

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



9 JULY 2023
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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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 – “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

Georg Böhm

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

P In the name of God who is Source, + Sun, and Seed.

C Amen.

P Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires are 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.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ►

☐ 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.
**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, of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
 ☑ **Amen.**

The author of this hymn was a 20th century woman of letters best-known for her 1940 novel Mrs. Miniver. The tune is named after a hill in County Meath where St. Patrick is said to have challenged King Loegaine by fighting the Easter Eve fire. It appeared in several early 20th-century collections where it is attributed as an Irish folk tune.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 765

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
 Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

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

The marriage of Isaac and Rebekah helped to fulfill God’s promise that Abraham and Sarah would become the ancestors of many nations.

FIRST READING: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

³⁴Laban received a visitor who said, “I am Abraham’s servant. ³⁵The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; the Lord has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and Abraham has given him all that he has. ³⁷My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I live, ³⁸but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’ ⁴²“I came today to the spring and said, ‘O Lord, God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” ⁴⁴and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also”— let her be the woman whom the Lord has ►

appointed for my master's son.' ⁴⁵"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' ⁴⁶She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. ⁴⁷Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." ⁵⁸And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." ⁵⁹So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." ⁶¹Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man, and the servant took Rebekah and went his way. ⁶²Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi and was settled in the Negeb. ⁶³Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field, and looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel ⁶⁵and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Song of Solomon 2:8-13 (*Spoken responsively.*)

⁸The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

⁹**My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.**

Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

¹⁰My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

¹¹**For now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.**

¹²The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

¹³**The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.**

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my physical body another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my body. ²⁴Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son-of-Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet Wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” ²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal the Father. ²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able.



We step into Jesus' sandals as we sing these words: "Come to me," "Take my yoke," and "Rest in me." In fact, we are the ones who offer Jesus' gifts to one another as we sing. In the baptismal service we invite the newly baptized "into the mission we share" (ELW, p. 231). This is putting our faith into action and committing ourselves to serve as Christ serves us. Sylvia Dunstan, a Canadian pastor, musician, and text writer, combined a compassionate concern for people in distress and need with a consuming love of liturgy. This passion shines through the hymn.

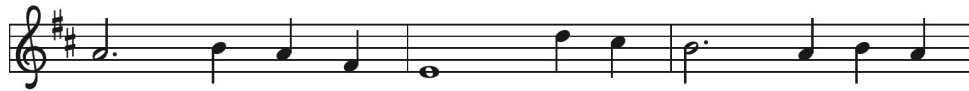
HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 1017

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler



1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to
 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in



me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
 fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
 yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
 me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
 fore you; do not run from me in fright."
 side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
 gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
 Music: AUSTIN, William P. Rowan, b. 1951
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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

A Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A God of the covenant, you call ministers to proclaim your gospel of grace throughout the world. Inspire pastors, deacons, church musicians, and all ministers of your word as they carry out your work. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of all creation, you reveal your goodness through all you have made: rivers and seas, plants and animals, and endangered species. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, botanical gardens, zoos, and wildlife sanctuaries. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of the nations, you desire that all the peoples of the world live in peace. Guide government leaders at all levels—national, state/province, and local—to work for justice, mercy, and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of compassion, you bring healing to those who are sick, consolation to those who are grieving, and well-being to those who are distraught. We pray for Abbie, Winnie, Debbie, Elizabeth, Craig, Winnie, Mark, John, Michael, Mary, Archer, Michele, Elayne, John, Melissa, Kevin, Kate, Roger, Bob, Diane, Dean, Karen, Bernie, Branden, Caitlyn, Meghan, Bonnie, Susan, Nichole, Carol, Jean, Ian, Matt, Michael, Andrew, Alli, Ben, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts _____. Send skilled caregivers to all in need, and make your presence known among all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of rejoicing, you have brought us together this day to worship around word and sacrament. Encourage children in their learning and growing, and watch over those who are absent today. Lead us all to places of renewal and refreshment. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of all faithfulness, through the witness of the faithful departed, especially Benedict and Nathan, you reveal love in action. Bring comfort to the families of Ann, Thelma, and Adam. Embolden us by their example to build up the beloved community in all the contexts we encounter. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord is with you.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

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

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

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

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

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of field and forest, sea and sky,
 you are the giver of all good things.
 Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
 and multiply your graciousness in us,
 that the world may be fed with your love,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P Great is the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P God of the weary and heavy laden, God of the tired, the poor, the huddled masses yearning to breathe free, God of the homeless and the tempest-tossed, bring rest to all who labor today. Set your gentle yoke upon them, for you are gentle and humble in heart. Be a shining golden light in the souls of all who struggle in body, mind, or spirit, with demons within or without, with fears about the future or regrets about the past. Through this communion with you in union with Christ in the power of your Spirit, write on our hearts a new law that draws us to walk with you across the storms of suffering, the tremors of temptation, and the pangs of persecution. And on the last day, bring us home to you forever.

