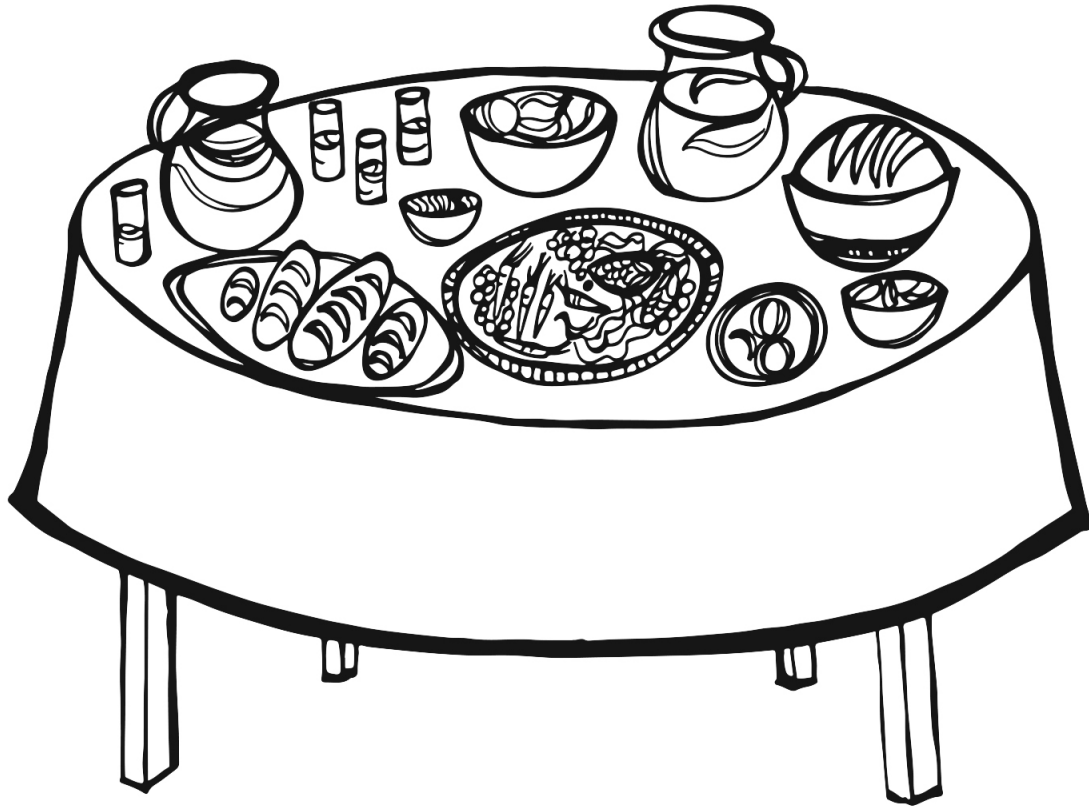


*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



**6 AUGUST 2023**  
**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:30 am**

*In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 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** – “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

“What Is This Bread?”

“O Bread of Life from Heaven”

arr. Cindy Berry

arr. Kevin J. Sadowski

arr. Aaron David Miller

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name.

**C** Amen.

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

P Most Merciful God,  
 C We confess that we are captive to sin  
 and cannot free ourselves.  
 We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed;  
 by what we have done  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart,  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us.  
 Forgive us.  
 Renew us.  
 And lead us.  
 That we may delight in your will  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Holy Name.  
 Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us; and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

*In the mid-1980's this author composed the folk mass La Misa Popular Salvadoreña as a result of a commission from Archbishop Oscar Romero. Romero was assassinated while celebrating mass in El Salvador. Cuéllar was forced into exile for ten years due to threats on his life.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 523

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet  
*Vamos todos al banquete*

*Refrain / Estribillo*

Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
 Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the  
 me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
 feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is  
 re - te tie - ne un pues - to yu - na mi - sión.  
 wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
 2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
 3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

