

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



22 MAY 2022
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Three • 8:15 & 10:30



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 – "Come Down, O Love Divine"

arr. Charles Callahan, Wilbur Held, Kristina Langlois

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (10:30 only)

arr. Greg Sewell, Paul Manz

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

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – "Celebration on 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'"
(10:30 am Service)

arr. Dan R. Edwards

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 Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

C We thank you, God, for your river of life,
 flowing freely from your throne:
 through the earth,
 through the city,
 through every living thing.

P You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
 You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
 Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
 and our sin is drowned forever.
 You open the gate of righteousness
 and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
 You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
 You call us forth and send us out.
 In lush and barren places, you are with us.
 You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water
 and awaken your church once more.

C Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
 Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

P To you, our Beginning and our End,
 our Shepherd and Lamb,
 be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
 now and forever.

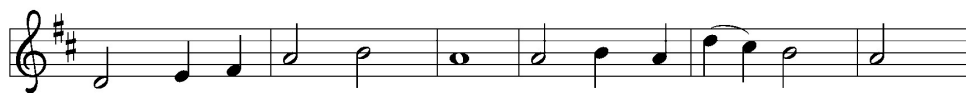
C Amen.

This lauda spirituale, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th 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

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☐ 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



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*

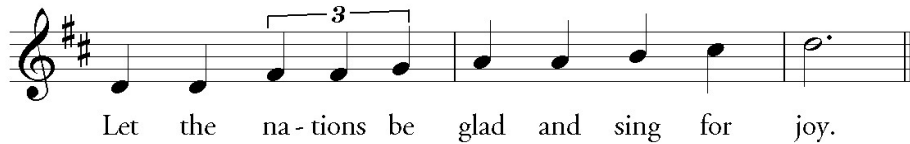


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Dignus est Agnus, tr. John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
 Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010

PSALM: Psalm 67 (10:30 am Service)

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



- ¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- ²Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. **R**
- ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- ⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **R**

*John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions.
Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb
supplants sun and moon.*

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “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. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Moran

Please stand as you are able.

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “good cheer”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 631

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

Please be seated.

NICENE CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **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 him 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 and the Son,*
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.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

A Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace. Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people. Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You guide us in all times of our lives. In this time of pastoral transition at Luther Memorial Church, strengthen all congregational members, leaders, and the Call Committee to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died, especially Cindy Schaper and Donald W. Shaner, Sr., when we meet together at your river of life. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

You are invited to greet those around you in your pew with a word or a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

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

ANTHEM – "Peace I Leave with You" (*John 14:27*) (10:30 am Service)

Walter Pelz

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
Peace, peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
Not as the world giveth, give I unto you; my peace I give to you.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

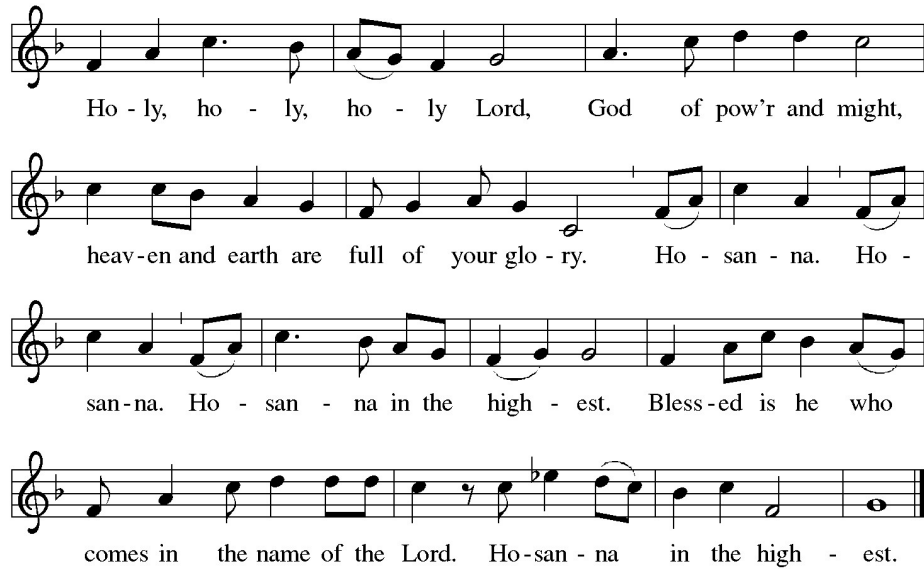
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: ►



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

☐ Holy, living, and loving God,
 we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
 for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
 and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
 who, living among us,
 healed the sick,
 fed the hungry,
 and with a love stronger than death,
 gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread,
 and gave thanks; broke it
 and gave it to this 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.

