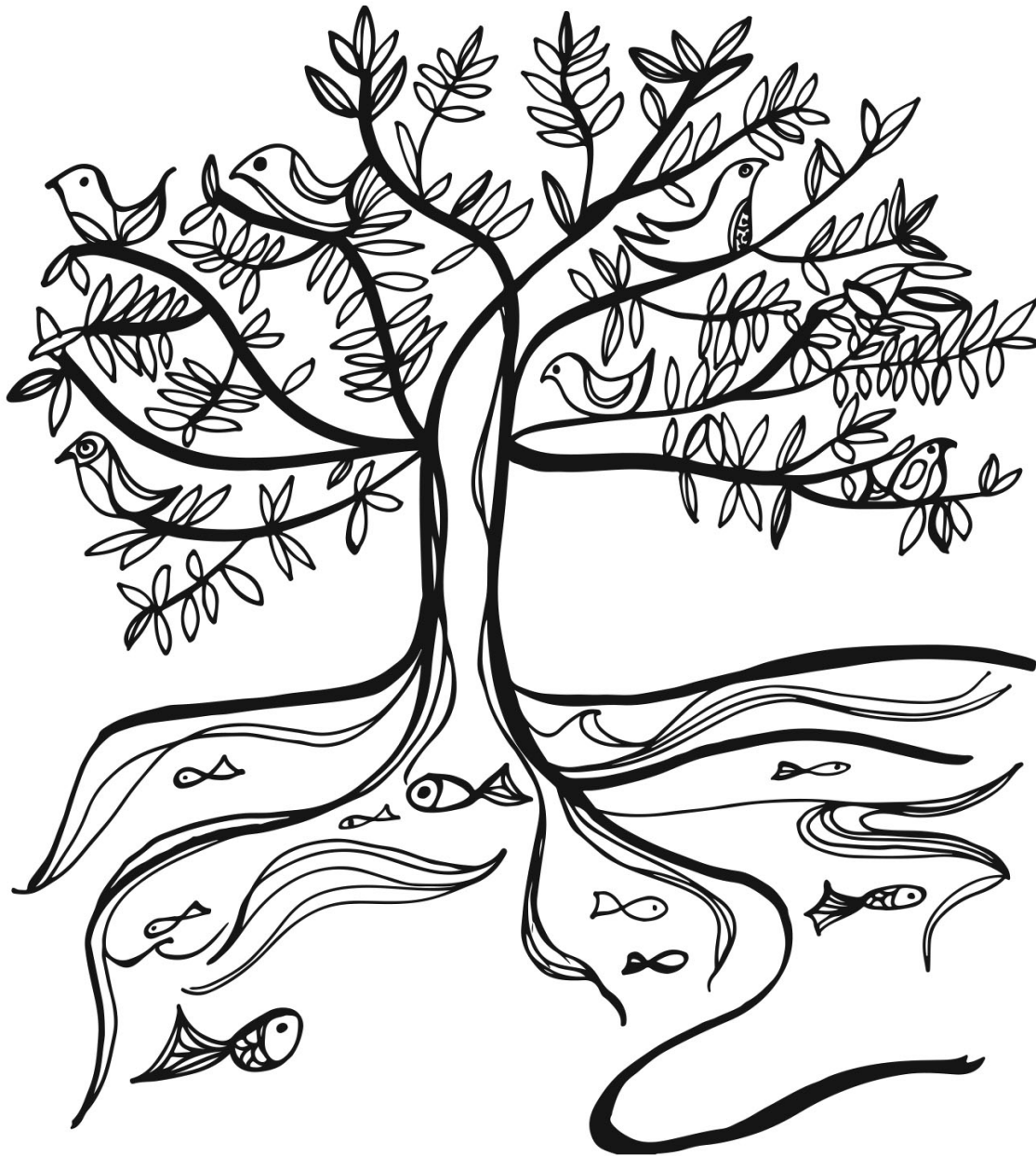


*Welcome to*  
Luther Memorial Church



25 MAY 2025  
**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
10:30 am

## LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## WELCOME!

*This is the day that the Lord has made. Together, let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

~ Here are a few notes to help you participate in worship today: Almost everything you need is in this bulletin, including hymns. You are invited to participate with the words in **bold type**. You are invited to stand as you are able where indicated. Hymns are included in this bulletin, however if you need larger print, hymns may be found in the back of the red hymnal using the number indicated (#). Please join in singing all the music! Today especially we raise our voices in praise!

