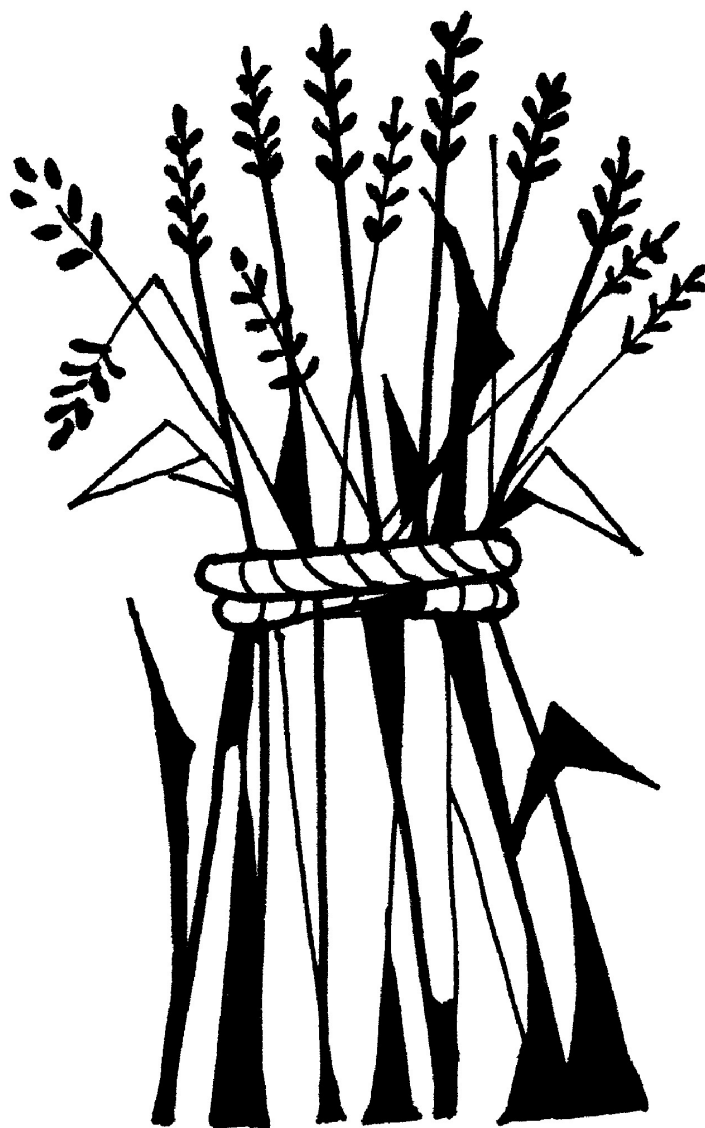


WELCOME TO
**LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & ACADEMY**



19 JULY 2026
The 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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SARAH PRYLINSKI

Youth and Family Ministry

Luther Memorial Church and Academy are located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people—Peoples of the Six Nations and Keepers of the Western Door. These lands were ceded by the people of the Six Nations on October 22, 1784 in a treaty ratified by the United States Government in 1785 and never ratified by the people of the Six Nations. We gather in this place indebted to these peoples for their forced generosity. While some peoples were successful in resisting assimilation and genocide, and still live on dwindled homelands now, many were absorbed into other peoples, exiled, or annihilated by the United States government for their land. For those who remain and for the land on which we gather, we give thanks to the Creator and to those who have been custodians of this part of Turtle Island since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

+ Everything you need to follow along in worship is included in this bulletin. You are invited to stand and sit—as you are able—as indicated herein.

+ If you have a need to **children's** bulletins, coloring pages, crayons, or other supplies they are available on the Welcome Table. You can proceed out the door next to the pulpit and find the Welcome Table near the door.

- Children are always welcome in worship and together we make a joyful noise! However, if you have need, a staffed nursery is available down the stairs across from the Welcome Table.