Remembering, therefore,
 his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
 we await your promised life for all this dying world.



Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C Amen.

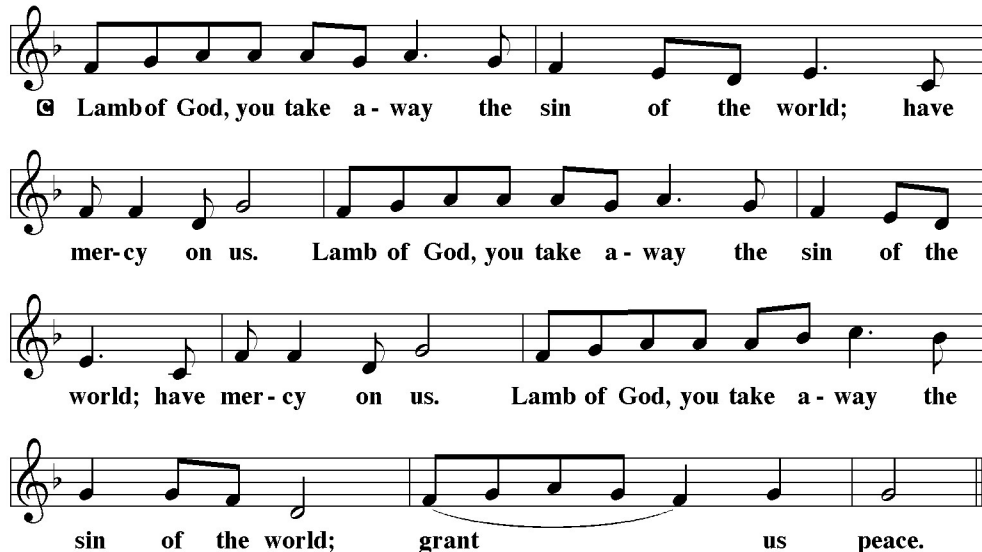
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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. *Matthew 6:9***

AGNUS DEI



C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

C Amen.

P Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.
(10:30 am Service)

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 and maintain appropriate physical distancing. Receive the bread from the pastor then proceed to the assisting minister who will be holding a tray of cups with wine, and also cups with grape juice. Take a cup and then return to your seat.

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

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.

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION (10:30 am Service)

ELW 785

When Peace, like a River It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- ☐ We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus’ name.
- ☑ **Amen.**

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

BLESSING

- ☐ God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen!**

*Both text and tune of this hymn are variously credited as Shaker, Quaker,
Southern or Appalachian, but their real origin is unknown.*

SENDING HYMN

ELW 763

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth’s lam-en - ta - tion,
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A** Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

arr. Mark Thallander

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor Brian Moran

GREETERS – Vicky Blasco (8:15 am)

Jeanne Gaber, Linda Graffius (10:30 am)

ACOLYTES – Mari & Evelynn Graffius (10:30 am)

ASSISTING MINISTERS – Rob Benacci (8:15 am)

Dave Griswold (10:30 am)

LECTOR – Diane Banks (10:30 am)

ALTAR GUILD – Jane Moran (8:15 am)

Loretta Deeds (10:30 am)



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my sister, Cindy Schaper, by Mary Laver.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my brother, Donald W. Shaner, Sr. on his birthday, by his sister, Sally McAfee.

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 Monday, May 23 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

Welcome to our Visitors!

We extend a warm welcome to those who are visiting with us today. Your presence with us is a blessing! If you have any questions about our congregation or its ministries, please call the church office at 814-454-0106. We are glad to help you in any way we can. Please worship with us again soon!

Today's Events

Luther Memorial Church's 10th grade students will gather for their final class this morning at 11:30 as they prepare for their confirmation. These youth will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday during the 10:30am service, on June 5, 2022.

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.

Christian Education

Children's Church class for our 4th – 6th grade children will be held this morning at 9:30am. This will be our final Children's Church gathering until September. We'll see you in church this summer and look forward to our Children's Church gatherings again in the fall.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. Lift your spirits, add some beautiful spring colors to your projects and join us on May 24. 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.

Stay Healthy

A Matter of Balance is a program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels and will be offered at Luther Memorial on Fridays from 10:00am – 12:00 noon from June 3 – July 29. There will not be a class held on July 1. This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Registration is due by Sunday, May 29 by contacting Linda Graffius at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org or 454-0106, ext. 229. The class is free; all materials will be provided. Flyers are located at the Welcome Table.

