

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



21 MAY 2023
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
10:30 am

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Three • 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 – "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Michael Burkhardt, Michael Bedford,
Kristina Langlois, Robert Lind

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.



☐ Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

☐ Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

☑ **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

☐ Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

☑ **Amen.**

This text was written in 1893 by an Irish-born priest of the Church of England, who authored several churchly works while serving a variety of parishes. The tune was published in Amsterdam in 1710.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 655

Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant-ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:





you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932
 Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliiies en Contradansen*, 1710

GREETING

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☐ The grace of our Risen Savior, the love of the ever-living God,
and the fellowship of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength, And
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain Has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. ... *refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing and glo - ry are his. ... *refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: ... *to verse 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. ... *refrain*
 gun his reign, Al - le - lu - ia! ... *final refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

⁶When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷Jesus replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by divine authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When Jesus had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “You Galileans, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

☐ Word of God, Word of Life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

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



Sing to God, who rides up on the clouds.

¹ Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

² As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;
I Am is that name, rejoice before God! **R**



⁵ In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;
⁶ you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.
⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched | through the wilderness,
⁸ the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.
¹⁰ Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor. **R**

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.
³³ You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.
³⁴ Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.
³⁵ How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God! **R**

*Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others.
Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others
because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.*

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ^{5:6}Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that God may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist the devil, steadfast in your faith, for you know that the members of your family throughout all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the very God of all grace, who has called you into eternal glory in Christ, will restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To God be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

¹After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹“And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 650

In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

NICENE CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great. ▶

A We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff and council. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints, especially Gertrude Blasco, Pauline Fickenworth, Alice Battersby, and Ann Coleman who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord is with you.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

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

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

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

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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ANTHEM – "Alleluia! O Praise the Lord Most Holy"

J. S. Bach

Alleluia! For Christ the Lord is risen! Alleluia, risen Lord.

He is worthy to receive power, wealth and glory,

Wisdom, might and honor, blessing now and evermore.

For He is the true and righteous Lord of all in heaven and earth.

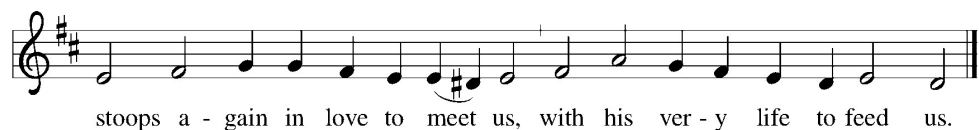
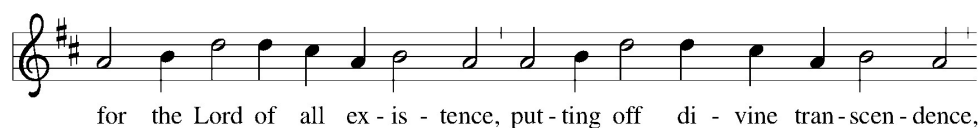
King of kings and Lord of lords, we do worship at Your throne.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Now We Join in Celebration

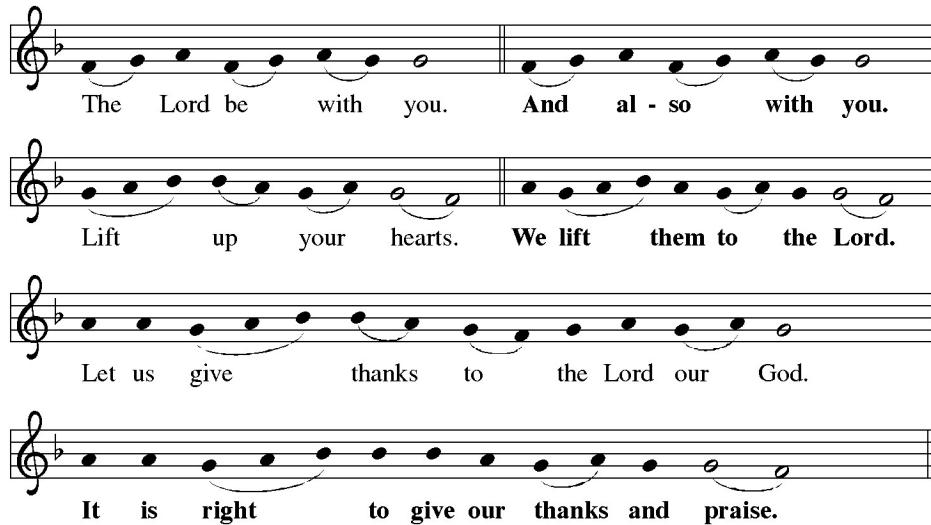
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray:
Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



