

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



12 FEBRUARY 2023  
The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
10:30 am

*In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.*

# 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** – Partita on "O God, My Faithful God"

Partita on "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

Flor Peeters

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

**INTROIT** – "Lord of Light"

J. S. Bach

*Lord of light, whose Name outshineth all the stars and suns of space,  
Deign to make us thy coworkers in the Kingdom of thy grace;  
Use us to fulfill thy purpose in the gift of Christ thy Son;  
Father, as in highest heaven so on earth thy will be done.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☩ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

☩ Amen.



☐ Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

☐ Holy One, source of our renewal,

☑ **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love,**

**forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another**

**for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

☐ Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

☑ **Amen.**

*This lauda spirituale, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19<sup>th</sup> century but received little notice until the tune was included in The English Hymnal (1906).*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 804

### Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine  
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn  
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,  
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,  
no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place





and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

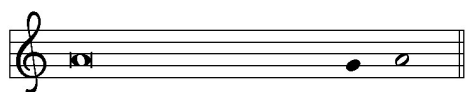
Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890  
 Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
 Music from *The English Hymnal*, outside the USA © Oxford University Press 1906. All rights reserved.

## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,  
 let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**  
 Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray.
- C** **O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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

*The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God’s presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.*

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

Moses said to the people: <sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in the Lord’s ways, and observing God’s commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other deities and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying the Lord, and holding fast to your God, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

- L** The word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 119:1-8**

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

Hap-py are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

- <sup>1</sup>Happy are those whose way is blameless,  
 who walk in the law of the Lord.
- <sup>2</sup>Happy are those who keep his decrees,
- <sup>3</sup>who also do no wrong,  
 but walk in his ways.



<sup>4</sup>You have commanded your precepts,  
to be kept diligently. **R**

<sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!

<sup>6</sup>Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

<sup>7</sup>I will praise you with an upright heart,  
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

<sup>8</sup>I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me. **R**

*Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.*

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

<sup>1</sup>My dear family, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not all too human? <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's co-workers, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



*You are the light of the world. A city set upon a hill cannot be hid.  
(Matthew 5:14)*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.*

## GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder,' and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with another person in the community, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult another person, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that someone in the community has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to that person, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court together, or your accuser may hand you over to ►

the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that all those who look at others with lust have already committed adultery with them in their heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose a member of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one member of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. <sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that any man who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whichever man marries a divorced woman commits adultery. <sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is God’s footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great Sovereign. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

- 📖 The Gospel of the Lord.
- 🎵 Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Lundwall

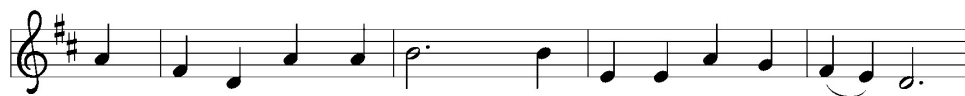
*Please stand as you are able.*

*This hymn, originally entitled "A Daily Prayer," was written around 1625, at a time when its author was enduring his greatest suffering. The tune, its author a survivor of the Thirty Years' War in Germany, achieved high position at the University of Jena. The tune was used by J. S. Bach in four of his cantatas.*

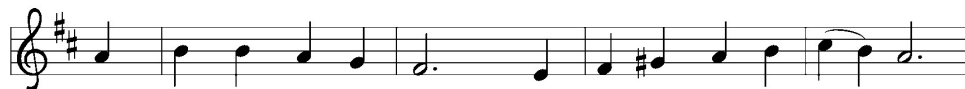
**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 806**

**O God, My Faithful God**



1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing  
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;  
 4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—  
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;  
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless  
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,  
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,





a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.  
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.  
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

- P** God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.
- R** I present Husayn Zyad Adnan Abu-zabiba for baptism.
- P** Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?
- R** We do.
- P** As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.
- P** Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?
- R** I do.
- P** Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?
- R** I do.
- P** People of God, do you promise to support Husayn and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
- C** **We do.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

- P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
- C** **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- C** **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C** **I renounce them.**





**P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C** **I renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C** **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.**

**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** **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.**

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

**P** Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Husayn Zyad Adnan I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**



**P** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Husayn with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Husayn child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C** Amen.