~ **You don't need to disconnect here!** You don't need to turn off your phone, but please place it in silent mode. Feel free to take pictures—of our building, of worship, but ask permission for any people-pictures. We ask that you not use flash during this worship service. Post your favorite quote from the sermon or verse from a hymn...just be sure to check in and let your friends know where you are!

~ We welcome all of God's children **no matter your age**. Wiggles, dancing, and singing welcome! Together we raise a joyful noise. If you would like a children's bulletin, a soft toy, or a book, they're near the ramp door (out the doors next to the pulpit on the long Welcome Table).

~ **Restrooms** may be found out either door at the front of the Sanctuary. There is an accessible ramp through the doors near the pulpit. At the top of the ramp(s), follow signs to the restrooms. A fully accessible restroom is available through the parlor.

PRELUDE – "Dove of Peace"

D. M. Cherwien

TEMPLE TALK

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 377

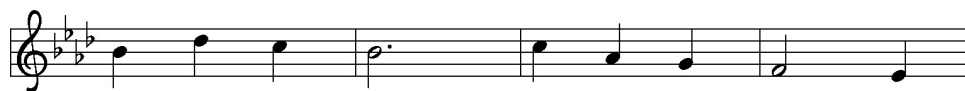
# Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent;  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry;  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



*Refrain*  
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## GREETING

ONE: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of the Risen Christ, the love of our ever-living God,  
and the fellowship of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit, we may love one another and the world you have made, 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.*

## MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

### WORD

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

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

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And 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. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the rulers of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day— and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But 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. <sup>22:1</sup>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 <sup>2</sup>through 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. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and the servants of God will do homage; <sup>4</sup>they will see God's face, and on their foreheads will be God's name. <sup>5</sup>And 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

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel.*

## 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.

## GOSPEL: John 5:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After this there was a festival of the Jewish people, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. <sup>3</sup>In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. <sup>4</sup>One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” <sup>6</sup>The ill man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me.” <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” <sup>8</sup>At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.*

## HOMILY

Pastor Jay

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

## RITE OF HEALING

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

## HYMNS DURING LAYING-ON-OF-HANDS

ELW 381

*During the singing, anyone who wishes is invited to come forward for laying-on-of-hands with prayer and anointing. When you come forward, tell Pastor Jay the name of who you would like to pray for (even if it's you!) and why.*

### Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is in the Treble clef, and the bass line is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Peace, to soothe our bit - ter woes, God in Christ on us be - stows;  
2 Peace with - in the church still dwells in our wel - comes and fare - wells;

Je - sus bought our peace with God with his ho - ly, pre - cious blood;  
and through God's bap - tis - mal pow'r peace sur - rounds our dy - ing hour.

peace in him for sin - ners found is the gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
Peace be with you, full and free, now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860–1943, alt.  
Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

ACS 1017

## Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to  
2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not  
3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my  
4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in  
me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -  
fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -  
yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -  
me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is  
bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."  
fore you; do not run from me in fright."  
side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."  
gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993  
Music: AUSTIN, William P. Rowan, b. 1951  
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ELW 617

## We Come to You for Healing, Lord

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through  
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our  
 Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.  
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923  
 Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824  
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## THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.  
 And also with you.

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

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED



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

ANTHEM – "Share With the Hungry Your Bread"

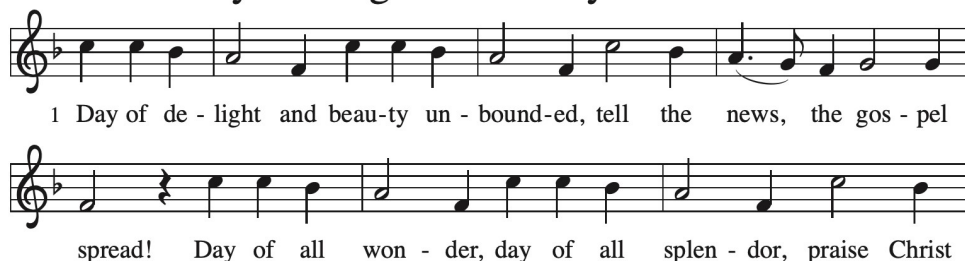
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*Please rise in body or spirit as the gifts are presented.*

## OFFERING HYMN

ACS 933

### Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded



1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel  
 spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ

ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -

pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;

sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the

stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in

wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939  
 Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622  
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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING SURSUM CORDA

☐ 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.

