

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



29 MAY 2022
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Three • 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 – "Rise, O Sun of Righteousness"

arr. Charles Ore, Jan Bender, Michael Burkhardt

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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

☐ In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.



C We thank you, God, for your river of life,
 flowing freely from your throne: through the earth,
 through the city, through every living thing.

L You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
 You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
 Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
 and our sin is drowned forever.
 You open the gate of righteousness
 and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
 You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
 You call us forth and send us out.
 In lush and barren places, you are with us.
 You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water
 and awaken your church once more.

C Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
 Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

L To you, our Beginning and our End,
 our Shepherd and Lamb,
 be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
 now and forever.

C Amen.

Originally a tune to a 15th century folk song, this was adopted by the Bohemian Brethren for a 1566 hymnal. The tune was changed from folk use to church use.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

ELW 657

1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
 2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
 3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
 4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
 5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the

might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
 word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
 wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
 heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:

show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.


Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958
 Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566
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GREETING


- ℣ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☩ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ℣ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☩ **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-tory 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, with 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-tory 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, 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.”

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 97 (8:15 am Service) (Sung in alternation.)



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¹The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.

²**Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God’s throne.**

³Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,
burning up enemies on | every side.

⁴**Lightnings light | up the world;
the earth | sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains | melt like wax
before the Lord of | all the earth.

⁶**The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD,
and all the peoples | see your glory.**



⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight ¹ in false gods!

Bow down before the LORD, ¹ all you gods.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- ¹ dah rejoice,
because of your judg- ¹ ments, O LORD.**

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over ¹ all the earth;
you are exalted far a- ¹ bove all gods.

¹⁰**You who love the ¹ LORD, hate evil!**

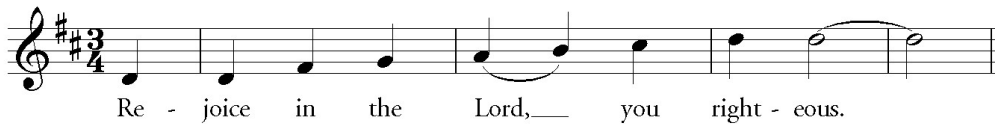
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand ¹ of the wicked.

¹¹Light dawns ¹ for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- ¹ est of heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the ¹ LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's ¹ holy name.**

PSALM: Psalm 97 (10:30 am Service)

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



¹The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

²Clouds and darkness are round about him,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

³A fire goes before him,
and burns up his enemies on every side.

⁴His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees it and is afraid. **R**

⁵The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

⁶The heavens declare his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before him all you gods.

⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O Lord. **R**

⁹For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰The Lord loves those who hate evil!

He preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹Light has sprung up for the righteous,
and joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.

¹²Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name. **R**

*The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again.
We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.*

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.

¹⁶"It 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.

☒ The word of the Lord.

☑ 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, the seventeenth chapter.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God.
To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission:
to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.*

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will 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.

²⁵"Righteous 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.

SERMON

Michael Snider

Please stand as you are able.

*Text for this hymn is by a distinguished Lutheran educator and pastor,
while the melody was written by a prolific author, composer and educator to accompany this text.
Together the two wrote ten such pairings while attending a retreat in 1981.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 826

Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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Please be seated.

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.

Please stand as you are able.

THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

A Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Make worthy the work of scientists who look to the stars and planets, as well as scientists who look to atoms and molecules. Bring innovation and well-being to humanity through their discoveries. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples, including Ukraine. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer. ▶

A Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry. Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit's gift of faith. We pray especially for the people of Buffalo and Uvalde, Texas as they mourn the effects of violence in their communities. Bring an end to the cycle of violence in our world. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Stir imagination and understanding throughout the church in the work of poets, theologians, and hymn-writers. Lead us into new visions and fresh expressions of your presence. God, in your mercy,

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, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus, especially John Swenson and Leonard Krotz. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

L The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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

Please be seated. (10:30 am Service)

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

ANTHEM – "O Holy City, Seen of John"
(10:30 am Service)

Rev. Walter Russel Bowie / William Roger Price

*O holy city, seen of John, where Christ the Lamb, doth reign,
Within whose foursquare walls shall come, no night, nor need, nor pain,
And where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep again.*

*Give us, O God, the strength to build the city that hath stood
Too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is servanthood,
And where the sun that shineth is God's grace for human good.*

