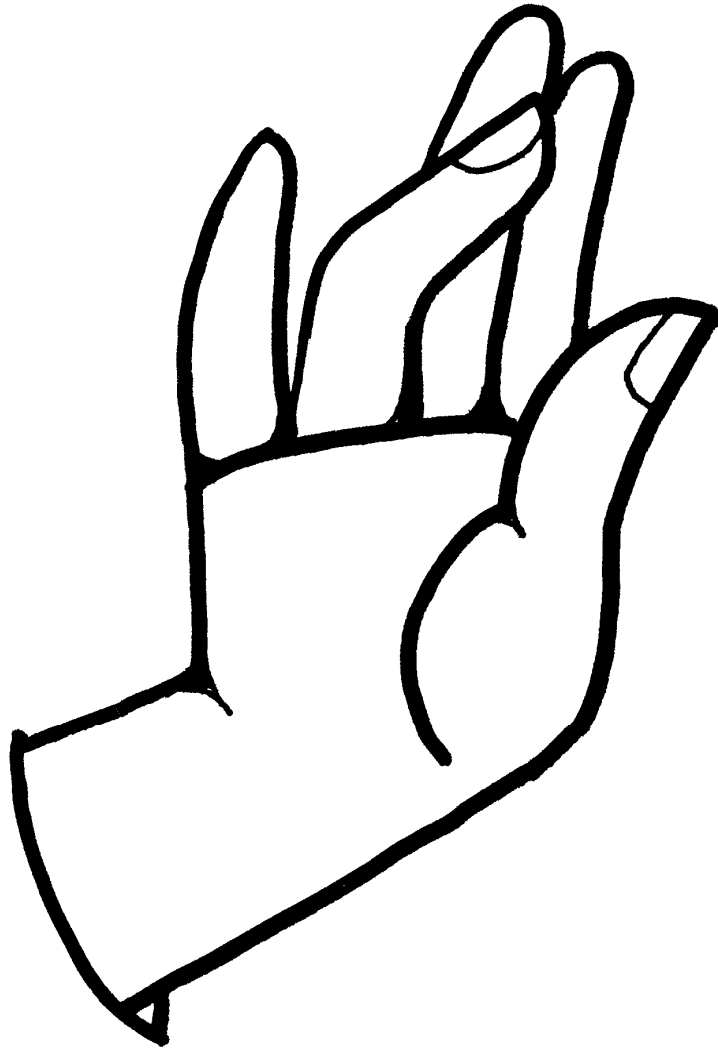


WELCOME TO

**LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & ACADEMY**



7 JUNE 2026

**The 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time
and The Episcopal Visitation of
The Rt. Rev'd. Kristen M. Papson**

10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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SARAH PRYLINSKI

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WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

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

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

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

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

+ You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshipping around you and turn your phones and devices to silent. Feel free to take pictures of our beautiful sanctuary or post about the sermon. However, we ask that you ask permission before taking any people pictures.

+ We welcome all to worship and to the Table trusting that it is the Holy Spirit that draws us all together. If you would like information about joining the congregation or receiving the Sacraments of the Church, be sure to talk to Pastor Jay after worship (you can usually find him next to the pulpit after the service).

PRELUDE – "Highland Cathedral"

C. Callahan

Please rise in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ONE: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**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,

so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

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, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 859

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the God of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise the Al - might - y, o'er all life so won-drous-ly reign - ing,
3 Praise the Al - might - y, who pros-pers your work and de - fends you;
4 Praise the Al - might - y! In won - der my spir - it is soar - ing!

My heart is long-ing to of-fer up sweet ad-o-ra-tion.
and, as on wings of an ea-gle, up-lift-ing, sus-tain-ing.
see from the heav-ens the show-ers of mer-cy God sends you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es out-pour-ing.

Mel-o-dy make; dul-ci-mer, harp, now a-wake.
Have you not seen? All that is need-ful has been
Pon-der a-new what the Al-might-y can do;
Let the a-men sound from God's peo-ple a-gain,

Sound forth your praise, ev-'ry na-tion.
sent by God's gra-cious or-dain-ing.
in-fi-nite Love here be-friends you.
glad-ly for-ev-er a-dor-ing.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1690; tr. composite
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665
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OPENING SENTENCE

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God.
And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray: Bless Jane O Lord, as she reads to us the scriptures. As rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return until the earth is watered, let your word not return empty, but accomplish your purpose and succeed in that for which it was sent; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom Abraham believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, Abraham believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made Abraham waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what God had promised. ²²Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