*Refrain / Estribillo*

walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, *Misa popular salvadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956  
Music: VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE, Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955  
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## GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the





right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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

*Jacob wrestled all night with God, and when God wanted to get away as dawn was breaking, Jacob would not let God go until God had blessed him. Jacob’s name is changed to Israel to mark his new relationship with God as he enters the land. Jacob is astonished that he remains alive after seeing God face-to-face.*

**FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31**

<sup>22</sup>At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then the man said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” <sup>27</sup>So the man said to Jacob, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.” <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked the man, “Please tell me your name.” But the man said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there the man blessed Jacob. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 17:1-7, 15** (*Spoken responsively.*)

<sup>1</sup>Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

<sup>2</sup>**Let my vindication come forth from your presence;  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

<sup>3</sup>Examine my heart, visit me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not regarded what others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

<sup>5</sup>My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;  
and my feet do not slip.

<sup>6</sup>**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

<sup>7</sup>Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

<sup>15</sup>**But at my vindication I shall see your face;  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

*This begins a new section in Paul’s letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God’s saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel’s heritage and legacy include being God’s children, having God’s covenants, being given God’s law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.*

**SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— <sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut from Christ for the sake of my own siblings, my own flesh and blood. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

### GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to Jesus and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Jay

*Please stand as you are able.*

*With references to miracles in which Jesus fed gathered crowds and to the last supper, the first two stanzas fittingly begin with a past-tense phrase, "Loaves were broken, words were spoken."*

*Stanza three then brings us into the present tense, when Jesus is present to us in holy communion, just as he promised. The final stanza sends us into the future, as we leave worship to share the good news and serve our neighbors. Herman Stuempfle was a pastor and seminary president whose life of service included supporting day care, a homeless shelter, and prison ministry.*

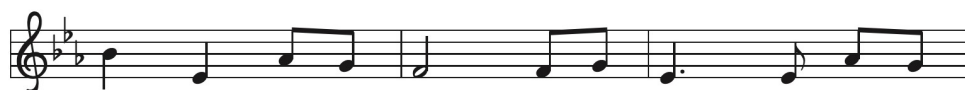
HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 966

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



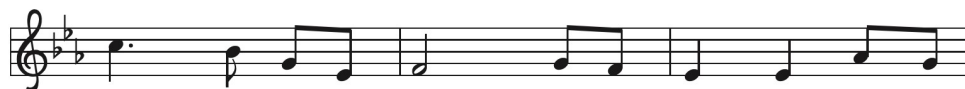
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



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.



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.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007  
Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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## APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

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

*A brief silence.*

**A** You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you. We pray for Abbie, Winnie, Shirley, Marilyn, Debbie, Elizabeth, Craig, Mark, John, Michael, Mary, Archer, Carol, Elayne, John, Nichole, Melissa, Kevin, Karen, Jean, Kate, Roger, Bob, Diane, Dean, Susan, Ian, Bernie, Branden, Caitlyn, Meghan, Bonnie, Michele, Cindy, Howie, Bertil, Matt, Ben, Michael, Andrew, Alli and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts \_\_\_\_\_. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.



**A** You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** In the company of your saints, especially Gage Anthony Post and Robert Halttunen, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord is with you.