*Already in the mind of God that city riseth fair:
Lo, how its splendor challenges the souls that greatly dare;
Yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glory there.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION PRAYER

D Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.
When our congregation gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion,
we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and
of the love shown us in the death and resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With thanksgiving we remembered that
“in the night in which he was betrayed,
he took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

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

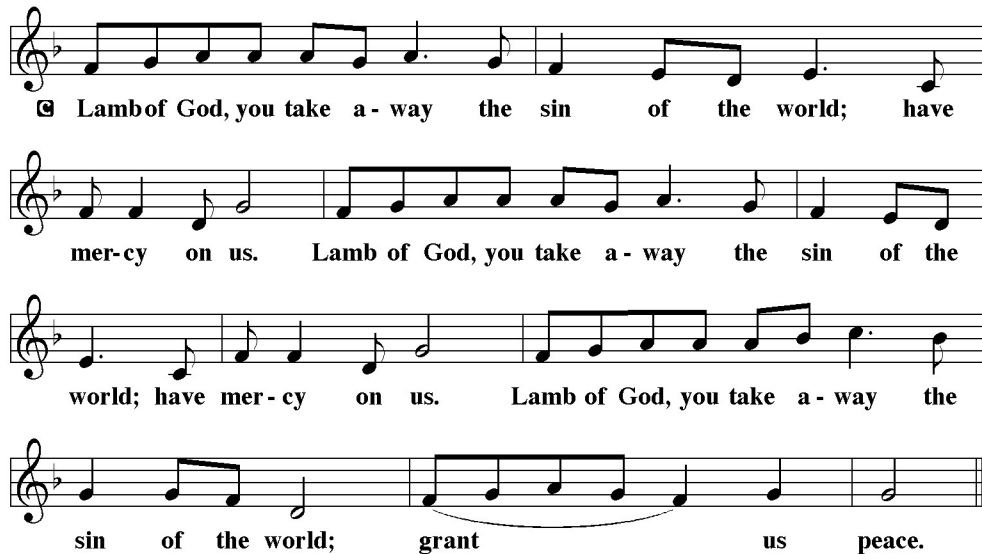
We were given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit.
Now we bring to you this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing,
that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ.

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

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*

D As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI



☪ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.
- ☪ Amen.
- ☐ 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.

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION

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

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

Take a cup and then return to your seat.

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

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

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.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION (10:30 am Service)

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 Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

- D** 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, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
- C** Amen.

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

BLESSING

- L** God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
‡ bless you now and forever.
- C** Amen!

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 855

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

arr. Wilbur Held

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

PREACHING – Michael Snider

GREETERS – Vicky Blasco (8:15 am)

Jeanne Gaber, Skip Meyn, Pat Young (10:30 am)

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer (10:30 am)

ASSISTING MINISTERS – Roberta Lobaugh (8:15 am)

Liz Stroup (10:30 am)

LAY DISTRIBUTORS – Jan MacInnes (8:15 am)

Linda Graffius (10:30 am)

LECTOR – Les Fobes (10:30 am)

ALTAR GUILD – Cathie Dugan (8:15 am)

Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels (10:30 am)



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, John, and our parents by Lee Swenson.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Coleen DiCenzo on the death of her brother, Leonard Krotz, on Saturday, May 21, 2022.

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 Tuesday, May 30 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

Welcome to our Visitors!

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

Today's Events

The Mission of Inter-Church Ministries is to be a network of Christian Churches committed to cooperation for the greater good of the religious community and people of Erie County. ICM has brought Christian traditions together in praise and celebration through ecumenical worship and has been a catalyst in the development and promotion of many programs that address the needs of our community. If you would like to support ICM and their programming a special offering will be received this morning. Please mark your envelope "ICM" and place in the offering plate. Thank you.

Worship

At our service of worship this morning, we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion through the distribution of the elements blessed at a previous celebration. Our Lay Distributors of Holy Communion were selected by the congregational council, received instruction, and were appointed by Bishop Michael Lozano. They serve this congregation during times of pastoral vacancy so that we may continue to receive communion as Christ's body here at Luther Memorial Church.

Next Sunday is the Day of Pentecost. Please wear red to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. We will also celebrate with our confirmands as they affirm God's promises to them in their baptism.

ReCharge contemporary worship service will be held Sunday, June 12. Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship, fun and a delicious meal at 4:00pm. Stay for worship at 5:00 and your soul will be filled with His love.

