

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



25 September 2022  
Luther Memorial Academy and Church  
Sunday Worship  
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 am

*Luther Memorial Academy opened its doors in September, 1976, with one Kindergarten class. A grade was added each year and the first eighth grade graduation took place in 1985. We have developed an outstanding reputation in Erie for academic excellence, strong values, and community spirit. Our goals are to provide, in a Christian atmosphere, a high-quality education; to develop the child's full potential; to encourage special interests and abilities; and to have an atmosphere of courtesy and respect which leads to healthy discipline. In short, to provide a total Christian learning and growing experience.*

**It is the purpose of our school to have our children grow as Jesus grew...**

**in wisdom (academically),  
in favor with God (spiritually),**

**in stature (physically),  
and in favor with man (socially).**

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

## LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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**25 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 10:30**



### LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

**PRELUDE** – Hymn Prelude on “Gatescarth”  
(“Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart”)

D. Dahl

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



**L** God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**C** we confess that sin still has a hold on us.  
 We have harmed your good creation.  
 We have failed to do justice,  
 love kindness,  
 and walk humbly with you.  
 Turn us in a new direction.  
 Show us the path that leads to life.  
 Be our refuge and strength on the journey,  
 through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
 Amen.


**L** Beloved of God  
 your sins are forgiven  $\mp$  and you are made whole.  
 God points the way to new life in Christ,  
 who meets us on the road.  
 Journey now in God's abiding love  
 through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*This lively text was written for the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Echoing Psalm 98, it is a prime example of a 20<sup>th</sup>-century hymn style based on phrases rather than complete sentences. The exuberant tune was created expressly for these words.*


**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**Earth and All Stars!**

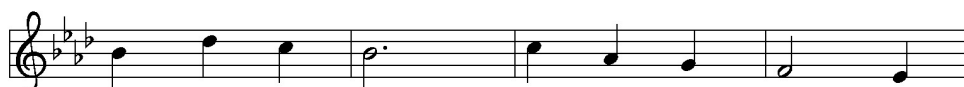
**ELW 731**




<i>All</i>	1	Earth and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
<i>All</i>	2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!
<i>All</i>	3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!
<i>Students</i>	4	Class - rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!
<i>All</i>	5	Knowl - edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!



Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Hail, wind, and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!
Ath - lete and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!



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*Refrain*

God has done mar - vel - ous things.  
I too sing prais - es with a new song!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926  
 Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987  
 Text and music © 1968 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## GREETING

- ☐ 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY PRAYER

- ☐ Lord, bless  
 This mind to learn your truth  
 This mouth to speak your wisdom  
 These hands to do your service  
 These ears to hear your purpose  
 This heart to feel your love  
 Each and every day.
- ☑ **Amen.**

## LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY STUDENTS SING

LMA School Song

*Our voices we're raising, in song we are praising  
 To Luther Memorial our tribute we give.  
 Your truth and your honor, we wear as a banner  
 Learning to serve well as long as we live.  
 The ideals will be forever; your gifts will sustain us ever  
 We will cherish each lesson and mem'ries so dear.  
 God's blessing is o'er us, He ev'r watches o'er us  
 As forward we travel the paths far and near.*

## INSTALLATION OF LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY STAFF

*Please stand as you are able.*

## KYRIE

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** Let us pray.

**C** **O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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

*The prophet Amos announces that Israel’s great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God’s people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor.  
The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.*

## FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

<sup>1a</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

<sup>4</sup>Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall;

<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

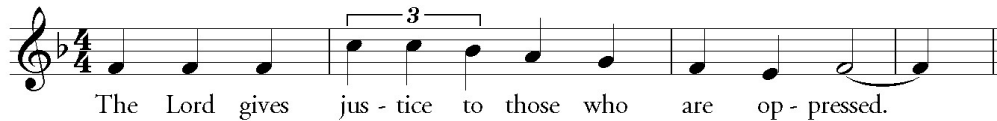
<sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

<sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 146** (*Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.*)



- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- <sup>2</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth  
for there is no help in them.
- <sup>3</sup>When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish. **R**
- <sup>4</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- <sup>5</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps his promise forever;
- <sup>6</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
and food to those who hunger.
- <sup>7</sup>The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- <sup>8</sup>the Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- <sup>9</sup>The Lord shall reign forever,  
your God O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! **R**

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life.  
His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Refrain:** *Sung once by the choir, repeated by the congregation and repeated after the verse.*



*You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor,  
so that by his poverty you might become rich.  
(2 Corinthians 8:9)*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

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

*Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.”  
Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.*

### GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Michael Snider

*Please stand as you are able.*

The author of this hymn text wrote it on request, and it took shape in his mind as he prepared a sermon on Matthew 22:9. The melody is the work of an English stocking manufacturer, who marked the tune "Subject from Beethoven," but was unable to point out where. He published several volumes of and about music in his lifetime.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

ELW 719



1 Where cross the crowd-ed ways of life, where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch-ed - ness and need, on shad - owed  
 3 From ten - der child-hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man  
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
 thresh-olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from  
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.  
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside  
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
 among these restless throngs abide;  
 oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
 and follow where your feet have trod;  
 till glorious from your heav'n above  
 shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.  
 Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.



## THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

**A** As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place, especially our vocal and handbell choirs. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** We pray for children in Luther Memorial Academy and Church. Give them compassionate and patient families, caregivers, mentors, teachers, and friends. Assure them that Jesus is always with them and loves them. God of grace.

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** We give thanks for Luther Memorial Academy, its students, parents, and teachers. Be present with them, O Lord, and let this school always be a place of learning and love. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

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

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Enfold the saints, especially C. Richard and Dorothy Overberg, and Jeffrey Benson who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

*Please include LMA offerings in envelope enclosed in bulletin.*

*For normal Sunday giving include in church envelope or place loose offering in offering plate.*

**ANTHEM – "Jubilate!"**

Carolee Curtright

*Jubilate Deo, Jubilate Deo, Deo. Jubilate, Jubilate Deo,  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all ye lands.  
Jubilate, Jubilate Deo. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all ye lands.  
Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before his presence with a joyful song.  
Jubilate, Jubilate Deo. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, unto the Lord all ye lands.  
Sing to the Lord with the harp and the voice of a psalm.  
Praise with stringed instruments, with timbrel and with dance.  
Sing praise with the loud cymbals,  
with the high sounding cymbals, with trumpet and sound of cornet.  
  
Let everything that hath breath,  
Let everything that hath breath,  
Praise the Lord.*

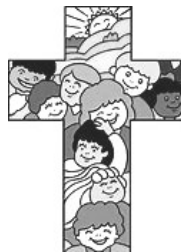
*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY**

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Musical notation for the Offertory. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost."

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



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Merciful Father

**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us,  
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**A** 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*

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

## BLESSING

**L** God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity,  $\text{†}$  one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**C** Amen.

*Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20<sup>th</sup>-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).*

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 881

### Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
 fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
 for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.  
 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
 Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.

## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
- Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE – “Fugue in a Minor”

J. S. Bach

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PREACHING* – Michael Snider  
*GREETER* – Natalie Montero  
*CRUCIFER* – William Johnson  
*BANNER BEARER* – A’Naja Barney  
*ACOLYTE* – Kara Partusch  
*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Julie Ditz  
*FIRST READING* – Eleanor Wertz  
*SECOND READING* – Monique Crocket  
*USHERS* – Martha & Tom Klomp, Elvin Montero, Betty Pletz  
*ALTAR GUILD* – Loretta Deeds



**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the teachers, staff and students of Luther Memorial Academy by Mrs. Susan Belott and Mrs. Pat Young, former administrator and secretary of LMA.

**Bulletins** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of C. Richard Overberg and Dorothy Overberg by their family.