+ An all-gender and accessible **restroom** is available out the door next to the pulpit, up the ramp, and to the right. Follow signs for “Handicap Bathroom.” Other restrooms are available down the hallway next to Faith Chapel across from the parlor.

+ You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshiping around you and turn your phones and devices to silent. Feel free to take pictures of our beautiful sanctuary or post about the sermon. However, we ask that you ask permission before taking any people pictures.

+ We welcome all to worship and to the Table trusting that it is the Holy Spirit that draws us all together. If you would like information about joining the congregation or receiving the Sacraments of the Church, be sure to talk to Pastor Jay after worship (you can usually find him next to the pulpit after the service).

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PRELUDE*Please rise in body or spirit.***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS***All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin...Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

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

**Forgive us,
renew us,
and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.**GATHERING HYMN****Praise and Thanksgiving****ELW 689**

1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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OPENING SENTENCE

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God.

And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray: Bless Linda, O Lord, as she reads to us the scriptures. As rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return until the earth is watered, let your word not return empty, but accomplish your purpose and succeed in that for which it was sent; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 12:13-19

¹³There is no deity besides you whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. ¹⁴nor can any ruler of earth confront you about those whom you have punished. ¹⁵You are righteous, and you rule all things righteously, deeming it alien to your power to condemn anyone who does not deserve to be punished. ¹⁶For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. ¹⁷For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any

insolence among those who know it. ¹⁸Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge fairly, and with great forbearance you govern us, for you have power to act whenever you choose. ¹⁹Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 86:11-17

The psalm is sung in unison according to Tone 4:



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- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk | in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.**
- 12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,
and glorify your name for- | evermore. R**
- 13 For great is your | love toward me;
you have delivered me from the | pit of death.**
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people | seeks my life;
they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.**
- 15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.**
- 16 Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your handmaid.**
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be | put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and com- | forted me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

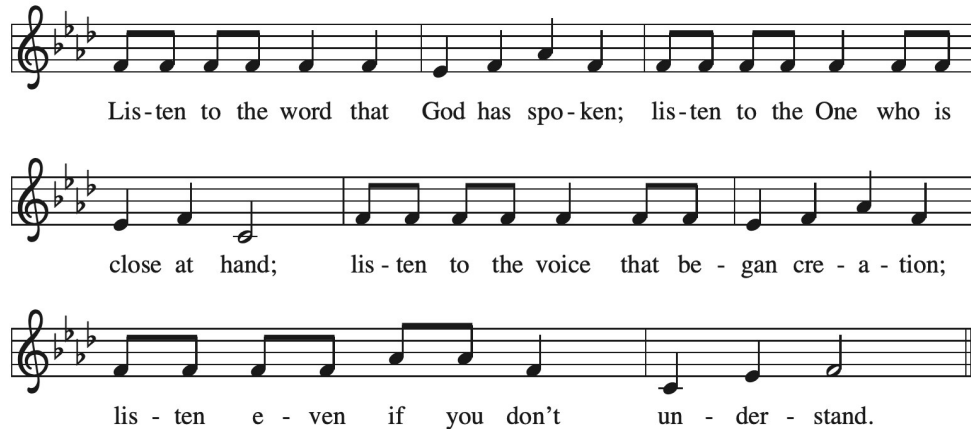
¹²So then, my dear family, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with Christ so that we may also be glorified with Christ. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The congregation may rise in body or spirit to greet the gospel.

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken



Text: Anonymous, Canada

Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005**GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The dominion of heaven may be compared to a landowner who sowed good seed in a field, ²⁵but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said, ‘Did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸The landowner answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But the landowner replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, ‘Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷Jesus answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Human One; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of God’s dominion; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Human One will send the angels, and they will collect out of the dominion all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the dominion of their Sovereign. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.*Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.***SERMON**

Pastor Jay

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

Lord, Your Hands Have Formed

1 Lord, your hands have formed this world, ev - 'ry part is shaped by
 2 Yours the soil that holds the seed, you give warmth and mois - ture,
 3 Like a mat you roll out land, space to build for us and

you— wa - ter tum - bling o - ver rocks, air, and sun - light:
 too. Sprout-ing blos - soms, crops and buds, trees and plants: the
 you earth - ly homes and, bet - ter still, homes for Christ: the

each day's signs that you make all things new.
 sea - son's signs that you make all things new.
 tru - est sign that you make all things new.

