

WELCOME TO
**LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & ACADEMY**



10 MAY 2026
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

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

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

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

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

+ You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshipping 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).

PRELUDE – "Elegy"

J. Biery

Please rise in body or spirit.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Alleluia! Amen!

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 380

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn-ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran-somed of the earth.
5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.

from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con-quer-or, has gone,
 Christ who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,
 joined to Christ, your liv-ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
 Praise him in a no-ble song, cher-u-bim of heav'n-ly birth.
 Let your cho-rus swell the strain which our fee-ble voic-es raise:

bright fore-run-ner to the skies of his peo-ple, yet to rise.
 lives for-ev-er to be-stow bless-ings on his church be-low.
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic-tor you shall stand.
 Praise the vic-tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o-bey.
 Glo-ry to our God a-bove and on earth his peace and love!

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
 Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our risen savior Jesus Christ, the love of our ever-living God, and the communion of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

The refrain is sung by all. High Voices: vv. 1 and 3-4 Low Voices: vv. 2 and 5

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

1. Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
2. Pow- er, rich- es, wis- dom and strength, And
3. Sing with all the peo- ple of God, And
4. Bless- ing, hon- or, glo- ry, and might Be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain Has be-

blood set us free to be peo- ple of God. ... *refrain*
 hon- or, bless- ing and glo- ry are his. ... *refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre- a- tion: ... *to verse 4*
 God and the Lamb for- ev- er. A- men. ... *refrain*
 gun his reign, Al- le- lu- ia! ... *final refrain*



This is the feast of victo-ry for our God, Al-le - lu- ia, al-le - lu- ia, al-le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray: Bless, O Lord, your servant Bill as he reads to us the holy word. May our hearts burn within us as you open to us the scriptures, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:1-6

^{34:1}The word of the Lord came to me: ²Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: To the shepherds—thus says the Lord God: Woe, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? ³You eat the fat; you clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatted calves, but you do not feed the sheep. ⁴You have not strengthened the weak; you have not healed the sick; you have not bound up the injured; you have not brought back the strays; you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. ⁵So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and scattered they became food for all the wild animals. ⁶My sheep were scattered; they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: 115

tune: Forest Green

Not unto us, Lord, not to us, but do thou glory take
unto your name, e'en for your truth, and for your mercy's sake.
O wherefore should the heathen say, "Where is their God now gone?"
But our God in the heavens is, what pleased God has been done.

Their idols silver are and gold, of human hands they be.
Mouth have they but they do not speak; and eye, but do not see.
Ears have they, but they do not hear; noses, but savor not;
Hands, feel, but handle not, nor walk;
nor speak they through their throat.

Like them their makers are, and all on them their trust has built.
O Jacob, trust now in the Lord, God is our help and shield.
O Aaron's house, trust in the Lord, their help and shield to be.
All that fear God, trust in the Lord, their help and shield to be.

The Lord of us has mindful been, and God will bless us still:
He will the house of Jacob bless, bless Aaron's house as well.
Both small and great that fear the Lord, he will them surely bless.
The Lord will you, your children, too, e'ermore and more increase.

O blessed are you of the Lord who made the earth and heav'n.
The highest heav'ns are God's, but still the earth to use has giv'n.
The dead, all those who silence know, God's praise do not record.
But henceforth we forever will bless God. Praise ye the Lord!

SECOND READING: I Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All sing the Alleluia. The choir sings the verse after which all repeat the Alleluia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them and make our home with them.*

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, who will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because the world neither sees nor knows the Spirit. You know the Spirit because the Spirit abides with you, and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

AS A MOTHER LOVES HER CHILDREN



1. As a moth - er loves her chil - dren and de -
2. As a moth - er seeks her chil - dren where the
3. As a moth - er guards her chil - dren from un -
4. Though our hu - man moth - ers leave us when by



lights in their great glad - ness, so you rev - el in our
prod - i - gals have wan - dered, so you find those long a -
need - ed pain and sor - row, so to - day you will de -
death's hand they are tak - en, we are al - ways your own



pleas - ure and bring com - fort to our sad - ness.
ban - doned, for your love is nev - er squan - dered.
fend us and give strength for our to - mor - row.
chil - dren, nev - er or - phaned or for - sak - en.