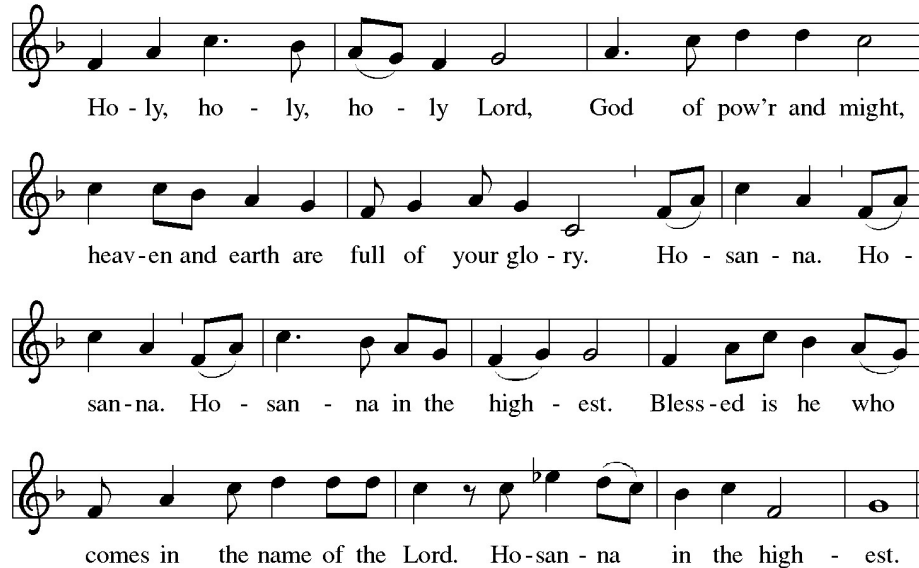
☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## THE PROPER PREFACE

*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, through our Savior Jesus Christ: our Good Samaritan, who tends the wounds of body and spirit with the oil of consolation and the wine of hope; the Sun of righteousness, who raises us to life on his healing wings. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*



## SANCTUS



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Thanks be to you, our God, blessed Trinity. You are all-mighty, all-wisdom, all-truth.

In you, our Maker, is our endless bliss. You hold the universe tenderly, for you love everything you have made. You long for us to be one with you, beholding us as your children, innocent and lovable, and in your gracious goodness you desire that

**all shall be well.**

And when we had fallen, Jesus fell with us, embracing us, assuring us that at the end,

**all shall be well.**

In plenteous love, Jesus donned the soiled tunic of Adam and, becoming our Clothing, dressed us in himself, wrapping us round in compassion. Jesus is our dear Mother, whose marvelous mercy is nearest, and readiest, and surest. In his sorrowful passion, Jesus suffered to bear us into life. Indeed, we laugh mightily, for the fiend is overcome. Jesus mothers us, washing us clean and cleaving to us, keeping us safe and secure. He poured out his precious blood from his open side, that he might nurse us with the sweet milk of himself. He wears us now as his crown, for immeasurable love is his meaning and delight.

*In the night before he bled out his life for us,  
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.*

Show us here the surpassing kindness of the Spirit, our Keeper. In this blessed sacrament of abundant love, sustain us with the body and blood of true life. We your children beseech you to keep us in everlasting fullness of joy. By the tender touch and gracious working of your care, protect and comfort us, nourish and teach us, and unite us with you and to one another.

Until the whole communion of saints is lovingly hidden in you, we join with Mary, your mother, Elizabeth, John, Jiri, Donald, Phil, and Cindy in hope, in praise, and thanksgiving that in you

**All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.**

To you, O God, blessed Trinity, who is Truth, Wisdom, and Love, Friend and Spouse, Nurse and Leader, Light and Sovereign, our Ground and our Heaven, be endless thanksgiving for your merciful goodness, for you are our bliss, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all who are weary and whose load is heavy; I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble-hearted; and you will find rest for your souls.'