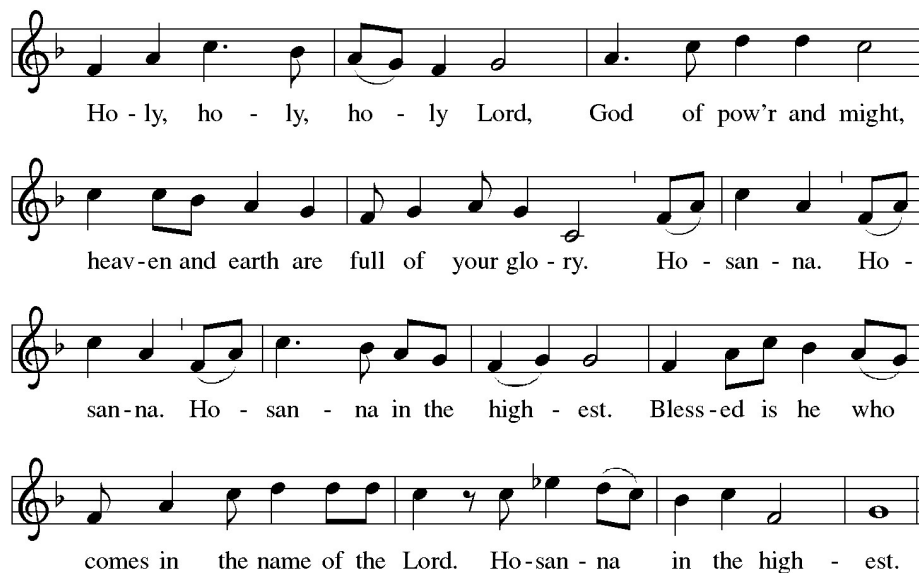
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- 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, Holy One, through Christ our Lord; who, after the resurrection, appeared openly to the disciples and, in their sight, was taken up into heaven, that he might make us partakers of his divine nature. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn :



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

☐ Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick, fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

*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 life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

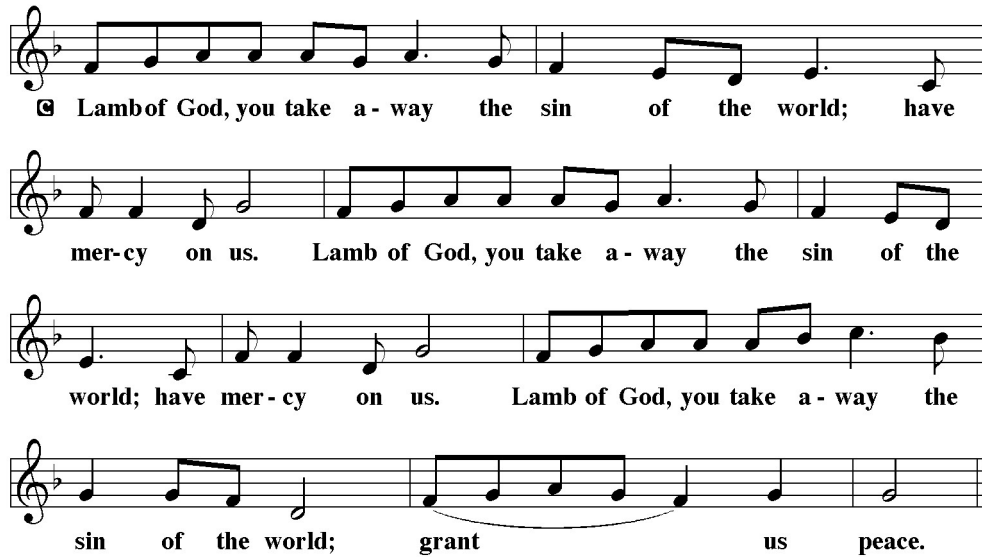
Through Christ all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

☑ Amen.