Text: Ramon and Sario Ollano; para. James Minchin, b. 1942; tr. Delbert Rice
 Music: GAYOM NI HIGAMI, Ikalahan (Philippines) traditional
 Text © James Minchin, admin. Asian Institute for Liturgy & Music., admin. Augsburg Fortress.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Enlighten Yehiel and Kristen, our bishops; Jean, our dean; Jay, our pastor, and all who are called to tend your church. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. We especially lift up those whose names and needs we know and call out now: here you may offer those prayers on your heart silently or aloud. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, in particular Deacon Deb and Pastor Ryan, and all the staff at Lutherlyn. Inspire daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence: Mary Magdalene, Birgitta, James; and our own beloved dead, Frank. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
All share greetings and gestures of peace with those around you. Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING



An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church.

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

ACS 970

We Come Now to Your Table, Lord

The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.

You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:

and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

Text: Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop
Music: LIVING BREAD, St. Vincent traditional, adapt.; arr. Patrick Prescod, 1932-2013
Text and music © Caribbean Conference of Churches

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus,
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

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



San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . .
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav-ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e-res, oh Dios.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional
English text © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

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

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

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

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is present whenever we feast together. **You** are welcome to the feast! Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle. Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle. Receive the bread in your open palm. Proceeding to either communion assistant, hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. Non-alcoholized grape juice is in the pre-filled cups. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the bowls. 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. If you need communion brought to you, please let a neighbor know to inform the Pastor.*

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

ACS 975

O God, Whose Word Well-Planted



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007
Music: ABIDING PRESENCE, Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952
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ELW 679

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.




For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.




For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,




fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus,
Amen.

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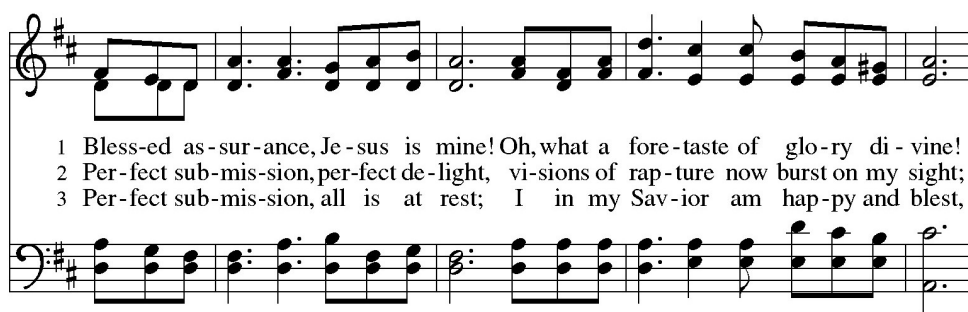
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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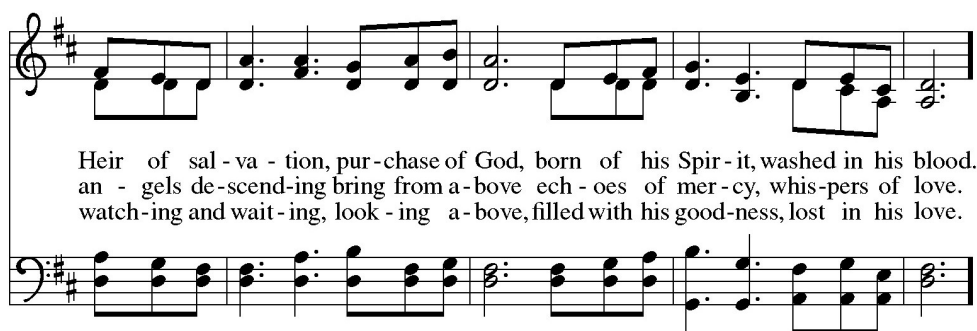
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Blessed Assurance