So...Come, not because you are strong but because you are weak. Come, not because of any goodness of your own but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love Jesus a little and would like to love him more. Come, because Jesus loves you and gave himself for you.

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

*Please be seated.*

### **THE COMMUNION**

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is, himself, 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. White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know. Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray. All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

## Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us

Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

*Refrain*

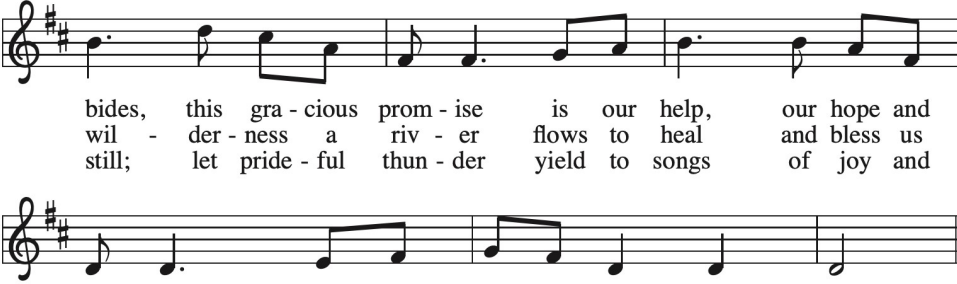
By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your  
 wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your  
 peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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## God Alone Be Praised

1 O - ceans rise, the coast - land trem - bles; moun - tains melt and dry earth  
 2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek - ing ref - uge, ex - iles  
 3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have

crum - bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -  
 wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this  
 shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be



bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and  
 wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us  
 still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and

so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.  
 ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.  
 won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

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## TABLE BLESSING

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

### SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION *if needed*

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that the Meal we have shared here may be extended for our siblings who are not here.

**We who are many are one body in Christ, sharing one bread, one cup.**

### SENDING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

### BLESSING

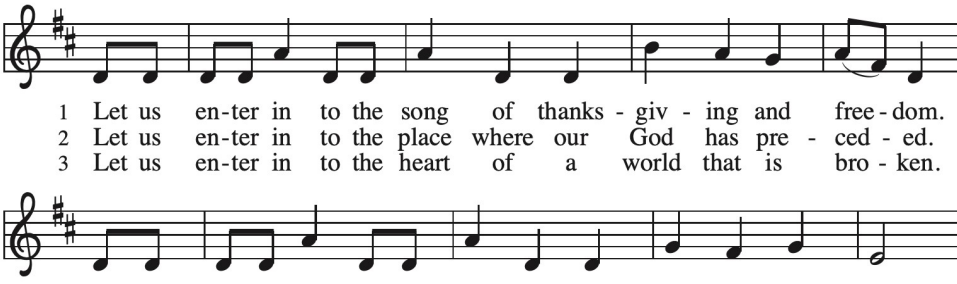
The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**Amen!**

### SENDING HYMN

**ACS 985**

#### Let Us Enter In



1 Let us en - ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.  
 2 Let us en - ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.  
 3 Let us en - ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.

Let us en - ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.  
 Let us en - ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.  
 Let us en - ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943  
Music: LET US ENTER IN, Ray Makeever  
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## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE – "Dialogue"

L. N. Clerambault

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## — SERVING TODAY —

*PRESIDING MINISTER* – Pastor Jay Mitchell

*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer

*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Linda Swanson

*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Stan Rose

*LECTOR* – Mary Mumford

*USHERS* – Cathy Beck, Jane & Dave Kinzig, Carl Moore

*ALTAR GUILD* – Martha & Tom Klomp

*VIDEO STREAMING* – Christy Adams



**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., and my husband, Phil, by 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](mailto:nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org), by Friday, May 30 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

## Worship Matters!

**Why do we share in Healing Services?** There are a multitude of reasons that the people of God gather together to pray for healing and wholeness. We are told about such gatherings and such prayers from the very earliest days of the Church. Peter and Paul are both credited with healings in the name of Jesus. James tells his community: “<sup>5:13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.” When Justin Martyr writes about the weekly gatherings of the Church for worship he makes sure to include that prayers are made for the sick and suffering and that a share of whatever is gathered is distributed by deacons to those who are not able to be part of the Sunday Assembly.

