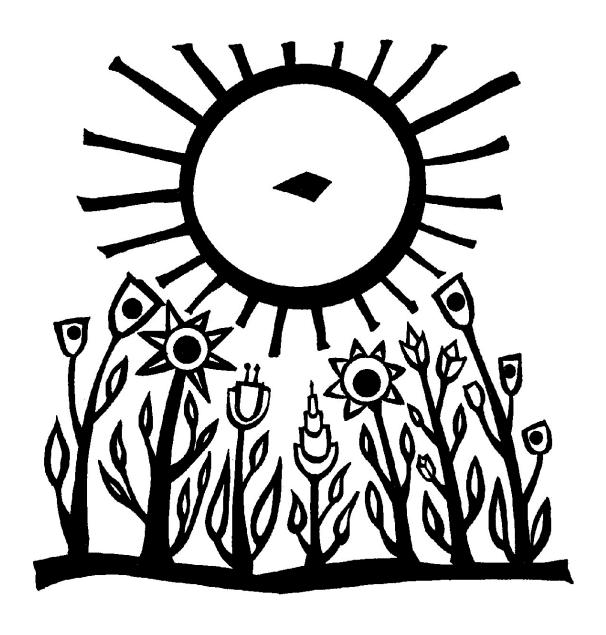
Welcome to

Luther Memorial Church

of the Erie Lutheran Parish



21 JULY 2024 The Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

225 West Tenth Street • Erie, PA 16501 • 814-454-0106 REV. JAY C. MITCHELL, *Pastor*

Walt Gaber

Cantor

Ron King

Pastoral Asst. ~ Holy Trinity

The Rev. Karen Lundwall, The Rev. Brian Moran
The Rev. Karen Parsh, The Rev. Gail Zackrison

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SARAH PRYLINSKI
Youth and Family Ministry
JAN MACINNES
Care Ministry

WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE! TOGETHER WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

- + 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 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).

21 JULY 2024 THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 10:30

GATHERING - "The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God."

PRELUDE – Partita on "Signs and Wonders" (Freu dich sehr)

Georg Böhm

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.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C Amen.
- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- **P** God, our provider,
- e help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

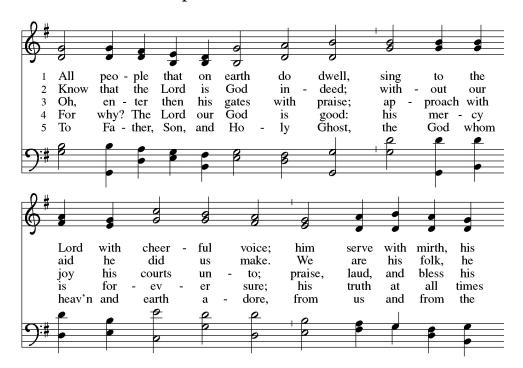
Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

- P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, + the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, + the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN ELW 883

All People That on Earth Do Dwell





Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,...be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

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

READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

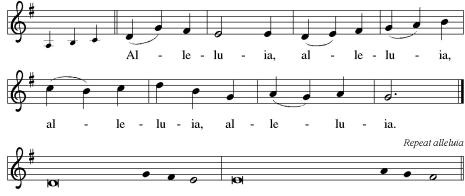
¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, who shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

L The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As Jesus went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. ⁵³When Jesus and the disciples had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

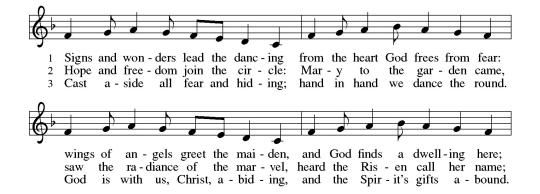
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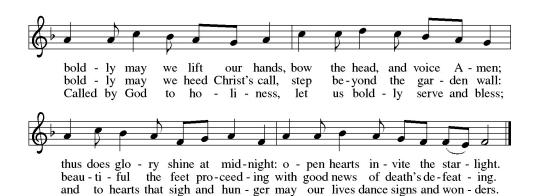
SERMON Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 672

Signs and Wonders





Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953 Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551 Text © 2005 Susan Palo Cherwien, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

APOSTLES' CREED

- A Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith into which we are baptized.
- **Q** 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

You may kneel, sit, or stand as is your custom.

- One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. A brief silence.
- A For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- A For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- A For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes. Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.

- A You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations. In your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- A For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick. Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- A In thanksgiving for those who have died, especially Frank Alvaro. Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. In your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- A Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord is with you.
- **G** And also with you.

Please be seated.

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



THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pensylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church. Additionally, you may visit https://bit.ly/LMCDonate or scan the QR Code and scroll to the bottom of the page to give electronically.