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David Bjorlin, b.1984

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA
Swedish traditional

THE NICENE-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through whom all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The congregation kneels, sits, or stands as is customary for the:

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. We hold in prayer all who mark this day with joy or tears. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, especially Martha, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All share greetings and gestures of peace with those around you. Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING



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

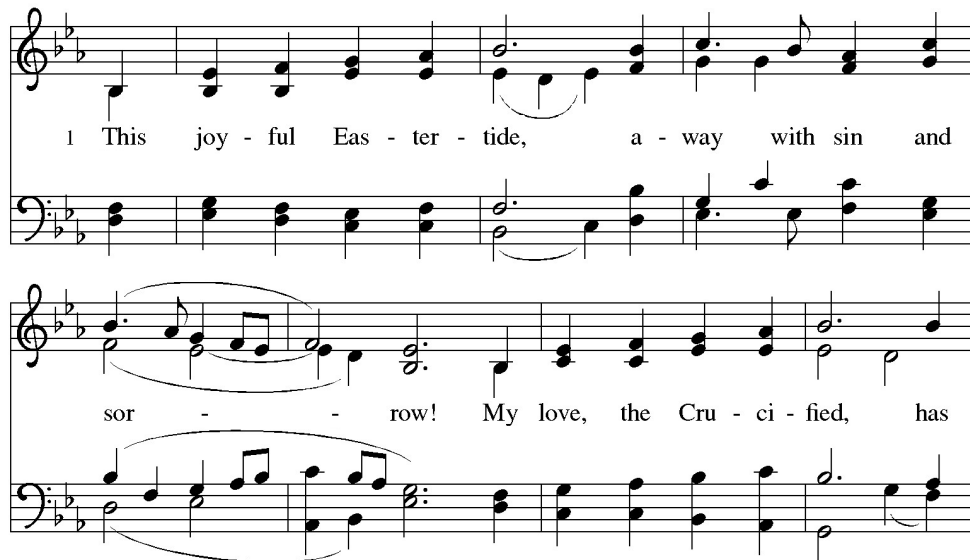
MUSICAL OFFERING – "Lamb of God"

T. Paris

Please rise in body or spirit as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW 391



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has

sprung to life this mor - row.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our

faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
 Music: Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. hymnal version
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



THE PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

Musical notation for the Sanctus text, consisting of four staves. The melody is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the staves.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

All praise to you, glorious God of grace. Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith. With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life. With Ruth, we praise you for family and food. With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe. Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets. Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water. Remembering Junia, we thank you for those who minister among your people. One with the daughter of Jairus, we wake to life in you.

With Mary, your servant, we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal. Living, he healed the bleeding woman; dying, he cared for his mother; risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.

*On the night before he died, he took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

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

With Mary, your mother, again we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us. Send your Spirit on this bread and wine, that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world. Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Phoebe, we serve one another with zeal. Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy. Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas, we care for the poor and needy.

With Mary, first among your saints, once more we magnify your name:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

All praise to you, powerful God of peace. We adore you, our God, you who mother and feed and comfort us, today, tomorrow, and forever.

Amen.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Alleluia! Christ our paschal lamb has been sacrificed for us!

Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

For those communing at home: take, eat, drink: the Body and Blood of Christ for you.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is present whenever we feast together. **You** are welcome to the feast! Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle. Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle. Receive the bread in your open palm. All bread is gluten free. Proceeding to either communion assistant, hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. Non-alcoholized grape juice is in the pre-filled cups. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the bowls. All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing. If you need communion brought to you, please let a neighbor know to inform the Pastor.*

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.