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

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

AGNUS DEI



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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread
- C** as once you were known to your disciples.
- P** 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

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

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COMMUNION

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

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

Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.

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

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

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.

This text was clearly written for Maundy Thursday, its author an early 20th century English man of letters. The composer of the tune holds an impeccable pedigree in English choral music, and wrote this tune for a text to be sung at a baptism.

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 463

Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed



1 Lord, who the night you were be - trayed did pray that all your
2 For all your church on earth, we in - ter - cede; Lord, make our
3 And hear our prayer for wan-d'ers from your fold; re - store them,
4 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, may we be



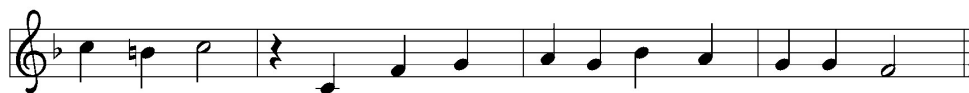
church might be for - ev - er one: help us at
sad di - vi - sions soon to cease; draw us all
too, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, back to the
one with all your church a - bove— one with your



ev - 'ry eu - cha - rist to say with will - ing heart and
clos - er, each to each, we plead, by draw - ing all to
faith your saints con - fessed of old, and to the church still
saints in one un - bro - ken peace, one with your saints in



soul, "Your will be done." Oh, may we all one bread, one
you, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one
pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one
one un - bound - ed love; more bless - ed still, in peace and



bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
love to be one with the Trin - i - ty in u - ni - ty.

Text: William H. Turton, 1856–1938, alt.
Music: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625



This text, by Episcopal priest and prolific hymn writer Carl Daw (b. 1944), was written for the tune by Peter Cutts (b. 1937), a well-respected British church musician and educator.

ELW 403

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, b. 1937
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Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, keep you in all goodness and health, and bring you to everlasting life.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray:
Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Eric Hedlund

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

*Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper.
The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.*

SENDING HYMN

ELW 656

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE – "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

J. William Greene

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

GREETER – Pat Young

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Linda Swanson

LECTOR – Eric Hedlund

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Mary Daniels

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

USHERS – Dave Griswold, Eric Hedlund, Kathy & Jonathan Ulrich



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our moms, Gertrude Blasco and Pauline Fickenworth by Vicky and Dion Blasco.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our mom, Alice Battersby, by her children; Dawn, Pete, J. R. and Pam.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Ann Coleman, Pastor Bill Coleman's mom, who died Thursday, May 4.

We would like to recognize our high school and college graduates. Please contact Norma in our church office by phone, 454-0106, ext. 221, or email, nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, by Friday, May 26 with the following:

For our high school graduates, please share:

1. Name
2. High school they are graduating from
3. Future plans, college, service, etc.

For our college graduates, please share:

1. Name
2. College they are graduating from
3. Degree

Today's Events

Sunday School classes for PreK – grade 6 will gather this morning from 9:30 – 10:15am. This is our final class until Sunday School begins again in September.

Blood pressures will be offered in the school library following the 10:30 service this morning.

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

Where Is Pastor Jay?

For the week of May 21, Pastor Jay will be out of town Tuesday through Thursday for continuing education. If you need to make an appointment for Monday, please call the church office or e-mail him: jmitchell@luthermemorialonline.org.

Paving Project

Parking has improved dramatically with the addition and improvements made over the last few weeks. We continue to ask for your financial support as our Capital Campaign moves forward. Additional commitments are needed as we look to fulfilling our financial goal. Your help and all that you do at Luther Memorial is appreciated; thank you.

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School – It's a Family Affair! Four fun evenings are planned for children, youth, and adults for VBS this year. Add to your calendars Wednesdays, May 24, May 31, June 7 and June 14. Our evenings together will be from 5:30-7:00pm and begin with a potluck meal (main dish provided; please bring a dish to share), followed by a Bible message, craft, music and some energetic activities, too. VBS has always been a fun experience for our children, and we are excited to make it a Family Affair this year.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Refreshments will be provided in the parlor following the 10:30am service on Sunday, May 28. Thank you to our Deborah Circle for providing this time of fellowship.