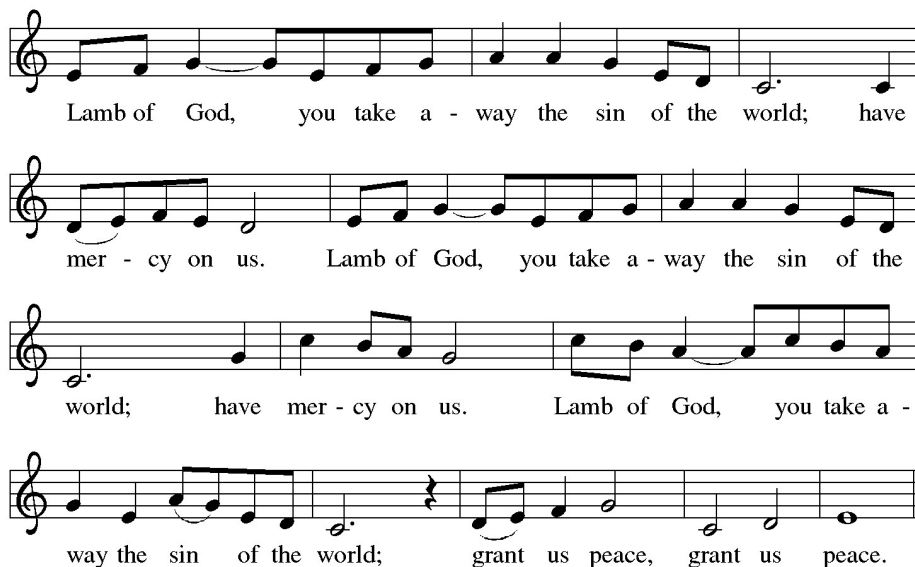
C **Amen.**

OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

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

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.**

AGNUS DEI



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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All people are called to Christ's table.
Come, eat what is good.

P Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

The congregation is seated.

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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

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.*

Written by a much-loved Swedish hymnist of the 19th century, this text first appeared in a calendar but has since been found in many hymnals, set to a melody by a Swedish composer who studied music and traveled throughout the country playing his ten-stringed guitar. He also published a hymnal with two-hundred songs and 143 tunes.

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 790

Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,





lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face.
 with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005
 Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882
 Text © 1992 Augsburg Fortress

Dioceses of St. Cloud, MN for 15 years and liturgical music consultant in southeast Australia for 15 months, she is currently preparing a fourth hymn collection and assisting with liturgy planning and music leadership at St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph, MN.

ELW 777

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-ers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." <i>Refrain</i> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home." <i>Refrain</i> |
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Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939
 Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844
 Text © 1992, 1996 Sisters of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

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

☑ Amen.

Let All Things Now Living

2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.
 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** We thank you, generous God,
 for the refreshment we have received
 at your banquet table.
 Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
 through the one who is our dearest treasure,
 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

☐ The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed
‡ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.

☑ Amen.

Text and tune for this beautiful hymn were written by a 16th century German scholar, who wrote the hymn after emerging from a time of great adversity during the Thirty Years' War. The tune appears in eight of Bach's cantatas, as well as a choral setting and numerous organ works based on it.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 769

If You But Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite
Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

☐ Go in peace. Share the harvest.

☑ Thanks be to God.

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

GREETER – Pat Young

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Julie Ditz

LECTOR – Dave Griswold

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Mary Daniels

ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

USHERS – Jeanne Gaber, Pat Gilbert, Elaine Kern, Carl Moore



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and the beautiful day He has made for us by Jan and Skip MacInnes.

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.

Valuable information on the aging brain and how it functions from Dr. Karen Mitchell, Pastor Jay's mom, is available in the parlor this morning. We encourage you to stop in and pick up some pamphlets.