**Our love and sympathy** is with the family and friends of Dorothy Overberg who died Friday, September 16, 2022. Her funeral service was held at Luther Memorial on Wednesday, September 21. Please keep her family, Beth and Jerry Keller, Tyler and Anna Keller, and John and Katrina Overberg in your prayers.

**Our love and sympathy** is with the family and friends of Jeffrey Benson who died Friday, September 16, 2022. His funeral service was held at Luther Memorial on Thursday, September 22. Please keep Jeffrey's family in your prayers.

**Thank you** to Dawn Weberg for sharing her gift of music with us this morning as she serves as our organist while our Cantor, Walt Gaber, is on vacation.

### **Welcome to our Visitors!**

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

### **Worship**

**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.

**ReCharge** contemporary service will be offered Sunday, October 9. All are invited to join us for fellowship, games and a delicious meal at 4:00pm. Our worship service will be held at 5:00pm on the fifth floor.

### **Today's Events**

**Please join us** in the library immediately following the 10:30 service this morning for the Werner Book Fair. Refreshments, compliments of the PTL, will also be available in the parlor.

**Confirmation classes** for our 10<sup>th</sup> grade youth meet each Sunday at 11:30am through October 23. Our 10<sup>th</sup> grade youth will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 30. Lunch will be provided each week.

**CROP Walk** is this afternoon at Presque Isle, Beach 1. Registration begins at 1:00 with the Walk beginning at 2:00. Join with us as we raise funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need for today and sustainable food security for tomorrow! Didn't register yet? You can do that at 1:00 and walk with us to make a difference in our community.

### **Christian Education**

**Children's Church** will begin gathering in October at 9:30 on Sunday mornings following the same schedule as last year. We'll see our youngest ones next Sunday.

Pre-K – Kindergarten will meet the first Sunday of the month; Sunday, October 2;

Grades 1 – 3 will meet the second Sunday of the month; October 9;

LYO Youth will meet the third Sunday of the month; October 16;

Grades 4 – 6 will meet the fourth Sunday of the month; October 23.

**Bibles** will be presented to children in third grade on Reformation Sunday, October 30 during the 10:30am service. Please contact Norma in our church office by Monday, October 17 if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. Thank you.

### **Music Ministry**

**The Luther Memorial Choirs** (*handbell & vocal*) gather on Thursdays at 6:00pm for handbells and 7:00pm for choir. We continue to wear masks when we are gathered together for rehearsal and worship. Both rehearsals are held on the air-conditioned 5th floor. Handbells require a commitment of at least through Christmas as each ringer is assigned a part and continuity is important. However, if you read music and would like to fill in on short notice, we are often in need of substitutes. The vocal choir can accommodate those who would prefer a shorter time commitment. If your schedule changes throughout the seasons, consider singing with us for 6-8 weeks during the seasons of Autumn, Advent & Christmas, Lent or Easter. Please contact Cantor Walt Gaber ([WaltGaber@gmail.com](mailto:WaltGaber@gmail.com) or 814.602.2755) for more information and to express your interest in participating.

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. The autumn season is time for those warmer colors so bring your creativity, yarn and knitting or crochet needles and join us September 27. If you'd like to stop by to chat and visit, we'd love to see you. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes and let us know if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

**Oktoberfest** will be celebrated on Sunday, October 9 at 11:30am in our fellowship hall. A delicious German meal of bratwurst and sauerkraut (hotdogs for the kiddos) will be served to be shared by all. Beverages of beer, cider, coffee and water provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come and enjoy the fellowship. Reservations are appreciated to Norma in the church office by Sunday, October 2.

**Corn Hole Tournament**, to support the Luther Memorial Academy Athletic Program, will be held Saturday, October 15 from 2:00 – 5:00pm at Luther Memorial. The cost per team is \$20. Reserve your spot by contacting Natalie Bartlett at [lnaathletics01@gmail.com](mailto:lnaathletics01@gmail.com). Be the “*Boss of the Toss*” and join us for snacks, drinks, baskets and prizes.