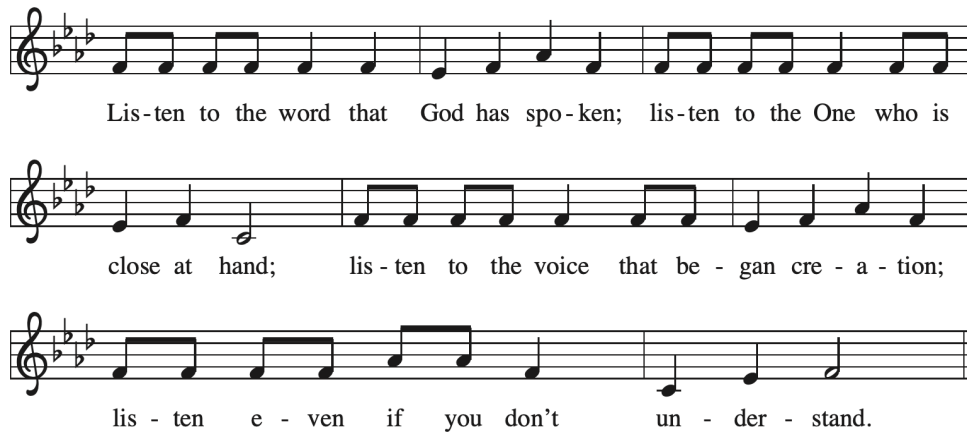
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

The congregation may rise in body or spirit to greet the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACS 974

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is
close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be-gan cre-a-tion;
lis-ten e-ven if you don't un-der-stand.

Text: Anonymous, Canada
Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax collection station, and Jesus said to him, “Follow me.” And Matthew got up and followed him. ¹⁰And as Jesus sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.” ¹⁸While Jesus was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON

Bishop Papson

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 860

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new *members* into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Name/s have/has come to join our congregation.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sibling(s) in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for *these new members* in *their* life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

WELCOME

Let us welcome *these/this sibling(s)* in Christ to Luther Memorial.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

The congregation offers welcome and acclamation with applause.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Bless Yehiel and Kristen, our bishops; Jean, our dean; Jay, our pastor, and all who serve your Church. Ground us all in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, all you have made is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need, particularly those whose names and needs we lift up now: _____. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. Help us to remember that wherever we are, we are your Church. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for our new members, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness like Seattle, Columba, Bede, Barnabas, and our own beloved dead: Jim, Diane and Rayetta. May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
All share greetings and gestures of peace with those around you. Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING



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

MUSICAL OFFERING – "Trio"

P. Fey

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

ACS 970



We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.



We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.



You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:

and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

Text: Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop
 Music: LIVING BREAD, St. Vincent traditional, adapt.; arr. Patrick Prescod, 1932–2013
 Text and music © Caribbean Conference of Churches

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

Lord, Emmanuel, the with-us God, we thank and praise you because you called Abraham out of the dust of Haran and made him the parent of many nations. You blessed Abraham and blessed those who blessed him, and call his progeny the one in whom all people would find a blessing. You reckoned his faith as righteousness. In Jesus you fulfilled that blessing, and in his dying and rising, opened out that covenant to your whole creation. And so we celebrate the wonders of your grace, with all the host of heaven, singing your unending hymn:

SANCTUS

ACS 1089

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.
 your glo - ry fills all heav - en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .
 . . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to, e - res, oh Dios.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

God of ever-presence, Abraham built an altar in the desert because you had appeared to him. Appear to us now as we gather around this holy table in your name. As your Son pitched his tent in our midst, so through your Holy Spirit make him present to us and make us holy through him, that we might behold your glory. Sanctify by that same Spirit this bread and cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Beloved, Jesus Christ,

*who, in the night in which he was betrayed,
 took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:
 "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me."*

*And in the same way, after supper,
 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 sins.
 Do this in remembrance of me."*

Infectious God, in touching the hem of your Son's garment a woman was restored to wholeness and community. In this sacrament give us grace to touch the hem of your garment and so find life and truth and peace. Heal all who find themselves excluded by prejudice, discrimination, or bigotry. Restore to your company any who have withdrawn through shame or fear or regret. Lift up those who are invisible because of cruelty or imprisonment or suppression. Visit your children who are close to death or dismayed by grief. Gather to yourself a reign of sinner and sage, exile and exalted, that the whole of your groaning creation may leap for joy and sing in your heart forever, Triune God.

Amen.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

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

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 607

Come, Ye Disconsolate

1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;
2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing

come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;
forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
"Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
 Text and music © 1973 Concordia Publishing House.

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

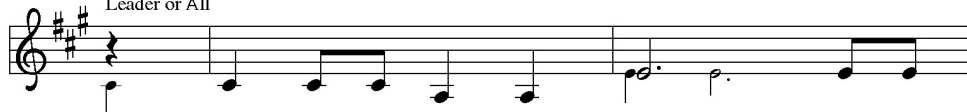
BLESSING

...now and forever.