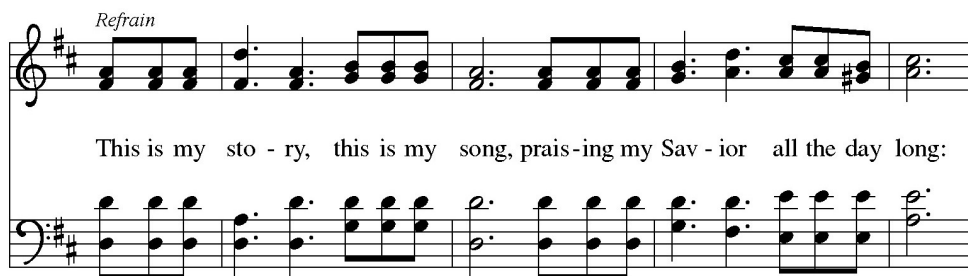
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1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



Refrain
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ASSISTING MINISTER – Linda Swanson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Stan Rose

LECTOR – Linda Melaragno

USHERS – Sue Cappelletty, Mary Daniels. Carl Moore

ALTAR GUILD – Mary Daniels

VIDEO STREAMING – Nick Lang



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Frank Alvaro from Diana.

Today's Events

Adult Forum will meet this morning; *Revolution and Reformation: Lutherans at the Time of Independence*. Gatherings will be held Sundays at 9:15am (July 19, 26) meeting in the library. For your convenience, the same classes are offered on Mondays at 2:00pm (July 20 and 27) meeting on the 5th floor. We will explore some important Lutherans and how Lutheranism had an impact during the struggle for independence.

Sunday Sundaes! Join us in the courtyard following the 10:30 service this morning for an ice cream sundae. We'll be enjoying this yummy treat each Sunday in July to celebrate summer.

Luther Memorial on Vacation!

Going on vacation? Know you'll be away for a while this summer? Please take a "**Luther Memorial on Vacation**" sign with you—and send us a picture from wherever you find yourself! We are collecting pictures for our bulletin board and for social media (optional) to show all the places Luther Memorial is traveling this summer! It's a great reminder that wherever we are, we are Church together. *If possible, please return the sign when you return to church after your vacation so others may use them and we can be good economic and ecological stewards.*

Helping Venezuela!

Lutheran Disaster Response: "Two powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela, leaving devastation in their wake. Entire communities have been reduced to rubble. More than 1,700 lives have been lost, thousands are injured, and countless families are now without shelter, safety, or access to basic necessities. Lutheran Disaster Response is already on the ground, working through trusted partners including the Lutheran World Federation and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Venezuela. Together, they are assessing urgent needs and providing immediate relief like food, water and shelter while also preparing for the long road to recovery ahead. Your support makes this work possible. In moments like these, your generosity helps deliver vital aid quickly and ensures we can remain alongside communities for as long as healing takes. Please consider making a gift today to support families facing unimaginable loss in Venezuela and around the world." Please make checks payable to Luther Memorial and place them—or cash—in an envelope labeled "LDR: Venezuela." Thank you.

Mission Trip Hosting

The Fuller Center for Housing is a Christian, non-profit organization that builds and repairs homes with partners in the USA and around the world. Millard Fuller, also the co-founder (with Linda Fuller his wife) of Habitat for Humanity, started the Fuller Center for Housing in 2005 after leaving Habitat for Humanity. On May 27 a group of volunteers began biking from Seaside, Oregon to cross the US by bicycle. Their path will lead them from there to Portland, Maine over 10 weeks. They will stop and work on homes along the way and raise funds for the mission from our family, friends, and home churches. Luther Memorial will host the Fuller Biking Adventure while they are here Saturday, July 25-Monday morning, July 27. ANY HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED WITH SERVING AND CLEANING UP FOLLOWING MEALS; PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEND A HAND. If you can help with a monetary donation to cover the dinner we serve, light breakfast and snacks please place in the offering plate marked "Biking Adventure".