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

*Please be seated.*

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

## THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

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

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

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

## VOLUNTARY – “Bread of the World”

arr. Anne Marie David

*Please stand as you are able.*

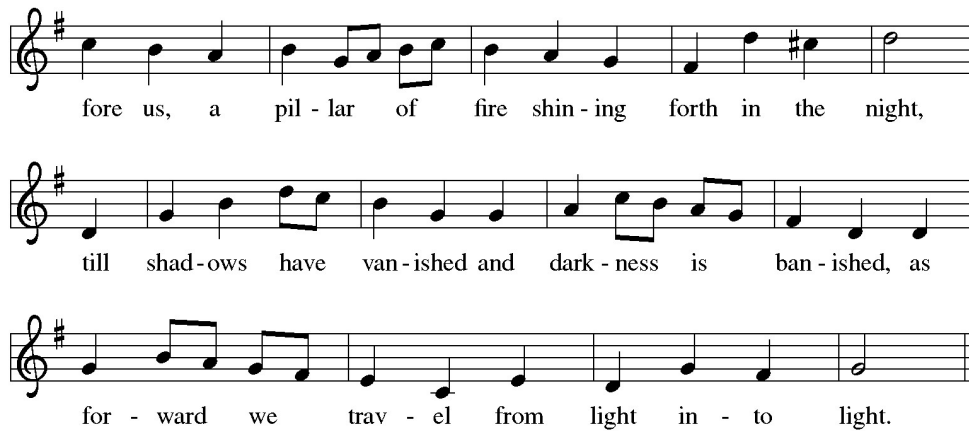
## OFFERTORY

### Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -





fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.  
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

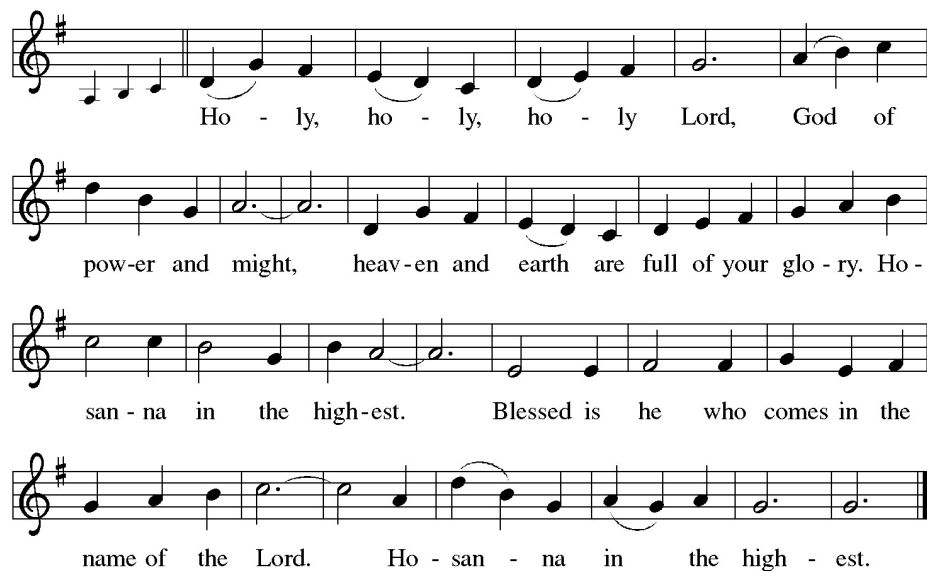
## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

- P** It is our delight and privilege to lift our hearts to you, our Lord and God, because in this Eucharistic feast you give us a pattern of our salvation. In the inadequacy of loaves and fishes we see our paltry offerings from the gift of your creation; but just as in incarnation, cross, and resurrection you took, and blessed, and broke, and share our human nature in Jesus, so he took, and blessed, and broke, and shared the loaves and fish to be an overflowing banquet of glory for your hungry people. Through the abundance of twelve baskets left over you restore Israel's twelve tribes to service in your reign, and you invite us to share your feast, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

## SANCTUS



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

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

- ☐ Out of nothing, God of mercy, you made your creation; and out of slavery and wilderness you called your chosen people. Out of flesh and blood and dust and ashes you call us to be your Church. Send your Holy Spirit upon us now, that we may become holy, even as you are holy. Sanctify this bread and cup, that they may transform our hearts and minds and voices as they become for us the body and blood of your blessed Son our Savior; who,

*In the night in which he was betrayed,  
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.*

- ☐ Great is the mystery of faith:

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

- ☐ God of all who struggle, you wrestled with Jacob until daybreak. Open the eyes of all who fight all night, to learn if their battle is indeed with you. Visit the hearts of any who limp because of an old wound, to understand if that wound was part of your redemption. As you gave Jacob a new name, and as in baptism you seal each one of us with your name as your adopted children, bless those who search to find their true identity or to discover who you truly created them to be. Come among all who are oppressed, that they may see you face to face and in you find life and hope, until the day when your glory is fully revealed and you are all in all, over one God.