AS TENDER AS A MOTHER HEN



1. As ten - der as a moth - er hen
 2. Cou - ra - geous as a moth - er bear
 3. A phoe - nix ris - ing from the flames,



who spreads her wings to shield her brood,
 who guards her young from dan - ger's path,
 a moth - er ea - gle, soar - ing high,



Christ Je - sus stretch - es out his arms
 Christ Je - sus wields his zeal - ous love
 Christ Je - sus lifts the wea - ry world



and sheds his life as ho - ly food.
and shows the gift of right - ful wrath.
and con - quers death for all who die.



We seek his pat - tern in our hearts,
We heed his call, op - pos - ing pow'rs
In him, we find our strength re - newed



a - mazed by such un - sel - fish grace,
that thwart the cause of life and health,
and, mount - ing up on fledg - ling wings,



and tend the chil - dren of the world
and strive to reach the proph - ets' dreams
we rise to share the gos - pel hope



in whom we see God's face.
to build God's Com - mon - wealth.
that res - ur - rec - tion brings!

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Mary Louise Bringle

MARVEL
Carl Schalk

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

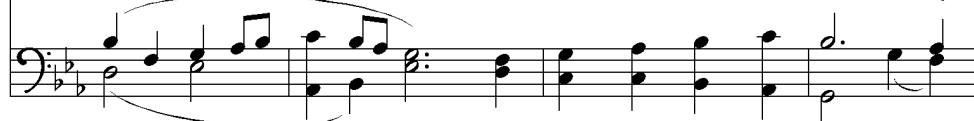
POST-COMMUNION HYMN



3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our

faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

Please be seated.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

...now and forever.
Amen.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
 life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
 find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
 more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
 ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
 Al-pha and O-mega be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
 its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
 crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE – "Sicilienne"

M. V. Paradis

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ASSISTING MINISTER – Stan Rose

COMMUNION ASSISTANT –

LECTOR – Bill Lasher

USHERS – Diana Alvaro, Sue Cappelletty

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

VIDEO STREAMING – Christy Adams



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our mother, Martha Bert Sturtevant, by her children, Susan, Roger, Bob and Dave.

We would like to recognize our high school and college graduates. Please contact Norma in our church office by phone, 454-0106, ext. 221, or email, nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, by Friday, May 22 with the following:

For our high school graduates, please share:

1. Name
2. High school they are graduating from
3. Future plans, college, service, etc.

For our college graduates, please share:

1. Name
2. College they are graduating from
3. Degree

Today's Events

Stop in the parlor at 9:15 this morning for Second Sunday Socials. Cantor Bryan will be available to answer questions regarding the organ project. Pastor Jay has dubbed our new organ “Hildegard”. Wonder why? Now’s your chance to find out. Thank you to our Organ Committee for providing our fellowship time this morning.

Confirmation students, grades 7th-9th, will meet **this morning** following the 10:30 worship service. **Four workshops** were offered throughout the year on the 2nd Sunday (in odd months: November 9, January 11, 2025 and March 8, May 10, 2026). In order to successfully complete confirmation classes, each confirmand must attend all four. However, the *same four* will be offered every year in slightly different orders to allow for flexibility in attending all four. There will also be a worship leadership and a biblical literacy component that will need to be completed along with the usual service hours. Finally, ConfirCamp is strongly recommended for *at least* one year between the end of 7th and beginning of 10th grade. Confirmation will still be held in the autumn of 10th grade to each confirmand.

Smile! for your picture. With your help our church directory will soon be updated. All you need do is stop in and have your picture taken. Pictures will be taken every Sunday in May (May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31) from 9:15 – 10:15am and 11:30am – 12:00 noon on the 5th floor. No appointment necessary; just stop up to the 5th floor and say “cheese”. If you are not able to come to the church to have your picture taken or prefer to submit a favorite photograph, please email the picture as an attachment to nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org. Please include each person’s name listed left to right by row as shown in your photograph. Thank you.