Dr. Karen Mitchell, Pastor Jay's mom, will join us on Tuesday, June 20 and offer a presentation on how the elder brain functions beginning at 11:00am. Plan to stay and join us for lunch; the main dish will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We hope many attend this interesting program and conversation. Reservations are due by Friday, June 16 to Jan MacInnes or the church office. Thank you.

Magic Fingers Grace Group invites you to start your Tuesday mornings with a smile by joining us for some knitting, crocheting and your yarn projects. Gathering the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am-12:00pm is a perfect way to start your day. Join us on May 23 for a wonderful morning. 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.

Luther Memorial Academy

LMA's Lego League team has been invited to a FIRST Lego League tournament at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts June 9-11, 2023. This is a huge opportunity for the LMA team and they are proud to represent LMA & Erie County. To make this happen for our team, it is necessary to raise \$845 per student, which means a total of \$5,915 for the team. If you are aware of an area business that would like to sponsor our Lego League, please share the information with the school office. Every little bit helps & all donation and sponsorship can be mailed or dropped off in the school office. Be sure to make checks payable to LMA & earmark them for Lego League. Thank you.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Pasta/Soup Kitchen

We are praying for volunteers for our ministry. Holy Trinity serves Tuesday evening dinner at 5:00 and a simple, nutritious lunch at noon on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. For lunch, volunteers arrive at 10:30am to prepare the meal, then serve and clean-up, usually leaving by 1:00pm. Volunteers are especially needed for one Wednesday or Saturday a month. Substitutes will also be needed during the summer, as regular volunteers take some time for vacation.

Additionally, Holy Trinity has been awarded a grant to install a free laundromat for our friends, neighbors and the homeless to use. Installation will begin in June and July, and they are looking/praying for volunteers who would be willing to oversee the operations. Times being considered are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9:00am-3:00pm, with volunteers working 3 hour shifts 9:00am-12:00pm or 12:00-3:00pm.

If you can help, please contact Ron King at rkingerie@roadrunner.com. Pastor Karen Lundwall can give you more information.

Bethany Outreach Center

The Bethany Outreach Center continues to serve the underprivileged in our community, and *we are so thankful for the help that the Luther Memorial congregation has been giving us.* Our Clothes Closet could use baby clothes, kids clothes, and adult male clothes. However, clothing of all types is always welcome. If you would like to donate clothes or food, please bring them in a bag or box and place them near the white cupboard in the Luther Memorial Parlor area.

Join us for the Highmark Walk at Presque Isle on Saturday, June 3, at Beach 11 at 8:30am. Our team will assemble, and the walk will begin at 9:00am! Sign up to join our team, or donate by going to Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community, click on Erie, select Donate Now and choose Bethany Outreach Center. Feel free to call or text Eric Hedlund if you have any questions at (814) 722-7732.

Items to Note

Parking in the lot across from 11th Street is not permitted. Please do not park in this area as your car will be towed. Thank you.

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, MAY 22	6:00pm 6:00pm	PTL General Meeting LMA Legos
TUESDAY, MAY 23	10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24	5:30pm	Vacation Bible School – It’s a Family Affair
THURSDAY, MAY 25	5:30pm 6:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, MAY 26		
SATURDAY, MAY 27		

**SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023
THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

Worship with us at 8:15 and 10:30am.

Coffee and refreshments will be offered in the parlor at 11:30am.

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am 10:30am	Ellen DiPlacido Stan Rose
Altar Guild	8:15am 10:30am	Donna Sedelmyer Loretta Deeds
Greeters	8:15am 10:30am	Vicky Blasco Stan Rose
Counters	10:30am	Jean McMillin, Skip Meyn

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon	John Scott		
Friends and Family:			
Debbie	Elayne Morphy	Kate Collins	Bernie Wiest
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie	Mary Correll	Roger Smith	Branden Jones
Mark Smith	Nichole Jones	Bob Guenther	Caitlyn Kessler
John Varner	Melissa Pierce	Diane Henry	Meghan Kessler
Ginger	Kevin	Michael Collins	Adam Surovick
Baby Archer Bardwell	Curtis Krick	Barbara Dennison	Susan Brooks
Michele Seifert			
Grief:			
Dennis Sander family	Ann Coleman family	Pia Glover family	Joan Peters family
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown