹of the LORD,
who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be- ¹gotten you.
- ⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for ¹your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for ¹your possession.**
- ⁹You shall crush them with an ¹iron rod
and shatter them like a ¹piece of pottery.”
- ¹⁰**And now, you ¹kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers ¹of the earth.**
- ¹¹Submit to the ¹LORD with fear,
and with trembling ¹bow in worship;
- ¹²**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden ¹blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take ref- ¹uge in God!**

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

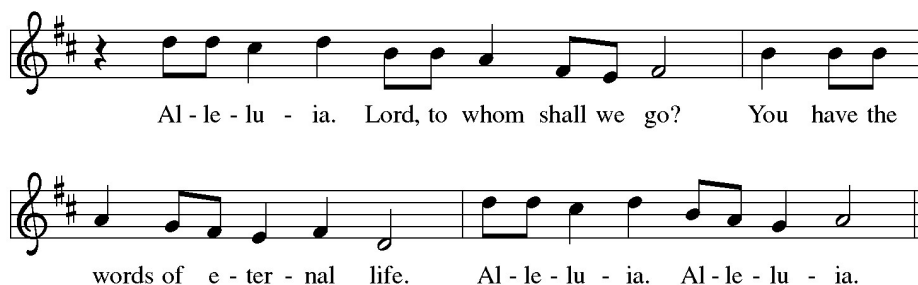
¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prayed: ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

After a brief silence for reflection, as the music sounds, please stand to proclaim the Word of God in song.

When in Our Music God Is Glorified



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise;

and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
 let all re - joice who have a voice to raise;

it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue:
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 and may God give us faith to sing al - ways:

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

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Music: FREDERICKTOWN, Charles R. Anders, b. 1929

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, and support the well-being of children and young people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died, especially Sharon and Jim, we look toward your coming again among us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share greetings and gestures of peace with those around 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.

ANTHEM – "How Can I Keep from Singing"

R. Lowry/J. Barnard

Please rise in body or spirit as the gifts are presented.

OFFERING HYMN

Thomas Ken, 1709 Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

Musical notation for the hymn "How Can I Keep from Singing". It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly
Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

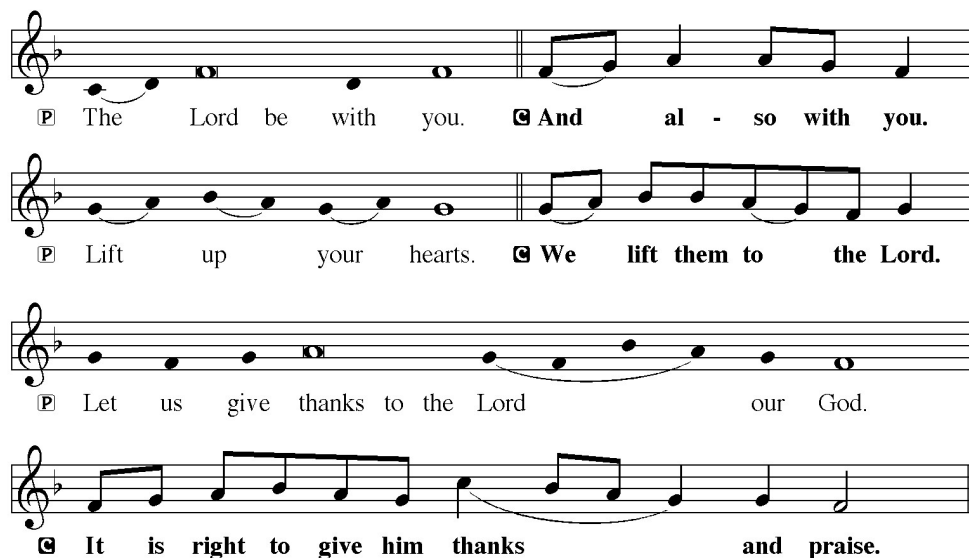
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA



P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.

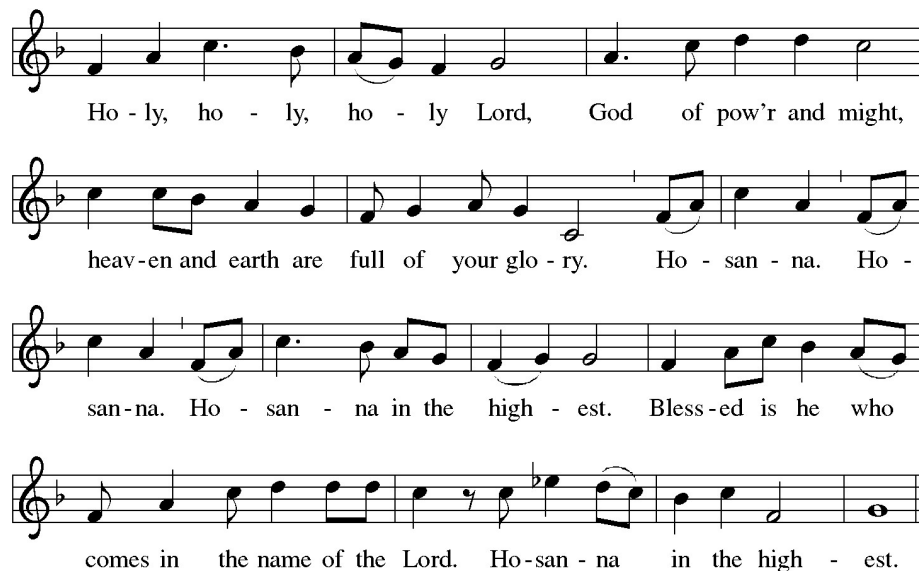
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

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

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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed for us!

Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

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

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is, himself, present whenever we feast together. **You** are welcome to the feast! Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle. Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle. White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; 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 488

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur-pass-ing won - der
4 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear-est trea - sure,

come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.
There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:

Bless the one whose grace un - bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found-ed;
o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
with the choic-est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;

Christ, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa-vored, nev - er leave you.

When a Star Is Shining

1 When a star is shin-ing o - ver east - ern hills,
 2 Where the world is wait-ing for an un - known day,
 3 Lead us on, O Day-star, in the qui - et night;

when the air is si - lent, and the clam - or stills,
 where a voice for - got - ten cries, "Pre - pare the way!"
 guide us through the shad-ow with your gen - tle light;

when the night is wait-ing, and the old hopes rise,
 Where an earth - ly pow-er makes the heart turn cold,
 show us in a man-ger our re - demp-tion's sign;

then the time has rip - ened and the heart grows wise.
 there the gifts are of - fered— in - cense, myrrh, and gold.
 bring us to a morn-ing where the prom - ise shines.

Refrain
 Lead us on, lead us on, to a morn-ing where the
 prom-ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on,
 to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

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TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION *if needed*

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that the Meal we have shared here may be extended for our siblings who are not here.

We who are many are one body in Christ, sharing one bread, one cup.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen!

SENDING HYMN

ACS 1095

How Shall I Sing that Majesty



1 How shall I sing that maj - es - ty which an - gels do ad -
2 En - light-en with faith's light my heart, in - flame it with love's
3 How great a be - ing, Lord, is thine, which doth all be - ings



mire? Let dust in dust and si - lence lie; sing, sing, ye
fire, then shall I sing and take my part with that ce -
keep! Thy knowl - edge is the on - ly line to sound so



heav'n - ly choir. Thou-sands of thou - sands stand a -
les - tial choir. They sing, be - cause thou art their
vast a deep; thou art a sea with - out a



round thy throne, O God most high; ten thou - sand
sun; Lord, send a beam on me; for where heav'n
shore, a sun with - out a sphere; thy time is



times ten thou - sand sound thy praise; but who am I?
is but once be - gun, there al - le - lu - ias be.
now and ev - er - more, thy place is ev - 'ry - where.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE – "Psalm 19"

B. Marcello

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Pat Bellingham

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Barb Dennison

LECTOR – Jonathan Ulrich

USHERS – Sue Cappelletty, Jane & Dave Kinzig, Carl Moore

ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

VIDEO STREAMING – Nick Lang



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Sharon Rositer McGhee by her husband, Mike, and family.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Jim Beck by his wife, Cathy Beck.