## WELCOME

**A** Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

**A** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C** **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE PRAYERS

**A** Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** O God, the giver of all life, look with love upon Juliet and bless her life together with Husayn. Let them rejoice in the gifts you give them in Holy Baptism. Strengthen them in their faith in you. May they share eternally in the life and love of Jesus. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and climate change. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Provide strength and help to the people of Turkey and Syria in the aftermath of devastating earthquakes and aftershocks. Protect those who are working to clear the rubble and to give aid and comfort to the survivors. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible, especially between Ukraine and Russia, empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**



**A** Nurture all in need. Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration, including The Crime Victims' Center and children's advocacy centers. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** Encourage our congregation. Call us to a common purpose. Where we disagree, unite us in our mission and ministries. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that our choices may be life-giving for all. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** We give you thanks for the leading of the Holy Spirit in the call process and for the hard work of our Call Committee and our Church Council. Guide Pastor Mitchell as he prepares to leave his congregation in Philadelphia and begin his ministry with us. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** Thanks be to you for the lives of all who have died in Christ, especially Clio King and Judy Aquino Hokaj. Teach us to follow them in your ways and gather us with them into the promise of eternal life with you. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**P** We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**C** Amen.

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

**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:

*“Jesus said, truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”*

*Luke 21: 3-4*

**ANTHEM** – “Savior, Teach Me Day by Day”

Jane Leeson / Raymond Weidner

*Savior, teach me day by day, thine own lesson to obey,  
Better lesson cannot be, loving Him Who first loved me.  
With a childlike heart of love, at thy bidding may I move,  
Prompt to serve and follow thee, loving him who first loved me.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*This hymn combines a text by one of the most eminent Lutheran hymn writers with music by one of the most eminent Lutheran composers. The text was written by the author as an entrance hymn or introit, as "a list of awesome and exciting things that one should expect in worship." The tune was written for the text in 1969.*

**OFFERTORY**

**ELW 460**

**Now the Silence**

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed

Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919  
 Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929  
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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- A** Liberating God,  
 you break the bonds of injustice  
 and let the oppressed go free.  
 Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
 for all your works of merciful power,  
 and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
 You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
- C** Amen.



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.  
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**P** With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

**C Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P** All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**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



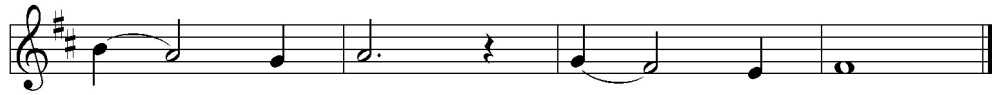
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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

☐ Come and taste the joy of God!

☑ Amen.

☐ 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

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

## COMMUNION

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

*Please come forward by the center aisle.*

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

*Prefilled cups with white grape juice for those who prefer it are in the center of the tray.*

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

*Receive the bread and wine and return to your place by the side aisle.*

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

*The author of this hymn text was a minister of the Congregational church in 19<sup>th</sup> century New England, nationally recognized for his preaching and lecturing, as well as for writing over 30 books. The composer of the tune was a similarly distinguished cleric of the Church of England who wrote the melody for a different hymn text.*

**HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION**

**ELW 818**

**O Master, Let Me Walk with You**



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.  
 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

*Please stand as you are able.*

**BLESSING**

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

- A** Holy One,  
 we thank you for the healing  
 that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
 Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness,  
 and journey humbly with you.
- C** Amen.

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

**BLESSING**

- P** The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor’s rod  
 † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.
- C** Amen.



*This hymn is the work of a 20<sup>th</sup> century educator and English churchman.  
The melody is based on one written for another text,  
and subsequently altered by two German organist composers nearly 100 years apart.*

**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW 544**

**Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing**

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.  
 Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.  
 Text © Oxford University Press.

**DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE**

- A** Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
- C** Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE – "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"**

Dale Wood, David Johnson

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**— SERVING TODAY —**

- PREACHING* – Pastor Karen Lundwall
- GREETERS* – Les Fobes, Carl Moore
- ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer
- ASSISTING MINISTER* – Pat Bellingham
- LECTOR* – Linda Graffius
- USHERS* – Diana Alvaro, Jeanne Gaber, Carl Moore, Betty Pletz
- ALTAR GUILD* – Dave Griswold



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my dad, Clio King, by the King family.

**Front altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my wife, Judy Aquino Hokaj who passed away on February 17, 1997, by Ed Hokaj.

**Husayn Ziad Adnan Abu-zabiba** will be welcomed into the Fellowship of Luther Memorial through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 10:30 service this morning. Born September 25, 2019, he is the son of Ziad Abu-zabiba and Juliet Woodward and great-grandson of Ella and John Moore. His godfather is Kady Talmadge.

**Our love and sympathy** is with the family and friends of Marian Millimaci, Carol Schaal's sister, who died Tuesday, February 7.

### **Today's Events**

**Children's Church** classes for PreK – grade 6 meet this morning from 9:30 – 10:15. Classes are held the second Sunday of each month. Our youth in grades 7 - 12 will continue meeting on the third Sunday of the month at 9:30am.