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – "Build a Longer Table" Noël nouvelet

Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

arr. Anna Krentz Organ

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY ACS 1092



OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray:

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING after the Didache

- P The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **9** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **☑** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P We give thanks and praise to you, Holy God our Creator, for the holy vine of David your servant, which you made known to us through Jesus Your Servant who in the night in which he was betrayed took the cup after supper, 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.

- **T**o you, O Creator of the fruit of the vine, be the glory forever.
- P We give thanks and praise to you, Holy God our Creator, for the life and knowledge which you made known to us through Jesus your Servant who took bread and gave you thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

- **☑** To you, O Creator of the grain of the earth, be the glory forever.
- P Holy God, even as this broken bread was scattered over the hills, and was gathered together and became one, pour out upon us your Spirit so that your Church may be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your reign; for yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ, our Bread of Life, now and forever.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- **Q** Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

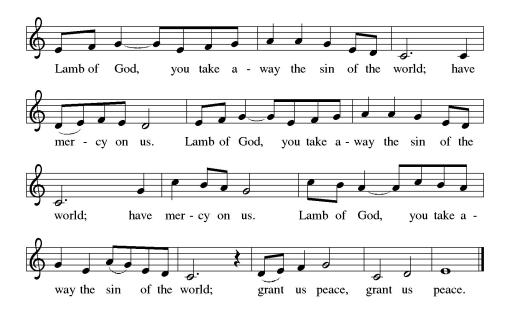
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!
- P Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

The congregation is seated.

THE COMMUNION

This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast! We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.

Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.

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

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

Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know.

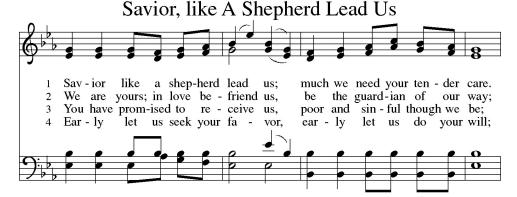
Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.

As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.

All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

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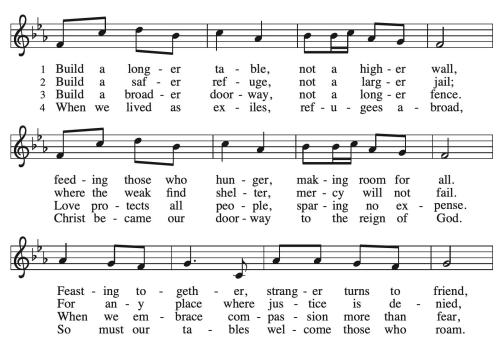


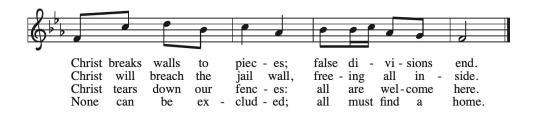


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ACS 1062

Build a Longer Table





Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol Text © 2018 GIA Publications, Inc., giamusic.com. All rights reserved.

TABLE BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ...and bring you to everlasting life.
- C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Let us pray:
 Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.
- C Amen.

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

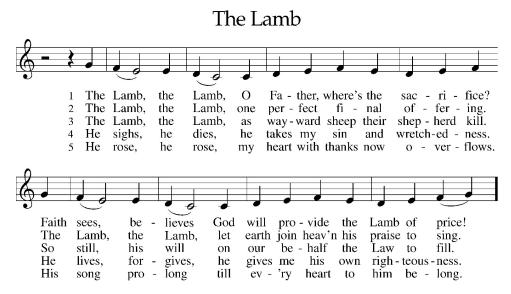
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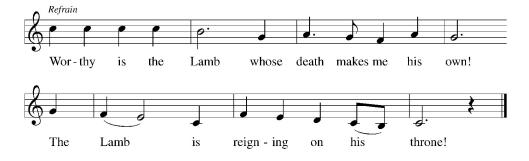
Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

- **P** ...now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN





Text: Gerald Patrick Coleman Music: WINTER, Gerald Patrick Coleman

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. You are the Body of Christ

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Signs and Wonders" *Freu dich sehr*

arr. Wilhelm Rudnick

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Stan Rose

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

LECTOR – Cathy Meyn

ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

USHERS – Cathy Beck, Pat Gilbert, Bill Lasher

VIDEO STREAMING – Nick Lang



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, Frank Alvaro, by Diana.

Today's Events

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

Where Is Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay is happy to meet with you anytime, just let him know! However, if you would like to just "drop in" on him, this week you can find him at the Brew Ha Ha (in the Colony Plaza) on Monday from 8:00-9:00am. Any other time, just give him a call or send him an email!