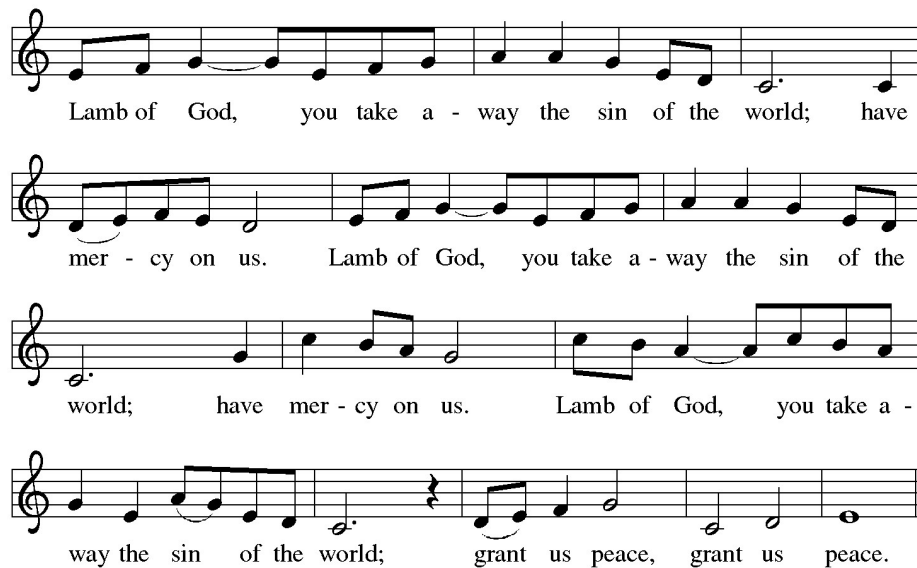
☑ **Amen.**

## **OUR SAVIOR'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.**

## AGNUS DEI



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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.
- ☐ Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

*The congregation is seated.*

## SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

## COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!  
We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

*Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.*

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

*White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know.*

*Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.*

*As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.*

*All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine,  
please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

*Text and tune were written as part of a communion liturgy published in 1984.  
The hymn writer has served as a Lutheran pastor, college professor, liturgy director,  
music director and tennis coach, and is now a self-employed performing artist, songwriter,  
publisher, workshop leader, and worship music consultant and leader.*

**HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION**

**ELW 479**

**We Come to the Hungry Feast**



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943  
Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever  
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*The phrase "bread of life" as a metaphor for scripture has misled many people into thinking of this hymn as being connected with the Lord's Supper, when its true subject is Bible study.  
Both the author and the composer were active in the work of the Chautauqua assembly.*

**ELW 515**

**Break Now the Bread of Life**



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.  
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

*Please stand as you are able.*

## TABLE BLESSING

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

☑ Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 881

### Let All Things Now Living

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

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.  
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

*Please be seated.*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

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

*Living through the Nazi occupation, seeing his grandparents die of starvation and witnessing his parents deep involvement in the resistance movement, this author began attending church in his teens. He attended Western College in Bristol and was ordained in 1955. In 1963 he was called to be minister of the Pilgrim Church in Plymouth where he began to write hymns.*

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 674

### Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



*Refrain*  
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!



## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

☞ Go in peace. Share the harvest.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE – “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

arr. Kevin J. Sadowski

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PRESIDING MINISTER* – Pastor Jay Mitchell

*GREETER* – Jeff Swanson

*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer

*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Liz Stroup

*LECTOR* – Cathie Dugan

*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Pam Masiroff

*ALTAR GUILD* – Sharon Burke

*USHERS* – Eric Hedlund, Dave Griswold, Martha & Tom Klomp



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my grandson, Gage Anthony post, by Patricia Boyd.

**Front altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Jeanne Gaber’s birthday today by her family.

**Front altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my brother, Robert (Bob) Martin Halttunen, by Janet Kent.

### Today’s Events

**God’s Work Our Hands Sunday** is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year! As part of our celebration at Luther Memorial, consider buying a T-Shirt (Long or Short Sleeve)! Short sleeve t-shirts are \$10 and long sleeve t-shirts are \$20. You can buy in English, Spanish, or Arabic! See Beth Keller, Pastor Jay, or call the church office! All orders must be received by August 14 for timely delivery!

**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.

### Worship

**Service of Healing** will be held in Faith Chapel on Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00pm. Join together in a service of Holy Communion with prayer and anointing for healing.

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

*Today after worship, those who are currently serving as and are interested in **USHERING, GREETING AND LIVESTREAMING** our services will meet. Please meet Pastor Jay in the front two rows of Faith Chapel after the Postlude. Following the 10:30 service we will gather in the main church.*

**Blessing** of the Backpacks, our school bound students and teachers will be offered during worship services on Sunday, August 27. We would like to send you off with lots of prayer and many blessings. Bring your backpack and get a tag. The tag will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year.

**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.

### Youth Event

**All youth** grades 6 – 12 are invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast together on Sunday, August 20 from 9:30 – 10:15am. Join us in the parlor and get a great start to your morning.

### Where Is Pastor Jay?

**Pastor Jay** would love to meet with you! You don't just need to have an emergency to have a great chat. If you want to get together, because Pastor Jay is often away from his desk doing other pastorly things, you should probably call the church office or e-mail Pastor Jay directly at [JMitchell@LutherMemorialOnline.org](mailto:JMitchell@LutherMemorialOnline.org). However, if you just want to drop in on him, for the week of August 6, Pastor Jay's drop-in hours will be Wednesday from 4-5:30 in the office OR Thursday from 3-4 at Pressed Coffee Shop at 8<sup>th</sup> and Greengarden.

### Stump the Pastor

**You will notice** a stand in the parlor lobby with many tree stumps on it. You (whoever you are of all ages) are invited to use these to try and stump Pastor Jay. You may ask your question anonymously or you can put your name on the stump. Either way, look for Pastor Jay's response once your stump "sprouts" a tree!

### Opportunities for Fellowship

**OWLS** will be venturing to the Arundel Winery, 11727 E Main St, North East, on Tuesday, August 15. Join us for a delicious lunch and beautiful scenery from 11:30am – 1:00pm. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes by Friday, August 11.

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** has a great way to beat the summer heat; join us in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month for knitting and crocheting. We'll gather August 8 and 22 from 10:00am-12:00 noon for a wonderful morning and hope to see you. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

### Worship Space

**All are asked** to lend a hand for time you can share to help with our Cleaning Day on Saturday, September 16 beginning at 9:00am. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Carpets and floors have been cleaned, painting has been done, and now those cleaning touch ups are needed. Please join us. You are welcome to contact the church office or Les Fobes with any questions. Thank you.

### Paving Project

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

### Look What's Coming

**LMA** would like to invite our church and school families to a **Back to School Picnic** on Tuesday, August 15 at Presque Isle's Rotary Pavilion from 4:00 – 8:00pm. If you haven't met Pastor Jay yet, now will be a great time. Meet our new principal, Mrs. Thom. Bring your beach gear along, too. Face painting will be done by Connie. Everyone is invited to a delicious picnic, fun and games.