## Family Events

**Family Scavenger Hunt** is scheduled for Sunday, October 2 beginning at 12:00 noon leaving from our church. Be a super sleuth and use the clues to find your destinations. One of the stops along the way will be a “God’s Work. Our Hands” small service project, which will also serve as an event for our confirmation students. The scavenger hunt will conclude no later than 5:00pm.

**Trunk or Treat** will be held Sunday, October 23 in our Luther Memorial Church parking lot. A howling good time for the entire family, safely held outside with all treats individually wrapped. We are hoping for a parking lot full of cars filled with treats for our trunk-or-treaters. Set up will be at 12:00 noon; the event will be held from 12:30-2:00pm. Decorate yourself and your car, and enjoy. Please RSVP to our church office by Wednesday, October 19 that you will be participating. Thank you.

## Outreach Opportunities

**The Holy Trinity** food ministries will resume the regular schedule of Tuesday evening dinner, and Wednesday and Saturday lunches, beginning September 6.

Holy Trinity is in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve these meals each week, as well as a person(s) to act as coordinators/leaders for the different days.

The Tuesday cooking team begins preparing the food between 2:00 and 3:00pm each week depending on the menu, with dinner being served from 5:10 until 5:45pm, followed by after dinner clean-up.

The Wednesday and Saturday cooking team begins preparing the food at 10:30am each day, with lunch being served from noon until 12:30pm, followed by after lunch clean-up.

The Food Pantry distributes food bags each week beginning at 6:00pm following the Tuesday evening dinners. Food is delivered on Tuesdays from 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank, sorted, organized and prepared beginning at 4:00pm. Volunteers are needed to help sort and organize the food and assemble/distribute the food bags, along with persons to sit at a table and sign-in/register those seeking food from the Food Bank.

If you are willing to volunteer your valuable talents to any of these ministries please contact the church office at (814) 452-3518 or email: [holytrinityerie@yahoo.com](mailto:holytrinityerie@yahoo.com).

## Luther Memorial Church Policy

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

## In Case of Emergency

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

**CALENDAR**

<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26</b>	6:00pm 6:00pm	PTL LMA Legos
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27</b>	10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28</b>	6:00pm	Newsletter Mailing LMA Legos
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29</b>	6:00pm 7:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1</b>	10:00am	Julia House Meeting

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022**  
**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Pastor Karen Lundwall** will preach at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and the 10:30am service in the main church.

**Confirmation class** for 10<sup>th</sup> grade youth will be held at 11:30am in fellowship hall.

**Family Scavenger Hunt** begins at 12:00 noon.

<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Lois Smith
	10:30am	Dave Griswold
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeters	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham, Liz Stroup

**– BULLETIN PRAYER LIST –**

<b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b>			
<b>Our Members:</b>			
Arden Fetcko	Martha Stickner	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Jan MacInnes
C. Noelle Partusch	Dave Parsh	Bob Banks	Mark Howell
Elizabeth & Scott Cowan	Pat Bellingham	Chickie Braine	Bill Grande
<b>Friends and Family:</b>			
Amy Daugherty	Bob R.	Amy Valentine	Linda F.
Eli Martinez Montero	Mary Correll	Larry Lechner	Amy Clark
Edie Jackman	Melissa Geiser	Judy Skoog	Amy & Nate
Meghan Kessler	Bonnie Ford	Sophia	Marie Checkley
Jessica & Damian Ream	Sidney	Bob Guenther	Tammy Fuller
Tom McGrail	Robbie Grainger	Marilyn Hahn	Sue O'Mahony
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie	Terry Bucheri	Nicole Frank	
<b>Grief:</b>			
Doris Swan family	Dot Respecki family	Don Tatar family	
<b>Our Military Service Men &amp; Women:</b>			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown

**LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY SUNDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 25, 2022**

Welcome to the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Luther Memorial Academy Sunday. We gather as a school family to worship and celebrate LMA's continued educational mission to the Erie community.