Amen.

I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall . . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven . . . though you
 Son of God, who have



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

Refrain

All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."



Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Lobe den Herren"

W. Wold

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Luther Memorial Church and Academy are located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people. These lands were ceded by the people of the Six Nations on October 22, 1784 in a treaty ratified by the United States Government in 1785 and never ratified by the people of the Six Nations. We gather in this place indebted to these peoples for their forced generosity. While some peoples were successful in resisting assimilation and genocide, and still live on dwindled homelands now, many were absorbed into other peoples, exiled, or annihilated by the United States government for their land. For those who remain and for the land on which we gather, we give thanks to the Creator and to those who have been custodians of this part of Turtle Island since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER AND PREACHER – The Rt. Rev'd. Kristen M. Papson

ASSISTING MINISTER – Stan Rose

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Linda Graffius

LECTOR – Jane Moran

USHERS – Mary Daniels, Jeanne & Walt Gaber, Carl Moore

ALTAR GUILD – Mary Daniels

VIDEO STREAMING – Christy Adams



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our Luther Memorial Academy 8th grade graduates by Mrs. Susan Belott and Mrs. Pat Young.

Pulpit flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Jim Beck by his wife, Cathy Beck.

Columbarium flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Diane Braendel Come by the Braendel family.

Our love and sympathy is with family and friends of Rayetta (Chickie) Bulos who died May 29, 2026. Our prayers are with her sister-in-law, Sue Belott.

Capital Campaign

The Capital Campaign for the Parking Lot project comes to a conclusion on June 30. If you have not fulfilled your pledge (or even if you want to give a little extra) please be sure your donations are submitted by the 30th! Thank you for your continued support!

Worship

Our worship service on Sunday, June 28 will be held at Presque Isle. We will gather at Shelter #1 (located by the bike rentals) for our 10:30am service. 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.

Luther Memorial on Vacation!

Going on vacation? Know you'll be away for a while this summer? Please take a "**Luther Memorial on Vacation**" sign with you—and send us a picture from wherever you find yourself! We are collecting pictures for our bulletin board and for social media (optional) to show all the places Luther Memorial is traveling this summer! It's a great reminder that wherever we are, we are Church together. *If possible, please return the sign when you return to church after your vacation so others may use them and we can be good economic and ecological stewards.*

Where is Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay's Coffee Shop Office Hours are back! This week you can find him at *Brew Ha Ha (Colony Plaza)* on Wednesday (6/10) from 8-10am. As always, Pastor Jay is available and wants to get together anytime. Please call and make an appointment!

Church Office Hours

Please have patience with the Church Office this week as Norma takes much deserved vacation. Please call before popping by the church to ensure someone is here to let you in.

For the summer: Please note for the summer, Church office hours are 8:30am-2:30pm Monday through Thursday. The Church office is variably open half-days on Fridays, call before popping by!

Faith Formation

Bible After Dark (BAD) meets on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row (1317 State St.) for a time of conversation and fellowship. ***YOU*** are invited to join us on Tuesday, July 7. We are exploring *Belonging*, a study of the Woman at the Well by Karoline Lewis (you may have met her!). Books are available for purchase through the church office for \$15.

Brown Bag Bible (B³) gathers on Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. You bring a lunch, Pastor Jay brings something to talk about. B³ will meet throughout the summer as we continue with a study on the book of Revelation.

Mark your calendars for Adult Forum in July! *Revolution and Reformation: Lutherans at the Time of Independence.* We will join in the library between the services July 12, 19, and 26 to explore some important Lutherans and how Lutheranism had an impact during the struggle for independence. Sundays in July (except the 5th) 9:15-10:15am in the Library.

Opportunities for Fellowship

L.I.A., Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, June 9 from 5:30-7:00pm for planning of our upcoming service projects and some very creative ideas. L.I.A. is open to families and those looking to help with small hands on service projects. And it's a great opportunity to take care of those service hours many youth need. Be sure to check the bulletins for surprises all summer. If you are not familiar with the BAND App, contact Sarah Prylinski as outings are also posted on the app. We're looking forward to see everyone this summer!

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Enjoy a relaxing morning with friends at the Magic Fingers Grace Group as you knit your cares away sprinkled with some laughter. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. We hope to see you June 9 and June 23 from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will welcome summer with a picnic in the parlor on Wednesday, June 17 at 11:00am. Tasty grilled hotdogs, hamburgers and beverage will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, or the church office, 454-0106, ext. 221 by Friday, June 12.