Today's Events

Get your car washed this morning following services; 9:30 and 11:30am. Just pull around to the 11th Street entrance and our youth will get rid of that winter dirt and grime.

Worship Matters!

Seven weeks seems like a lot at the beginning...and then once we get into the swing of things the Easter season doesn't seem *all* that long. Well, until we hit Sunday 7. Jesus has ascended. Isn't that the end of the Easter season? We celebrated on Thursday (day 40), what're we doing *still* celebrating Easter? So, the season of Easter is long—the longest of our non-green seasons, actually—and it's long for a reason. It should get mundane. Not every Sunday of Easter should be full of trumpets and blowout celebrations. Because Easter *is our way of life*. We are Easter people. We proclaim Christ crucified, yes, but also that death was not the end of the story—nor is it in the world today. So we continue to celebrate. Even when the season seems like it should be over. Because Jesus *leaving* the earth in the Ascension is **not** the culmination of the Resurrection season. Rather, the *coming* of the Spirit upon the Church at Pentecost is such a fulfilment of everything Jesus has promised. Jesus does not leave us orphaned (though these ten days can sometimes feel like that after the Ascension. We are not orphaned because the Spirit has been outpoured upon the Church and all of the baptized. So we stay here. We continue the celebration. We allow Resurrection to steep into our bones that we might live it every day. So while today may be a little quieter. While the celebration may not be as boisterous as it was 7 weeks ago. It is nevertheless the cry of the Church: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Worship

Our worship service on Sunday, June 22 will be held at Presque Isle. We will gather at the **Runner's Club Pavilion**, located near Beach 1, for 10:30am worship. A picnic and games will follow to make it a wonderful afternoon. Please bring a dish to share, your place setting, and a chair or blanket. If you have a favorite game, bring it along too. The 8:15am service will not be held.

We are excited to announce that we are forming a new Counting Committee and are looking for volunteers! We need individuals to help count all the offerings following the 10:30am worship services. If you're interested in contributing to this important role or would like more information, please contact the church office or Gina Snider at gms0606@gmail.com or 814-60 2-7679. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Erie Lutheran Conference



The Erie Lutheran Conference—17 congregations in Erie County—is looking toward the future of ministry in our area. Serving in our conference are only four full-time equivalent pastors. And of the 17 congregations, only 3 have a full time pastor (the other FTE pastor is shared between two congregations). In 5-10, the number of full time pastors (not retired) will very likely be only 2. This is not a reason to fear or fret but a reason to open our hearts, minds, eyes, and ears to the various ways that God is calling us into the future! The Church of Jesus will stand the tests of time...whether it looks like it does today or not is only known to Jesus. As part of this planning and dreaming, folks have gotten together as a taskforce to consider models of collaborative ministry in our area. But this is not work just for a few people sometimes, but work that we are all called to do in God's future. In our planning and dreaming, we are looking toward what ministry looks like years down the road. As part of this dreaming and planning, YOU are invited to fill out a survey to assess the positions, feelings, hopes, and dreams of the Lutherans in Erie County. To take the survey, you can follow the QR Code, or talk with Pastor Jay about a link to take the survey online.

Youth

Flea Markets will be held in our parking area (rain or shine) the third Saturday of the month and continue through September 20. Set-up begins at 8:00am with shopping held from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Cost of a parking space is \$10 so load your car with unwanted treasures and come on down to park and sell. Our next Flea Market is scheduled for June 21. Please see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski for more information.

LIA, Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, June 10 from 5:30-7:00pm as they continue completing service projects. All youth in grades 5-12 are encouraged to join in.