Prayer Requests

The Prayer Partners group of Luther Memorial Church, consisting of 13 members, has been faithfully praying for many people for several years. The prayer list consistently has 100+ names on it and this is becoming cumbersome for the bulletin. We understand that it is difficult at times to remove a name off the list, resulting in some names being on the list for as long as 5 years. We don't want to remove their names, unless you inform us. So starting in May we will be splitting the list to a **LONG TERM** list (people who have been on for more than 1 year) and a **SHORT TERM** list (1 year or less). If someone on the short term list needs to be on indefinitely, i.e. for cancer treatment, please let Linda Graffius or Norma (in the church office) know.

- The short term list will be in the bulletin each Sunday;
- The long term list will be available at the welcome table on Sunday mornings;
- If you would like the long term list emailed, please contact Norma;
- The long term list will also be printed in the newsletter quarterly;
- Our military men and women will be listed on the long term list.

We will no longer be emailing or calling for updates as this has become difficult to do with so many people on our list. Therefore, if you have someone on the list and a change needs to be made, **you** need to contact Linda or Norma by email or by phone during our work hours.

We will continue to have the Private List option available. The names on this list are only available to the prayer group and Norma. The Grief list will continue to be in the bulletin each week.

We will closely monitor this for several months to determine if it is working. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Linda or Norma. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

Support for Ukraine

To offer support to people in Ukraine donations may be made to the following organizations:

- Lutheran Disaster Response at www.ldr.org or call 800-638-3522
- Lutheran World Relief at www.lwr.org
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service at www.lirs.org

If you would prefer to place your donation in the offering this morning, please mark it Ukraine and we will send all donations to Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you.

Luther Memorial Church Policy

Masking at Luther Memorial Church is now optional. Masking recommendations will be revisited monthly and changes made if community numbers increase. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

Outreach Opportunity

Bethany Outreach Center could use some extra help on Wednesdays. We are in-process of creating a team of 3-9 volunteers to handle the jobs described below. Then we will create a schedule for which team members will serve each week, based upon their availability.

The 3 weekly jobs for which we need volunteers are described below:

1. Food Pickup, Delivery, and Food Distribution Setup (7:45-9:30am)
2. Clothes Closet and Food Pantry Setup (8:00-9:30am)
3. Clothes Closet and Food Pantry Takedown (10:30-11:30am)

Notes: Each of these volunteers need to be able to handle steps and lifting while carrying items such as tables, boxes or bags of food, and bins of clothes. For Job #1 your vehicle must be able to hold 2-3 medium size bins, such as a SUV or car with a large trunk.

If you are interested, please contact Eric Hedlund via email at eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org or by phone at 814-722-7732. He will provide you with a detailed description of each of the jobs and if you wish to be on the team, he will take your information and put you in the schedule for the job and date(s) you wish. As dates are filled in Eric will distribute the updated schedule to all team members via email.

In Case of Emergency

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.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, MAY 23

TUESDAY, MAY 24 8:45am LMA Buddies
 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group
 5:30pm Call Committee

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 2:30pm LMA Dance Group

THURSDAY, MAY 26 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MAY 27

SATURDAY, MAY 28

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Michael Snider will preach at the 8:15 service in Faith Chapel and 10:30am worship service in the main church. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel; go to YouTube, in the search bar type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA”. Subscribe to the channel.

The recorded service at 10:30am is also available on Luther Memorial Church’s website at www.luthermemorialonline.org by clicking on the tabs of “Resources & Online Worship” and “Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study”.

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Ministers	8:15am	Roberta Lobaugh
	10:30am	
Lay Distributors	8:15am	Jan MacInnes
	10:30am	Linda Gaffius
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Jessica Coper, Mary Daniels

– BULLETIN PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Arden Fetcko	Mark Howell	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Brent Young
Bill Grande	Dave Parsh		
Friends and Family:			
Amy Daugherty	Bob R.	Amy Valentine	Linda F.
Eli Martinez Montero	Allison & Erik	N. S.	Kevin
Bishop Michael Lozano	Nancy Baker	Judy Skoog	Kathy Kisak
Meghan Kessler	Bonnie Ford	William Lemmon	Marie Checkley
Sophia	Sidney	Bob Guenther	Norman Jensen
Brendon Sauers & Carol Stinson	Lesley	Amy & Nate	Donnie Schley
Melissa Geiser	Michelle Miller	Robbie Grainger	Amy Clark
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			