For Your Health

No Strings Attached! Begin your journey and learn how to better manage blood sugars, blood pressure, cholesterol and weight with nutrition. The National Diabetes Prevention Program will offer this free one year “journey” beginning Thursday, June 18 at 10:00am in our parlor. One hour sessions will be held weekly for 3 months, bi-weekly for 3 months and monthly for 6 months. Please join us on Thursday, June 18 for the free Discovery Session when information will be shared to learn more about the program. Delicious meals and free giveaways will be included throughout the one year journey. This is a wonderful opportunity to improve your health. Please RSVP to Diabetes Prevention Program of The Sight center at 814-455-0995, opt. 4 or contact Norma in our church office.

Items to Note

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

Summer office hours will begin Monday, June 8 and continue through Monday, August 24. The offices will be open 8:30am-2:00pm. Friday hours will vary; please call if you would like to stop in. Thank you.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Betsy Brumagin	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	David Leemhuis
Diane Parsons	Judy Karney	Karen Zamperini	Kate Martin
Donna Sedelmyer	Mary Mumford	Betty Pletz	

Friends and Family:

Hannah Jacob	Gail Lesuer	Linda F.	Kris
Archer Bardwell; age 3	Mike	Ellie	Peggy S.
Erin N.	Carl Larese	Shirley	Brynlee
Kevin Soles & family	Jenny	Anthony Benacci	Valerie
Adam & Connie Ogle	Katja & family	Peter Maker	

Grief:

Don MacGregor family

Bulos family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

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

Readings and Commemorations This Week.

June 7 – Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, 1866 – Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes, and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named for him.

June 8 – Psalm 119:41-48; Genesis 16:1-15; II Corinthians 6:14-7:2

June 9 – Columba, 597, Aidan, 651, Bede 735, Renewers of the Church – Psalm 119:41-48; Genesis 17:1-27; Hebrews 13:1-16 – These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.

June 10 – Psalm 119:41-48; Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 12:1-8

June 11 – BARNABAS, APOSTLE – Isaiah 42:5-12; Psalm 112; Acts 11:19-30, 13:1-3; Matthew 10:7-16 – Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.

June 12 – Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 24:1-9; Acts 7:35-43

June 13 – Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 24:10-52; Mark 7:1-13



CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 8	1:00pm	Kindergarten Celebration
TUESDAY, JUNE 9	9:45am	LMA Awards Assembly
	10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
	11:00am	LMA Dismissal / Last Day of School
	5:30pm	LIA
	6:00pm	Church Council
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10		
THURSDAY, JUNE 11		
FRIDAY, JUNE 12		
SATURDAY, JUNE 13	10:00am	Don MacGregor Funeral Service / Luncheon

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Confirmation Camp begins at Camp Lutherlyn.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Chloe Meucci
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Elaine Kern
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Karen Braendel
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Patrick Cimino
Counters	10:30am	Nick Lang, Stan Rose
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Mary Daniels, Carl Moore

**Luther Memorial Academy
Graduation Ceremony
Sunday, June 7, 2026**



Baccalaureate and graduation for Luther Memorial Academy’s class of 2026 begins at 3:00 this afternoon. A post-graduation reception will then be held in the church parlor. Congratulations, prayers, and best wishes are extended to all students who are graduating. We wish them the best of luck as they continue their studies in high school.

MAIKO ALLISON	Cathedral Prep High School
JACK BARTLETT	Cathedral Prep High School
MADALYN BOGDANSKI	Mercyhurst Prep High School
MITCHELL BOYD	NW PA Collegiate Academy
ETHAN BURTON	McDowell High School
WILLIAM GRENAWAY	Cathedral Prep High School
CARTER HOLLAND	NW PA Collegiate Academy
JAHEIM JONES	Cathedral Prep High School
KAMDYN KESSLER	NW PA Collegiate Academy
JEDAIAH PRUZENSKI	Cathedral Prep High School
ELIJAH WASHINGTON	NW PA Collegiate Academy
RILAN WIECZOREK	Cathedral Prep High School



We wish the best to our graduating high school seniors. Please congratulate our graduates and wish them the best as they continue their education and new careers. They have worked hard and we are proud of their accomplishments.

ELY COONEY	Cathedral Prep High School <i>Biomedical and Mechanical Engineering</i>	Penn State University
CARLO CIMINO	Fairview High School <i>Pre-law</i>	Slippery Rock University
CHLOE MEUCCI	Ft. LeBoeuf High School	Plumber Apprenticeship
NOAH POST <i>Patricia Boyd’s grandson</i>	Fairview High School	University of Wisconsin-Madison <i>Mechanical Engineering</i>
MAXWELL SPAULDING	Cathedral Prep High School <i>Safety Management Football Team</i>	Slippery Rock University