Faith Formation

B.A.D. (*Bible After Dark*) will gather again on June 4 at Calamari's at 6:30pm and continue to meet the first Wednesday of each month. Join together with Lutherans from around Erie as we discuss the book **Context** by Josh Scott. Copies of the book may be purchased from the church office for \$12. Feel free to purchase an adult beverage as we chat.

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 from 10:00am– 12:00 noon; June 10 and June 24. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will have a summer picnic on Wednesday, June 18 under our beautiful magnolia tree on the west side of the church. If weather doesn't cooperate we'll gather in the parlor. Join us from 11:00am – 1:00pm for hotdogs, hamburgers and maybe a good old fashioned root beer float. Please bring a dish to share and even some yard games. RSVP to Jan MacInnes by Wednesday, June 11.

LMA News

Two teaching positions are open for the 2025/2026 school year:

- Full-time fifth grade classroom teacher – A degree in education or a related field is required. Elementary classroom experience is preferred. Candidates must be proficient with classroom technology and basic communication tools.
- Part-time music teacher – General music classes for grades Kindergarten – 8th one day per week. The teacher will design and implement engaging lesson plans that cater to diverse learning styles. The position also includes planning, rehearsing and directing the LMA Sunday performance, end-of-year music program and other events as needed. Qualifications: BA in Music, Music Education or related field; teaching experience preferred.

Please send a letter of interest and current resume, including three references, via email to LMA Administrator, Michelle Thom, at mthom@lmaerie.org.

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:			
Marilyn Bohn & family	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Mary Daniels
Pat Gilbert	Lois Fobes	Bea Leemhuis	Sally McAfee
Friends and Family:			
Mary Beth & Mary Kelly	Laura L	Mary Lou	Shelby
Nicholas Nasibyan	Gwen Smith	Andrew Wachter	Sullivan
Carol Steffey & Marissa	Janine Frank	Sandy M.	Ron Lester
Wyatt Culbertson	Henderson family	Justin	Beth Sedelmyer
Grief:			
Sharon Rositer (McGhee) family	Dee Lasher family	Kaitlin Weber family	
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Lt. Col. Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	

Readings and Commemorations This Week

June 1 – Justin, martyr at Rome, 165 – Psalm 16:5-11; I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 12:44-50 -- *Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.*

June 2 – Psalm 29; Exodus 40:16-38; Acts 16:35-40

June 3 – The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886 Psalm 138; Hebrews 10:32-39; Matthew 24:9-14 -- *On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.* -- **OR John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, 1963** – Ezekiel 34:11-16; Psalm 84; I Peter 5:1-4; John 21:15-17 -- *When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.*

June 4 – Psalm 29; Ezekiel 3:12-21; Luke 9:18-27

June 5 – Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, 754 – Psalm 115:1-8; Acts 20:17-28; Luke 24:44-53 -- *Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.*

June 6 – Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 32:11-17; Galatians 5:16-25

June 7 – VIGIL OF PENTECOST Exodus 19:1-9a, Psalm 33:12-22; Romans 8:14-17, 22-27; John 7:37-39 **OR Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, 1866** – Micah 6:6-8; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 1:26-31; Luke 6:20-23 -- *Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes, and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named for him.*



CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 2

TUESDAY, JUNE 3	12:00pm	Deborah Circle
	3:00pm	W/ELCA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4	6:30pm	Bible After Dark (Calamari's)
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THURSDAY, JUNE 5	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
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FRIDAY, JUNE 6	1:00pm	Grade 8 Awards Ceremony
	6:00pm	Grade 8 Banquet
	6:30pm	Middle School Dance

SATURDAY, JUNE 7	10:00am	Quilting
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SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025
THE DAY OF PENTECOST
& EPISCOPAL VISIT OF THE RT. REV'D. MICHAEL LOZANO,
III BISHOP, NWPA SYNOD, ELCA

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

Luther Memorial Academy Baccalaureate and 40th Annual Commencement Exercises begins at 3:00pm.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Linda Swanson
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Emma Chaffee
Counters	10:30am	Emma Chaffee, Mike Hedlund
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Cathy Beck, Carl Moore