Worship

Luther will be hosting the Erie Lutheran Conference congregations for the **Ascension of Our Lord** worship service this Thursday, May 14 at 7:00pm. The Rt. Rev. Kristen Papson, IV Bishop of the NWPA Synod, will be preaching. There will be a reception to follow. God has gone up with a shout! The Lord with the sound of the trumpet! Alleluia! See you there!

Luther Memorial Concert and Cultural Series

Join us Sunday, May 24 at 2:30pm as we welcome Assistant Grand Court Organist, Dylan David Shaw to Luther Memorial. Dylan is Parish Organist at Zion Lutheran Church in Bristol, PA and has served for nearly 11 years as Assistant Organist at the former Macy's Philadelphia, Wanamaker Grand Court with Peter Richard Conte. In addition to his duties at the Grand Court, Dylan is an Associate Organist at Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, New Jersey, home to the Largest Musical Instrument in the World.

Faith Formation

Bible After Dark (BAD) meets on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row (1317 State St.) for a time of conversation and fellowship. **YOU** are invited to join us on Tuesday, June 2. We are exploring *Belonging*, a study of the Woman at the Well by Karoline Lewis (you may have met her!). Books are available for purchase through the church office for \$15.

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

Opportunities for Fellowship

L.I.A., Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, May 12 from 5:30-7:00pm for planning of our upcoming service projects and some very creative ideas. All youth in grades 5-12 and their families meet the second Tuesday of each month; join us.

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Enjoy a relaxing morning with friends at the Magic Fingers Grace Group as you knit your cares away sprinkled with some laughter. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Our May gatherings will be the 12th and 26th from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will welcome Master Gardner Mary Hetrick on Wednesday, May 20. Mary will share some brilliant ideas to bring patriotism into your gardening. Come and discover patriotic container gardening and be ready to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the U. S. A. Lunch will be provided. Please join us May 20 at 11:00am. RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, or the church office.

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.

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

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Betsy Brumagin	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	David Leemhuis
Diane Parsons	Judy Karney	Karen Zamperini	Mark Zamperini
Donna Sedelmyer	Kate Martin	Sutton Rowland	

Friends and Family:

Mary Beth & Nancy, Kelly	Gail Lesuer	Linda F.	Kris
Archer Bardwell; age 3	Brooks Davis	Sharon Swick	Peggy S.
Erin N.	Carl Larese	Shirley	Brynlee
Kevin Soles & family	Jenny	Caroline Daniels	Valerie
Adam & Connie Ogle	Katja & family	Peter Maker	Ellie

Grief:

Braendel family Joann Perry family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

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

Readings and Commemorations This Week.

May 11 – Psalm 93; Genesis 9:8-17; Acts 27:38-44

May 12 – Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; I Peter 3:8-12

May 13 – Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 31:1-13; John 16:16-24

May 14 – **ASCENSION OF OUR LORD** – Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Psalm 93; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53 -- *In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.*

May 15 – **MATTHIAS, APOSTLE** – Isaiah 66:1-2; Psalm 56; Acts 1:15-26; Luke 6:12-16 -- *Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.*

May 16 – Psalm 93; II Kings 2:13-15; John 8:21-30



CALENDAR

MONDAY, MAY 11

TUESDAY, MAY 12 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group
 5:30pm LIA (Lutherans in Action)
 6:00pm Council

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

THURSDAY, MAY 14 12:00pm Brown Bag Bible
 1:00pm Grief Group
 2:30pm Study Skills
 7:00pm Ascension Worship Service

FRIDAY, MAY 15

SATURDAY, MAY 16 10:00am Quilting

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026 **THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Tom Klomp
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Jonathan Ulrich
Altar Guild	8:15am	Pastor Jay
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Patrick Cimino
Counters	10:30am	Jonathan Gaber, Nick Lang
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	

I will not leave
you as orphans.
I will come
to you.