**ALT Worship** (*A Lutheran Table*) will be offered on the first Wednesday of every month beginning September 6 at 5:30pm for a new worship experience. The service will be about 60 minutes and center around sharing a meal. We will begin by preparing the meal and the worship space together and end with dessert and clean-up. All part of the worship experience. We will also share in Communion. Come on out for something new and a unique encounter with the Divine!

**Indoor Yard Sale** will be held Saturday, September 9 from 8:00am – 1:00pm in our fellowship hall. Items for the sale may be dropped off beginning August 13. Books, TV's or large electronic items and soft furniture will not be accepted. C'mon down and catch the great deals! Proceeds will benefit our youth traveling to the National Youth Gathering in July 2024.



**WEEKLY READINGS AND COMMEMORATIONS**

**August 7** – Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 31:22-42; Romans 1:8-15

**August 8 – Dominic, found of the Order of Preachers, 1221** – Ecclesiastes 12:1-7; Psalm 96:1-7; John 7:16-18 -- *Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.*

**August 9** – Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 43:1-7; Matthew 15:32-39

**August 10 – Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr, 258** – Daniel 3:19-27; Psalm 126; John 12:24-26 -- *As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.*

**August 11 – Clare of Assisi, Abbess of San Damiano, 1253**—Ecclesiastes 5:8-15; Psalm 63:1-8; Luke 12:32-34 -- *A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.*

**August 12** – Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 37:5-11; Matthew 16:1-4

– PRAYER LIST –

<b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b>			
<b>Our Members:</b>			
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon	Winnie Lyons	Shirley Brown	Marilyn Bohn
<b>Friends and Family:</b>			
Debbie	Elayne Morphy	Kate Collins	Bernie Wiest
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie	John Semonis	Roger Smith	Branden Jones
Mark Smith	Nichole Jones	Bob Guenther	Caitlyn Kessler
John Varner	Melissa Pierce	Diane Henry	Meghan Kessler
Michael Collins & Mary	Kevin	Dean Scalise	Bonnie Ford
Baby Archer Bardwell	Karen Chilcote	Susan Brooks	Michele Seifert
Carol E.	Jean C.	Ian Minner	Cindy Hessinger
Howie	Bertil Carlson		
<b><u>Grief</u></b>			
Barbara Braley family			
<b>Our Military Service Men &amp; Women:</b>			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			



## ERIE GIVES DAY 2023

### Your Opportunity to Help a Non-Profit

**Tuesday, August 8, 2023      8:00am – 8:00pm**  
**12 Hours of Giving**

**Day and Time:** The online event takes place on August 8. You have 12 hours to make your donation between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm.

**Participating Nonprofits:** Your organization must be a 501(c)(3), serve Erie County and either be a member of [16](#) or have an Agency Endowment with the Erie Community Foundation to participate in Erie Gives. **Luther Memorial Church, Luther Memorial Academy and Bethany Outreach Center appreciate your support.**

**Gift Amount:** The minimum gift is \$25. There is no limit to the amount of money you may give. There is no limit to the number of organizations you can donate to in a transaction.

**Making a Donation:** Simply log on to [www.eriegives.org](http://www.eriegives.org) or call the Erie Community Foundation at 454-0843.

**Credit Cards:** Only Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover will be accepted. The credit card processor charges a nominal fee per transaction. The Erie Community Foundation does not receive any fees. (Credit card gift cards will not be accepted.)

**Checks:** Donors can write a check for their Erie Gives donation.

- Checks must be made out to The Erie Community Foundation;
- All check donations must be accompanied by a Check Donation Form. The Check Donation Form will be available for download beginning June 8, 2023. A Check Donation Form can be mailed to you by contacting the Foundation and requesting this;
- Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16507) no later than Monday, August 7, 2023.

**Prorated Match:** The Erie Community Foundation and our sponsors will enhance each donor's gift by providing a prorated match to each gift made to a nonprofit.

**Your Receipt:** You will receive an email receipt of your gift; please retain it for tax purposes. Unless you choose to remain anonymous, your donor information will be sent to the appropriate organizations.