Additional monies for school equipment, supplies, and special projects are available through the Thrivent Choice program. The Thrivent Choice program enables every member of Thrivent to designate where funds from their Thrivent membership are to be dispersed ~ Luther Memorial Church and Luther Memorial Academy are designated recipients of Thrivent Choice Dollars. Please donate funds to LMA by looking into the financial services provided by Thrivent (life insurance, annuities, Medicare supplements, etc.). Visit their website at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) or we welcome you to speak with our Thrivent representative, Terry Hokaj at 878-5727. Terry is also a member of Luther Memorial Church.

**LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY BOARD:**



**JAMES WERTZ** – President  
**NATALIE MONTERO** – Vice-President  
**SHANNON MCADOO** – Secretary  
**MIRIAM SCHEID** – Treasurer

JOHN BARTLETT  
M. J. HOWELL (Member Emeritus)  
KATIE ROMBA (Teacher Representative)

BECKY CAREY  
MICHAEL MCCORMICK

**PARENT/TEACHER LEAGUE:**

Parental involvement helps enhance the quality of school life.

**KIM WERTZ** – President  
**BREAUNA HIGGINS** – Vice-President  
**AMANDA FRIED** – Secretary  
**ANNA WILLIAMS** – Treasurer  
**NATALIE BARTLETT** – Sports  
**BETH KELLER** – Teacher Representative



**2022-2023 ACADEMY STAFF:**

**BECKY CAREY** – Administrator  
**AMANDA FRIED** – Office Manager  
**CHERYL CARAM** – Kindergarten  
**KATIE ROMBA** – Grade 1  
**BETH KELLER** – Grade 2  
**KIMBERLY EVANS** – Grade 3  
**KAREN SOCASH** – Grade 4  
**REBECCA MCCORMICK** – Grade 5  
**IMARII ANDERSON** – Grade 6 (English, Reading, Literature)  
**AMY GILEWICZ** – Grade 7 (Math, Social Studies, Art, Study Skills)  
**CARYN CHLUDZINSKI** – Grade 7-8 (Math and Science, Spanish)  
**A. J. NOYES** – Specials; Music, Guidance, Spanish (K-5)  
Physical Education  
**GRETCHEN WOLFORD & SUSAN LERI** – Librarians  
**MACKayLA MATTOCK** – Language Development  
**STEPHANIE SHERWOOD** – Reading Specialist  
**JODY DONOVAN** – Math Specialist (Kdg. – Grade 6)  
**CHRIS MUSI** – Math Specialist (Grades 7 & 8)  
**BETH KELLER** (Coordinator), **IMARII ANDERSON**  
**CARYN CHLUDZINSKI** – Before & After School Program  
**BETH KELLER & DAWN WEBORG** – Chapel



## Luther Memorial Academy Library Book Fair:



Open a book and you will find people and places of every kind.  
Open a book and you can be anything that you want to be.  
Open a book and you can share wondrous world you find in there.  
Open a book and I will, too. You read to me, and I'll read to you.

Please visit our library this morning to browse the shelves and enjoy the Book Fair. Thank you to the Werner Book Store for providing a wide variety of books for us to choose from. Pick one or two up this morning, and maybe something special for Christmas, too.



### Opportunities to Support LMA

- **Members of Thrivent** may designate their Choice Dollars to Luther Memorial Academy by calling Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 by March 15, 2021. It is necessary to call yearly to specify with Thrivent that your donation is to be directed to LMA. Simply specify that your donation is to benefit Luther Memorial Academy regarding the grant opportunity. The more donations that are received will boost our school's chances of being selected to receive this grant.
- **Recycling** – Save these items that help our school: used printer cartridges.
- **Box Tops for education** – Store receipt information for eligible products can be photographed and submitted on-line or on the Box Tops for education app. The school is listed as “Luther Memorial Learning Center”.
- **Donations of:**
  - Bottled waters (small and large)
  - Paper towels
  - Copier Paper