Music Ministry

Crazy Train, A Musical Tribute to Ozzy Osbourne, featuring original compositions by EJ Paucar will be presented by the Contemporary Integrational Orchestra Project at Luther Memorial on Saturday, August 8 at 7:00pm. A reception will follow.

Worship

Everyone is invited to the Erie Lutheran Conference Beach Service Sunday, August 9 at 10:00am at the Cookhouse Pavilion in Presque Isle State Park. We will gather for worship, fellowship, and food. If able, please bring a dish to share that does not require heating or refrigeration, such as breakfast rolls, fruit, or coffeecake. Lamb of God will provide juice boxes, and Mount Calvary will provide coffee and table settings. We are grateful for the opportunity to worship together in God's creation and enjoy fellowship in Christ. We hope to see you there!

Faith Formation

Bible After Dark (BAD) meets on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row (1317 State St.) for a time of conversation and fellowship. **YOU** are invited to join us on Tuesday, August 4. We are exploring *Belonging*, a study of the Woman at the Well by Karoline Lewis.

Brown Bag Bible (B³) gathers on Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. You bring a lunch, Pastor Jay brings something to talk about. B³ meets each Thursday throughout the summer continuing with a study on the book of Revelation.

Opportunities for Fellowship

L.I.A., Lutherans in Action, will meet throughout the summer from 5:30-7:00pm for planning of our upcoming service projects and some very creative ideas. L.I.A. is open to families and those looking to help with small hands on service projects. And it's a great opportunity to take care of those service hours many youth need. Be sure to check the bulletins for surprises all summer. If you are not familiar with the BAND App, contact Sarah Prylinski as outings are also posted on the app. We're looking forward to see everyone this summer!

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Enjoy a relaxing morning with friends at the Magic Fingers Grace Group as you knit your cares away sprinkled with some laughter. Join us July 28 for knitting and crocheting. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am – 12:00 noon. Contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will dine in style on the Victorian Princess on Wednesday, July 22. A delicious lunch will be served as we said through Presque Isle. Boarding begins at 11:15-11:30am (no later). Cost is \$44 per person. Reservations were due to Jan MacInnes by July 17.

All are invited to attend the **Bingo FUNraiser** at JPT Foundation, 2319 West 38th Street, **TODAY!** Doors open at 12:00 noon with Bingo play at 1:00pm. Tickets are \$30 and \$35 at the door. Have fun with the 50/50 raffle, prizes and bake sale. BYOB and snacks; water and pop available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit Abiding Hope Lutheran Church and the Kearsarge Area Food Pantry. Contact Abiding Hope for tickets; 868-8685.

Items to Note

For the summer: Please note for the summer, Church office hours are 8:30am-2:00pm Monday through Thursday. The Church office is variably open half-days on Fridays, call before popping by!

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Jay either at the church (814-454-0106 x. 227) or, if not, on his personal phone (267-549-9858). If you are unable to reach him and need a response quickly, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. Thank you.

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.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Betsy Brumagin	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	David Leemhuis
Diane Parsons	Judy Karney	Karen Zamperini	Kate Martin
Donna Sedelmyer	Mary Mumford	Betty Pletz	Brian Hubbard

Friends and Family:

Hannah Jacob	Gail Lesuer	Linda F.	Kris
Archer Bardwell; age 3	Mike	Ellie	Peggy S.
Erin N.	Peter Maker	Shirley	Brynlee
Kevin Soles & family	Jenny	Anthony Benacci	Valerie
Adam & Connie Ogle	Katja & family	Kathy Nicewander	

Grief:

Chintalapalli family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	Justin Gajewski

Readings and Commemorations This Week.