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

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School for the whole family will be held Monday, June 27 – Thursday, June 30 from 6:00-7:30pm at Luther Memorial. At Cave Quest we will learn that Jesus is the one who lights our way and gives us hope for each new day. Discover what it means to hold God's mighty power in everyday life and join us for a great VBS. Weather permitting we will gather in the green space on the west side of the church near 10th Street. In case of rain we will meet in fellowship hall. Registration forms are available at the welcome tables and in the church and school offices.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. Shake off those winter doldrums, bring your knitting projects and join us on June 14 and 28. 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.

Supporting our Youth

Try your luck at our fun raffle baskets. Different ones will be popping up throughout the summer so stop by our youth table. Cookie cards from Ye Ole Sweet Shoppe are also still available.

Stay Healthy

A Matter of Balance is a program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels and will be offered at Luther Memorial on Fridays from 10:00am – 12:00 noon from June 3 – July 29. There will not be a class held on July 1. This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Registration is due by this morning by contacting Linda Graffius at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org. The class is free; all materials will be provided. Flyers are located at the welcome table.

Outreach Opportunity

Bethany Outreach Center could use some extra help on Wednesdays. We are in-process of creating a team of 3-9 volunteers to handle the jobs described below. Then we will create a schedule for which team members will serve each week, based upon their availability.

The 3 weekly jobs for which we need volunteers are described below:

1. Food Pickup, Delivery, and Food Distribution Setup (7:45-9:30am)
2. Clothes Closet and Food Pantry Setup (8:00-9:30am)
3. Clothes Closet and Food Pantry Takedown (10:30-11:30am)

Notes: Each of these volunteers need to be able to handle steps and lifting while carrying items such as tables, boxes or bags of food, and bins of clothes. For Job #1 your vehicle must be able to hold 2-3 medium size bins, such as a SUV or car with a large trunk.

If you are interested, please contact Eric Hedlund via email at eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org or by phone at 814-722-7732. He will provide you with a detailed description of each of the jobs and if you wish to be on the team, he will take your information and put you in the schedule for the job and date(s) you wish. As dates are filled in Eric will distribute the updated schedule to all team members via email.

Support for Ukraine

To offer support to people in Ukraine donations may be made to the following organizations:

- Lutheran Disaster Response at www.ldr.org or call 800-638-3522
- Lutheran World Relief at www.lwr.org
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service at www.lirs.org

If you would prefer to place your donation in the offering this morning, please mark it Ukraine and we will send all donations to Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you.

Luther Memorial Church Policy

Masking at Luther Memorial Church is now optional. Masking recommendations will be revisited monthly and changes made if community numbers increase. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

In Case of Emergency

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

C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, MAY 30 <i>Memorial Day</i>		Church and LMA Closed
TUESDAY, MAY 31	8:45am	LMA Buddies
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1		Newsletter Mailing
THURSDAY, JUNE 2	6:00pm 7:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, JUNE 3	6:00pm 7:00pm	Grade 8 Banquet Grade 8 Dance
SATURDAY, JUNE 4	10:00am	Julia House Gathering

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022 **THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

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

The recorded service at 10:30am is also available on Luther Memorial Church’s website at www.luthermemorialonline.org by clicking on the tabs of “Resources & Online Worship” and “Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study”.

Confirmation students and families will gather for a light breakfast at 9:00am in the parlor.

Baccalaureate and Graduation for our Luther Memorial Academy Grade 8 students will be held at 3:00pm in the main church.

	SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022	
	ASSISTING IN WORSHIP	
Assisting Ministers	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Sharon Burke

– BULLETIN PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Arden Fetcko	Mark Howell	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Brent Young
Bill Grande			

Friends and Family:

Amy Daugherty	Bob R.	Amy Valentine	Linda F.
Eli Martinez Montero	Allison & Erik	N. S.	Kevin
Bishop Michael Lozano	Nancy Baker	Judy Skoog	Kathy Kisak
Meghan Kessler	Bonnie Ford	William Lemmon	Marie Checkley
Sophia	Sidney	Bob Guenther	Norman Jensen
Brendon Sauers & Carol Stinson	Lesley	Amy & Nate	Donnie Schley
Mike & Paula Lombardozzi family	Michelle Miller	Robbie Grainger	Vera

Our Military Service Men & Women:

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