Worship

Altar flowers are available for Sunday, July 30. Please contact the office if you would like to place flowers on the altar for that Sunday. Thank you.

Worship Leader Information Sessions will be offered beginning on Sunday, July 23 after each worship service. Brochures explaining the worship opportunities are located at the hospitality tables and in the church office. See the brochure for the sessions you might be interested in. Attendance is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged to ensure you are up-to-date on our shared worship practices. We will also be making a rotation for scheduling purposes from those in attendance.

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.

Where Is Pastor Jay?

For the week of July 9, Pastor Jay's drop-in hours will be Tuesday from 3-4:30pm in the office OR Thursday from 9-10:30am at the Topsy Bean. As always you can make an appointment at a different time by e-mail: JMitchell@luthermemorialonline.org OR by using: calendly.com/TheRevJCM.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Kenneth Snider Memorial Car Cruise will be held Sunday, July 16 from 1:00-4:00pm in our parking lot. We invite everyone to join us for a fun filled afternoon. We will have a variety of show cars to check out along with DJ Bill Mason, Magic Steve, food truck, bake sale, 50-50 Raffle, and a Chinese Auction with over 100 baskets. Monies raised will benefit Shriners Children's Erie and Luther Memorial's youth who will be traveling to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2024. For more information, contact Gina at 814-602-7679 or Mike Snider at 814-602-7036.

Set sail with the OWLS on the Victorian Princess on Wednesday, July 19. Enjoy a delicious lunch and beautiful scenery. Boarding begins at 11:30am. The cost is \$43.28 (tax and tip included) per person and due before boarding begins. Reservations and payment in cash or check are due to Jan MacInnes no later than July 14. Checks are to be made payable to Jan MacInnes. Thank you.

Magic Fingers Grace Group has a great way to beat the summer heat; join us in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month for knitting and crocheting. We'll gather July 11 and July 25 from 10:00am-12:00 noon for a wonderful morning and hope 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.

Paving Project

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

Bethany Outreach Center

Are you a Golfer who Enjoys a Good Scramble? Join us at the 6th Annual Harbor Ridge Open, this year in Support of the Bethany Outreach Center!

Save the Date: Sunday, July 30 Time: 10:00am

Location: Harbor Ridge Golf Course at 3730 Harbor Ridge Trail in Erie, PA 16510

Highlights of this "Fun" Fundraiser:

- 16 Teams will compete in two 9-hole "Scramble" Rounds
- 9 optional "Fun" Skill Contests, such as Hole-In-One, Closest-To-The-Pin, etc.
- ***Even if you're not a golfer***, you can still enjoy the Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Pull-Tab Prizes/Games in the Club House during and after golf
- Hot dogs and drinks at the turn
- All Proceeds go to support the Bethany Outreach Center
- Cost is \$300 per Foursome

To sign up see the registration information at the Bethany Outreach Center website (www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org). Call, text, or email Eric Hedlund if you have any questions, at (814) 898-1233 or (814) 722-7732 or eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org.

Items to Note

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

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

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon	Winnie Lyons		
Friends and Family:			
Debbie	Elayne Morphy	Kate Collins	Bernie Wiest
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie	John Semonis	Roger Smith	Branden Jones
Mark Smith	Nichole Jones	Bob Guenther	Caitlyn Kessler
John Varner	Melissa Pierce	Diane Henry	Meghan Kessler
Michael Collins & Mary	Kevin	Dean Scalise	Bonnie Ford
Baby Archer Bardwell	Karen Chilcote	Susan Brooks	Ian Minner
Michele Seifert	Carol E.	Jean C.	
Grief:			
Ann Coleman family	Thelma Fetrow family	Adam Surovick Family	
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

WEEKLY READINGS AND COMMEMORATIONS

10 July Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 27:30-46; Romans 1:18-25

11 July – Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 540

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

Proverbs 2:1-9; Psalm 1; Luke 14:27-33

12 July – Nathan Soderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, 1931

A winner of the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles, and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.

Ezekiel 34:11-16; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 21:15-17

13 July Psalm 119:105-112; Exodus 3:1-6; Romans 2:12-16

14 July Psalm 119:105-112; Deuteronomy 32:1-10; Romans 15:14-21

15 July Psalm 119:105-112; Isaiah 2:1-4; John 12:44-50