Worship

Our prelude begins at 10:25 each week and flows into the 10:30am worship time. We hope that this will draw us together and into our time of worship. Please remember to be mindful of those around you and those worshiping at home by keeping conversations and visiting to the lobbies once the prelude has begun. Thank you.

A reminder that our livestream runs from the beginning of the prelude through the end of the postlude. To maintain a worshipful space for those joining from home, please remember to leave the chancel area (the area around the altar) clear until after the postlude.

Worship Matters

Ever wonder why some people say some of the prayers, and why the assembly says other parts of prayers? We learn from Justin Martyr, ca 150, that whenever the assembly gathered for worship there was a "presider." This was one person who was set aside to lead worship, to lead the prayers, and to expound upon the scripture. The Presider (who could be a man or a woman in the early Church), would pray "as much as possible," and when they were finished with their prayers, the assembly would respond "Amen." This response, Justin tells us, means "Let it be so." Still today in our worship, there are some prayers that are led by one voice with the entire assembly responding with shared words. There are a variety of reasons for this—usually logistical based on style and length of prayers, as well as familiarity. But the assembly is always a participant in the prayer, even when only one voice is praying. That one voice prays "on behalf of the assembly" and the assembly adds their hearts and prayers to the one voice. Then all come together to add "Amen." Let it be so.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Forum will be held this morning from 9:30-10:15. We are exploring the worship resources of the ELCA—specifically *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and *All Creation Sings*. This 4 week series is held each Sunday in July.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group is hoping you stop in for our knitting and crocheting mornings the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Spend a relaxing morning working on your yarn projects and visiting with friends. Join us July 23 from 10:00am—12:00 noon. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will get in touch with their artistic side at the Neighborhood Art House on Wednesday, August 14 with a painting lesson led by an instructor. The cost of \$10 will cover a canvas and supplies. Join us from 10:00am-12:00 noon and get creative. RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, August 9.

Items to Note

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

- PRAYER LIST -

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Members:					
Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Marilyn Rositer	Cathy Beck & Jim		
Diane & Bob Giannelli	Winnie Lyons	Ron King	Virginia Long		
Matt, Jessica Kinzig & family	•	C			
Friends and Family:					
Kate Collins & family	Lily	Marlo	Amy Roschy		
Jessica Bulos Grubb	Sherry Johnson	Heather Keaster	Curtis Krick		
Nikki & Ayden Moyer & family	Stephanie Voland	Barbara Beatty	Jonah Allgeier		
Jenny Hallgren	Tony B.	Betty M.	Betty Peters		
Connie Haibach & family	Katja Mestrom	Bernadette Mulder	Jim Berger		
Jamal Lemmons	Jim Roberts	Cherly Runstedler	Jerry		
Andy Zimmerman	Norma Lynch	Susan Brooks	•		
Grief:					
Partusch family					
Our Military Service Men & Women:					
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner		Alli Brown		
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins				

CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 22

TUESDAY, JULY 23 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 3:30pm Prayer Group

THURSDAY, JULY 25

FRIDAY, JULY 26

SATURDAY, JULY 27

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024 THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024				
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP				
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell		
	10:30am	Vance Meucci		
Communion Assistant	10:30am	Chloe Meucci		
Lector	10:30am	Karen Braendel-Kemp		
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan		
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp		
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco		
	10:30am	(1 needed)		
Video Streaming	10:30am	Gina Snider		
Counters	10:30am	Jonathan Gaber, Nick Lang		
Ushers (4 needed)	10:30am	Cathy Beck, Pat Gilbert,		
		Betty Pletz		

Readings and Commemorations This Week

- July 22 Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the apostles Ruth 1:6-18; Psalm 73:23-28; Acts 13:26-33a; John 20:1-2, 11-18 Sometimes 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. She is numbered among the women who funded Jesus' ministry. The only other story we know is from the longer account of the resurrection from Mark's Gospel where she is listed as the one from whom seven demons are cleansed. There is no evidence in scripture of any illicit history to Mary Magdalene's past, though there is some scholarly work being done that may connect Mary Magdalene with Mary of Bethany (Martha and Lazarus' sister).
- **July 23** –**Brigitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, 1373** Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 46; I Corinthians 3:11-23; Mark 10:35-45 -- Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.
- **July 24** Psalm 100; II Samuel 5:1-12; Luke 15:1-7
- **July 25 James, Apostle** 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).*
- **July 26** Psalm 145:10-18; II Kings 3:4-20; Colossians 3:12-17
- **July 27** Psalm 145:10-18; II Kings 4:38-41; John 4:31-38