The order for healing is an expression in worship of the church’s ministry of healing. Here all who sense the need for God’s healing in any aspect of their lives may join in prayer for others and themselves. Here each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here each one may also receive a physical gesture of healing: the laying on of hands accompanied by anointing with oil. These signs, first given in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world.

In its ministry of healing, the church **does not** replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific and medical communities nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God’s presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God’s promise of wholeness and peace, and God’s love embodied in the community of faith.

## Worship

**Luther will be hosting** the Erie Lutheran Conference congregations for the **Ascension of Our Lord** worship service on Thursday, May 29 at 7:00pm. 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!

**Our worship service** on Sunday, June 22 will be held at Presque Isle. We will gather at the **Runner’s Club Pavilion**, located near Beach 1, for 10:30am worship. A picnic and games will follow to make it a wonderful afternoon. Please bring a dish to share, your place setting, and a chair or blanket. If you have a favorite game, bring it along too. The 8:15am service will not be held.

**We are excited** to announce that we are forming a new Counting Committee and are looking for volunteers! We need individuals to help count all the offerings following the 10:30am worship services. If you’re interested in contributing to this important role or would like more information, please contact the church office or Gina Snider at [gms0606@gmail.com](mailto:gms0606@gmail.com) or 814-60 2-7679. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

## Faith Formation

**B.A.D.** (*Bible After Dark*) will gather again on June 4 at Calamari’s at 6:30pm and continue to meet the first Wednesday of each month. Join together with Lutherans from around Erie as we discuss the book **Context** by Josh Scott. Copies of the book may be purchased from the church office for \$12. Feel free to purchase an adult beverage as we chat.

## Erie Lutheran Conference



**The Erie Lutheran Conference**—17 congregations in Erie County—is looking toward the future of ministry in our area. Serving in our conference are only four full-time equivalent pastors. And of the 17 congregations, only 3 have a full time pastor (the other FTE pastor is shared between two congregations). In 5-10, the number of full time pastors (not retired) will very likely be only 2. This is not a reason to fear or fret but a reason to open our hearts, minds, eyes, and ears to the various ways that God is calling us into the future! The Church of Jesus will stand the tests of time...whether it looks like it does today or not is only known to Jesus. As part of this planning and dreaming, folks have gotten together as a taskforce to consider models of collaborative ministry in our area. But this is not work just for a few people sometimes, but work that we are all called to do in God’s future. In our planning and dreaming, we are looking toward what ministry looks like years down the road. As part of this dreaming and planning, YOU are invited to fill out a survey to assess the positions, feelings, hopes, and dreams of the Lutherans in Erie County. To take the survey, you can follow the QR Code, or talk with Pastor Jay about a link to take the survey online.

## Youth

**Get your car washed** on Sunday, June 1 following services; 9:30 and 11:30am. Just pull around to the 11<sup>th</sup> Street entrance and our youth will get rid of that winter dirt and grime.

**Flea Markets** will be held in our parking area (rain or shine) the third Saturday of the month and continue through September 20. Set-up begins at 8:00am with shopping held from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Cost of a parking space is \$10 so load your car with unwanted treasures and come on down to park and sell. Our next Flea Market is scheduled for June 21. Please see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski for more information.

**LIA**, Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, June 10 from 5:30-7:00pm as they continue completing service projects. All youth in grades 5-12 are encouraged to join in.

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**Come and join** us for an escape from reality. Your cares will be left behind after a morning of laughter and conversation with the Magic Fingers Grace Group. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am– 12:00 noon; May 27. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

**OWLS** will have a summer picnic on Wednesday, June 18 under our beautiful magnolia tree on the west side of the church. If weather doesn't cooperate we'll gather in the parlor. Join us from 11:00am – 1:00pm for hotdogs, hamburgers and maybe a good old fashioned root beer float. Please bring a dish to share and even some yard games. RSVP to Jan MacInnes by Wednesday, June 11.