20 July – Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 32:3-21; Revelation 14:12-20

21 July – Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 33:1-17

22 July – **Mary of Magdala, Apostle to the Apostles** – Ruth 1:6-18; Exodus 2:1-10; Psalm 73:23-28; Acts 13:26-33a; John 20:1-2, 11-18 – *Called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.*

23 July – Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:1-8; I Corinthians 4:14-20

24 July – Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:9-14; Acts 7:44-53

25 July – I Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 7:1-10; Acts 11:27-12:3a; Mark 10:35-45 -- *James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).*

Erie Gives Day 2026

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP A NON-PROFIT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026 12:00AM – 11:59PM



Day and Time: The online event takes place on August 11. Donations can be made between the hours of 12:00am and 11:59pm.

Participating Nonprofits: Your organization must be a 501(c)(3), serve Erie County and either be a member of [The Nonprofit Partnership](#) or have an Agency Endowment with the Erie Community Foundation to participate in Erie Gives. **Luther Memorial Church, Luther Memorial Academy and Bethany Outreach Center appreciate your support.**

Gift Amount: The minimum gift is \$25. There is no limit to the amount of money you may give. There is no limit to the number of organizations you can donate to in a transaction.

Making a Donation: Simply log on to www.eriegives.org or call the Erie Community Foundation at 814-454-0843.

Credit Cards: Only Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover will be accepted. The credit card processor charges a nominal fee per transaction. The Erie Community Foundation does not receive any fees. Debit cards will also be accepted. (Credit card gift cards will not be accepted.)

Checks: Donors can write a check for their Erie Gives donation.

- Checks must be made out to The Erie Community Foundation;
- All check donations must be accompanied by a Check Donation Form. The Check Donation Form is available for download and included with this newsletter. A Check Donation Form can also be mailed to you by contacting the Foundation or our church office;
- Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) before Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

Prorated Match: The Erie Community Foundation and our sponsors will enhance each donor's gift by providing a prorated match to each gift made to a nonprofit.

Your Receipt: You will receive an email receipt of your gift; please retain it for tax purposes. Unless you choose to remain anonymous, your donor information will be sent to the appropriate organizations.

ERIE GIVES CHECK CONTRIBUTION FORM

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR FAVORITE NONPROFITS ON ERIE GIVES!
A \$25 MINIMUM DONATION PER ORGANIZATION IS REQUIRED.



FIRST NAME(S): _____ LAST NAME(S): _____

FULL MAILING ADDRESS: _____
(street, city, state, zip)

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____
We will send you a digital receipt for your records.

Please circle only one payment method per form: CHECK / IRA / STOCK

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION: _____ CHECK NUMBER: _____

PRIVACY PREFERENCES (please select one):

- ☐ I'm happy to have my name and donation amount publicly recognized.
- ☐ Please list my name publicly, but keep my donation amount private.
- ☐ I prefer to remain fully anonymous (My gift will not be publicly shared or disclosed to the nonprofit).

Name for Recognition (if applicable): _____

**** Contribution Details: Please ensure all nonprofit names are written legibly and match their registered names on ErieGives.org**

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C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, JULY 20	2:00pm	Adult Forum
	6:30pm	Hand-up Erie Meeting
TUESDAY, JULY 21	6:00pm	Select Specialty Meeting
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22	11:15am	OWLS / Victorian Princess Boarding
THURSDAY, JULY 23	10:00am	Diabetes Prevention Program
FRIDAY, JULY 24		
SATURDAY, JULY 25	10:00am	Quilting
		Fuller Bike Adventure Arrival

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Enjoy ice cream sundaes in the courtyard following the 10:30am service.

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Stan Rose
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Beth Keller/Sarah Prylinski
Counters	10:30am	Barb Dennison, Gail Zackrison
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Linda Graffius