**It's time for some fun** at the Flo Fabrizio Ice Center (formerly JMC Ice Arena), 527 West 38<sup>th</sup> Street this afternoon from 12:00 – 2:00. It will be two great hours of ice skating and laughter with friends and family. Please see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski with any questions.

**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 over the next few weeks. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

**Offering envelopes** for 2023 are located on the table by the ramp door. To save on postage we ask that you please pick up your envelopes. They are arranged alphabetically. Thank you.

### **Worship**

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

**ReCharge contemporary service** will be held Sunday, February 19. We look forward to seeing you for a delicious meal, games and fellowship at 4:00pm. Our worship service will be held from 5:00-6:00pm.

### **Christian Education**

**First Holy Communion** classes will be held on Sundays, February 26 – April 2 from 9:30-10:15am in the fellowship hall area. Our students will receive special instruction by Ann Flick and Beth Keller throughout Lent. All children in grades 3 and up are invited to take part in these classes. If your son or daughter has not had the opportunity to attend First Communion class, we invite them to attend. Children will receive First Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 6, at the 7:00pm service. Please contact Norma in the church office if your child(ren) will attend. Thank you.

**Teachers** and helpers are needed for our Children's Church classes. This will only be the second Sunday of each month. If you are able to help monthly or on a rotating basis it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the church office with any questions. Thank you.

### **Lenten Opportunities**

**Ash Wednesday** services will be held on February 22 with communion and imposition of ashes.

Pastor Moran will preach at the 12:00 noon service. Pastor Lundwall will preach and Michael Snider will assist at the 7:00pm service.

**Lenten luncheons** will be offered in fellowship hall at 12:35pm, immediately following worship, each Wednesday in Lent. All are invited to enjoy a home-cooked meal; cost for each lunch is \$8.

**Walk to Emmaus** will bring our families together each Wednesday evening throughout Lent. We will gather at 5:30pm in fellowship hall for our meal. The main dish will be provided; all are asked to bring a side dish to share. Our Bible lesson will be held in our main church from 6:15 – 7:00pm.

**Wednesday Lenten** services will be held at 12:05pm March 1 – March 29. Scripture readings will be full of back-and-forth conversations with God. These conversations are filled with questions. People use questions to interrogate or to express their confusion or doubt. Questions express the longings of the heart and the puzzles of the mind. A question shows the distance between me and you. A question can also bring us closer. Let these questions—those others ask of God, and those you have carried yourself—draw you closer into conversation with God and with others this Lenten season.

March 1	Questions that Divide, Questions that Bind
March 8	Simple Questions
March 15	Questions for the Curious
March 22	Questions that Change, Questions that Change You
March 29	Questions that Kick

### **Opportunities for Fellowship**

**Spring Bingo** will be held Sunday, March 26 in our fellowship hall. Doors will open at 12:00 noon and the fun begins at 12:30pm. The cost of \$25 includes 8 games of play and with cash and prizes, tip boards and raffles. Small snacks will be available for purchase. This event will benefit our youth programming.

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-12:00pm. Join friends for a wonderful morning of knitting, crocheting and laughter on February 28. We will not meet on February 14 due to the OWLS outing at the Convention Center. 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.

**Quilt meeting** will be held Saturday, March 11 from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

### **Luther Memorial Academy**

**LMA's Lego League** team has been invited to a FIRST Lego League tournament at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts June 9-11, 2023. This is a huge opportunity for the LMA team and they are proud to represent LMA & Erie County. To make this happen for our team, it is necessary to raise \$845 per student, which means a total of \$5,915 for the team. If you are aware of an area business that would like to sponsor our Lego League, please share the information with the school office. Every little bit helps & all donations and sponsorships can be mailed or dropped off in the school office. Be sure to make checks payable to LMA & earmark them for Lego League. Thank you.

### **Outreach**

**Lutheran Disaster Response** is already on the ground in Turkey and Syria, providing help for those affected by the devastating earthquakes. You can contribute online; by calling 1-800-638-3522; or by mailing a check marked for "Middle East Crisis" to Lutheran Disaster Response, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

**The First Ukranian Pentecostal Church** and Logistics Plus are collecting all sizes of winter clothing, coats, shoes, boots, infant/children's and newborn clothing. Medical supplies and equipment are also appreciated. Collection is every Saturday in February from 10:00am – 2:00pm at Logistics Plus, 205 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Please contact Linda, Care and Health Ministry with any questions. Thank you.

### **Items to Note**

**Parking** in the lot across from 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