## LMA News

**As we prepare** for our celebrations of the 50<sup>th</sup> Academic Year of LMA, crosses will be hung in each classroom. Crosses were made available for sponsorship in honor or in memory of someone and we thank those that have sponsored a cross:

School Administrator's Office: Mrs. Susan Belott	Fifth Grade: Jessica, '88 & Jena, '90
School Office: Mrs. Pat Young	Sixth Grade: Liz Stroup
Kindergarten: Jan & Skip MacInnes	Seventh Grade: Linda & Jeff Swanson
First Grade: Linda & Jeff Swanson	Eighth Grade: Barb & Ross Walter
Second Grade: Carol & Bob Davidson	Library: Patricia Mitchell
Third Grade: Women of the ELCA	Specials Room: Nancy & Rob Benacci
Fourth Grade: Catherine Martin	Art Room: Lois Washill

**Two teaching positions** are open for the 2025/2026 school year:

- Full-time fifth grade classroom teacher – A degree in education or a related field is required. Elementary classroom experience is preferred. Candidates must be proficient with classroom technology and basic communication tools.
- Part-time music teacher – General music classes for grades Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> one day per week. The teacher will design and implement engaging lesson plans that cater to diverse learning styles. The position also includes planning, rehearsing and directing the LMA Sunday performance, end-of-year music program and other events as needed. Qualifications: BA in Music, Music Education or related field; teaching experience preferred.

Please send a letter of interest and current resume, including three references, via email to LMA Administrator, Michelle Thom, at [mthom@lmaerie.org](mailto:mthom@lmaerie.org).

## Items to Note

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

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Marilyn Bohn & family	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Mary Daniels
Pat Gilbert	Lois Fobes	Bea Leemhuis	Sally McAfee
Friends and Family:			
Mary Beth & Mary Kelly	Laura L	Mary Lou	Shelby
Nicholas Nasibyan	Gwen Smith	Andrew Wachter	Sullivan
Carol Steffey & Marissa	Janine Frank	Sandy M.	Ron Lester
Wyatt Culbertson	Henderson family	Justin	Beth Sedelmyer
Grief:			
Sharon Rositer (McGhee) family	Dee Lasher family	Kaitlin Weber family	
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Lt. Col. Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	

**Readings and Commemoration This Week**

**May 26** – Psalm 93; I Chronicles 12:16-22; Revelation 21:5-14

**May 27** – **John Calvin, renewer of the church, 1564** – Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 8; Romans 8:28-30; John 15:1-11 -- *Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.*

**May 28** – Psalm 93; II Chronicles 34:20-33; Luke 2:25-38

**May 29** – **THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD OR Jiří Tranovský, hymnwriter, 1637** – II Chronicles 20:20-21; Psalm 96; Ephesians 5:18b-20; Matthew 13:44-52 -- *Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.*

**May 30** – Psalm 97; Exodus 33:12-17; Revelation 22:6-9

**May 31** – **THE VISITATION OF MARY TO ELIZABETH** – I Samuel 2:1-10; Psalm 113; Romans 12:9-16b; Luke 1:39-57 -- *This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.*



## CALENDAR

**MONDAY, MAY 26**

*Memorial Day*

Church & School Offices Closed

**TUESDAY, MAY 27**

10:00am

Magic Fingers Grace Group

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 28**

11:00am

Early Connections Pre-Kindergarten Graduation  
Newsletter Mailing

**THURSDAY, MAY 29**

7:00pm

Ascension of Our Lord Worship Service

**FRIDAY, MAY 30**

8:30am

LMA Field Day

**SATURDAY, MAY 31**

12:00pm

Sharon Rositer McGhee Visitation

1:00pm

Sharon Rositer McGhee Service / reception following

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025**

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

**Car Wash**, sponsored by our youth, held at 9:30 and 11:30am in the 11<sup>th</sup> Street parking area.

<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Ellen DiPlacido
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham
Communion Assistants ( <i>1 needed</i> )	10:30am	
Lector	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Nick Lang
Counters	10:30am	
Ushers ( <i>4 needed</i> )	10:30am	Sue Cappelletty, Carl Moore